



Private Watercraft Permit

Instructions

Apply for a permit one of four ways:

- Visit dupageforest.org 24/7 and click "Registration & Permits" and "Purchase Permits."
- Bring this completed form to Visitor Services at 35580 Naperville Road in Wheaton Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Fax this completed form to 630-933-7217. (Add five to seven business days for processing.)
- Mail this completed form to Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, 35580 Naperville Road, Wheaton, IL 60189. (Add five to seven business days for processing.)

If you're renewing your permit from last year or have any permit-related questions, you can also call Visitor Services at 630-933-7248 Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Office Use Only

Permit # _____

Fee \$ _____

By _____

Date _____

Your Information *If you need permits for multiple watercraft, use a separate form for each.*

Name _____

Street Address _____ Apt./Unit # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ DuPage Resident? Yes No

Primary Phone Number _____ Email _____

Type Kayak Canoe Rowboat Motorboat Paddleboard (Stand-Up Only) Other *specify* _____

Manufacturer _____ Model _____ Color _____

Hull Identification Number (HIN) _____

Size *must be under 20 feet* _____ Is your watercraft equipped with a motor? Yes No

State Registration Number *motorized watercraft only* _____ Exp. Date _____

Is it inflatable? Yes No If yes: Does it have multiple air chambers? Yes No
 If yes and it's *not a paddleboard*: Does it have either 1) certification by the National Marine Manufacturers Association or the Coast Guard through the manufacturer or
 2) a factory-made hardened floor? Yes No

Fees *Fees are nonrefundable, and permits are nontransferable. There's a \$5 fee to replace a lost or stolen permit.*

DuPage County resident Annual permit (valid Jan. – Dec.) First \$30 Each additional \$15

Nonresident Annual permit (valid Jan. – Dec.) First \$50 Each additional \$35

65 or older One free annual permit per household per year
 Yes, I qualify. Here's my birth date (DD/MM/YY) _____
 I'm also including a copy of my birth certificate, driver's license or state ID.

Active U.S. military personnel or honorably discharged U.S. veteran One free annual permit per household per year *available through Visitor Services office only*
 Yes, I qualify and am including proof of my active military status or honorable discharge.

Payment Information *Do not mail cash. If you include credit card information, do not email this form.*

Visa Mastercard Discover American Express Check to Forest Preserve District of DuPage County Cash

Credit Card Number _____ CVV/CVC _____ Exp. Date _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Name on Credit Card _____ Amount to Charge \$ _____

Signature _____

YOU MUST AGREE TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND THE WAIVER ON PAGE 2.



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Rules and Regulations and Waiver

Please read this information carefully. It includes releases of liability and waiver of legal rights and deprives you of the ability to sue certain parties. By checking the boxes and providing your name and the date, you acknowledge you've read and understood all of the text.

Rules and Regulations

For everyone's safety and enjoyment, you must follow these rules and regulations, which the Forest Preserve District may change at any time.

Kayaks, Canoes, Rowboats, Motorboats and Similar Watercraft

- Only boat on the four designated DuPage forest preserve lakes: Silver Lake at Blackwell, Round Meadow Lake at Hidden Lake, Mallard Lake at Mallard Lake and Deep Quarry Lake at West Branch. Silver Lake has a boat launch, which is open March 1 – Nov. 30. The other three lakes are carry-in only. At these three, you must manually move your watercraft from the parking lot to the water. If you're using a trailer, you must unhitch it and park it in its own individual parking space.
- Affix your annual permit to the bow of your craft above the waterline, or carry the receipt for your daily permit when you're on the water. Present it to a Forest Preserve District agent for inspection if requested.
- If your boat has a hull identification number (HIN), you must provide it. (Watercraft built after 1972 have manufacturer-assigned HINs.)
- You can use electric motors but not gas. Any watercraft with a motor must have a hull identification number (HIN) and the proper state registration.
- If you have an inflatable watercraft, it must have multiple air chambers and either 1) certification by the National Marine Manufacturers Association or the Coast Guard through the manufacturer or 2) a factory-made hardened floor.
- Do not use watercraft over 20 feet long, float tubes, or floating devices without foot wells or railings.
- Per federal and state regulations, your watercraft must have one properly fitting, wearable, Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device for each person on board. If it's 16 feet or longer it must also have a Coast Guard-approved throwable flotation device. Boaters under 13 years old must wear their personal flotation devices at all times, and per Forest Preserve District regulations **all boaters regardless of age** must wear their personal flotation devices in canoes, kayaks, sailboats and inflatable watercraft.
- You cannot carry passengers and cargo with a total combined weight greater than your watercraft's posted safe-carrying capacity. The manufacturer's capacity plate must be permanently affixed to your watercraft.
- You must be off the water by sunset, and per Illinois law, you must remove all aquatic plants and animals from all equipment before you leave the shore.
- Do not swim or enter the water from your watercraft.

Stand-Up Paddleboards

- You can only paddleboard on Silver Lake at Blackwell and Deep Quarry Lake at West Branch. Paddleboards can't be over 20 feet long.
- Only stand-up paddleboarding is allowed, and only one person can be on a paddleboard at a time. You cannot paddleboard with pets.
- When you're on the water, wear or carry your annual permit or a receipt for a daily permit, and make sure it's visible. Present it to a Forest Preserve District agent for inspection if requested.
- Regardless of your age, you must wear a properly fitting, wearable, Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device. If you fall in the water, immediately get back on your paddleboard; do not swim to shore.
- You must be off the water by sunset, and per Illinois law, you must remove all aquatic plants and animals from all equipment before you leave the shore.

By checking the box below I agree to abide by these rules and regulations as well as all Forest Preserve District ordinances and administrative orders and state statutes. I understand that the Forest Preserve District may fine me or revoke my permit without refunding my permit fee if I supply false information on this application or fail to comply with any rules, regulations, ordinances, orders or statutes.

I have read and agree to the private watercraft rules and regulations.

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Waiver

I hereby fully waive and release the "Releasee" Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, from any and all claims for personal injury, monetary loss, property damage, or death that may result from my participation. I hereby voluntarily, at my own risk, agree to the Waiver and Assumption of Risk in sole consideration of being permitted to use the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County facilities/property or services offered. Agreement to this Waiver and Assumption of Risk, I fully assume the dangers and risks, and agree to use my best judgment while engaging in those activities. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasee, its employees, agents, officers, from and against any and all liability incurred as a result of or in any manner related to my participation in the activities or services offered.

I have read and agree to the waiver.

Printed Name _____

Date _____