



# Private Watercraft Permit

## Instructions

Daily permits are available at lockboxes at each lake. Apply for an annual permit one of four ways:

- Visit [dupageforest.org](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

Size *must be under 20 feet* \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Hull Identification Number (HIN) *required for all except paddleboards* \_\_\_\_\_

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

Is your watercraft equipped with a motor?  Yes  No

State Registration Number *motorized watercraft only* \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 (MM/DD/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.
- Your watercraft must have a valid hull identification number (HIN).
- Do not use watercraft over 20 feet long, float tubes, or floating devices without foot wells or railings.
- You cannot use gas motors but can use electric ones. If your craft has any kind of motor, it must have 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.
- 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.
- Only stand-up paddleboarding is allowed, and only one person can be on a paddleboard at a time. You cannot paddleboard with pets.
- Paddleboards cannot be over 20 feet long, and inflatable paddleboards must have multiple air chambers.
- 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