



Danville Parks and Recreation

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Danville Parks and Recreation- Boat Rental Requirements

Daily rentals are to be picked up at the scheduled time only. The rental must also be returned by the scheduled time agreed upon or you will be charged an extra day rental fee.

All rentals that are returned late will be charged an extra day rental fee. A scheduled time for pickup and drop off is required to assure that staff is available to assist you with your rental.

Securing your Boat Rental:

Please come prepared to load, secure and transport your boat safely. Bring plenty of strong rope, a buddy to help you load, and a red flag if needed. Staff will be available to facilitate your rental, but not to assist with loading.

1. It is the renter's responsibility to load and secure boats to the transporting vehicle or trailer. See boat dimensions & weights below. It is a good idea to bring a friend along to assist with loading!
 - Suggested tie down materials include strong braided nylon or polyester rope or webbing for those who are proficient at knot-tying. Cam straps are a good option for those who wish to avoid knots.
 - It is recommended that each boat is secured to the vehicle in no less than two locations. Boats loaded on the top of a vehicle should be tied down in the front, back and middle of the boat.
2. For loads that extend in excess of four feet beyond the rear of the bed or body of the vehicle, a red flag not less than 12 inches x 12 inches shall be displayed. Between sunset and sunrise a red light visible from sides and back from 500 ft. shall be displayed at the end of the load. Code of Virginia 46.2-1121. <http://leg1.state.va.us/000/cod/46.2-1121.HTM>

Sample boat sizes:

- Canoes, 2 seats: 16 – 17ft. long, up to 36 in. wide, up to 15 in. deep, up to 80 lbs. Weight limit is 650 lbs.
- Kayaks, 1 seat: 9.5 – 12 ft. long, 26-29 in. wide, 11 – 14 in. deep, up to 50 lbs. Weight limit is 300 lbs.
- Stand Up Paddle Boards: 12 ½ ft. long, 8 inches high. Weight limit for inflatable is 200 lbs. and fiberglass board is 250 lbs.



Paddling Tips for Boat Rentals:

Safety:

- Learn about the section of river that you will be paddling. Be certain that your skill level exceeds the necessary skill level for that section.
- Always paddle with a partner or group, and leave a "float plan" of your trip with a friend or family member.
- While on the water, always wear a properly-fitted personal flotation device (PFD)
- Dress appropriately for weather and water conditions. Avoid any conditions for which you are not prepared.
- Check the weather forecast before going out. Thunderstorms are dangerous with lightning on water.
- When paddling in moving water or white water, outfit your boat with proper floatation.
- Always wear a helmet when paddling in white water to protect your head from damage if you capsize in a rapid.
- Include proper rescue gear such as throw ropes, tow ropes, slings, rescue knife, first aid kit, etc.
- Carry a supply of food and water adequate for your trip length. If in question, bring more water! Never paddle while intoxicated.
- The ability to steer your boat and read the water is necessary. If your boat capsizes, you must know how to rescue yourself, others, and your gear.
- Do not stand up in your boat. Sudden weight shifts and grabbing the sides (gunnels) may cause your boat to capsize.
- Know the proper number of people and the amount of weight your boat can safely carry and do not exceed.
- Obey local rules and regulations.
- Respect private property and use only public access sites.

Leave No Trace Ethics:

- Dispose of waste properly. NEVER LITTER. Always pack out your trash.
- Use a portable toilet or other approved method to pack out solid human waste and paper product. Dispose of liquid waste 200 ft. from water.
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces whenever possible. Minimize impacts to shore when launching, portaging, and scouting.
- Avoid building campfires, except in established fire rings, or in emergencies.
- Respect wildlife by observing from a safe distance. Leave artifacts and natural features undisturbed.
- Consult Leave No Trace and local resource managers for additional guidance.