

BOAT RENTAL RULES & REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations apply to all boat rentals, and are in place for your safety.

- ◆ At least one person in each boat must be sixteen (16) years of age or older.
- ◆ United States Coast Guard (USCG)-approved flotation devices (provided with each boat rental) must be worn at all times by boat occupants.
- ◆ Swimming or diving from boats is prohibited.
- ◆ Please be careful in the boats! Switching from one boat to another while on the lake (except at the dock) and other unsafe behavior is not allowed.
- ◆ No alcoholic beverages of any kind are allowed in boats or on Park property.
- ◆ Please operate all boats within the designated confines of the lake. Do not beach your boat along the shoreline.
- ◆ Renters are responsible for any loss or damage to equipment.
- ◆ All boats must be returned to the dock no later than 7:00p.m.
- ◆ A minimum one-hour fee applies to rentals of all rowboats, canoes and kayaks.
- ◆ Violation of Park regulations or rules may result in termination of rental agreement, forfeiture of fees, and/or legal action. Please listen and comply with requests from Park employees while in the boats and/or on the water. Your safety is our first priority.

FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Did you know that Montgomery Parks has a Fee Assistance Program? This program is open to Montgomery County residents, based on family income and/or qualification for other public assistance. Qualified applicants may receive a discount coupon book that provides a 50% discount on most Parks fee-based activities, including boat rentals, ice skating, camping, miniature golf, miniature train and carousel rides, camps and classes, etc.

To apply for a discount coupon book, visit MontgomeryParks.org, click on "About Us," and then "Fee Assistance Program." You can download the application there, or pick one up at the Black Hill Regional Park Office, Monday—Friday, 7am-2pm. Mail or fax your completed application to:

Montgomery Parks
Hillandale Park Office
10611 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20903
301-434-4796 fax

For more information on the Montgomery Fee Reduction Program, please call 301-495-2530.

DIRECTIONS

From the Beltway (495):

- ◆ Take I-270 North to Exit 16 (Father Hurley Blvd./Ridge Rd./Rt. 27); take a right off ramp
- ◆ Go to 2nd light and take a left (head north) onto Frederick Rd./Rt. 355.
- ◆ Go approx. 3/4 mile on Rt. 355 to West Old Baltimore Rd.; take a left.
- ◆ Take West Old Baltimore for 1.5 miles to Lake Ridge Dr. (park entrance); take a left.

Continue 1.5 miles to the park, then follow park signs to the lake/Boathouse.

This brochure is also available online as a downloadable .pdf at BlackHillBoats.com

Black Hill Boats



BOAT RENTAL INFORMATION



Black Hill Regional Park
20920 Lake Ridge Drive
Boys, MD 20841
301-528-3466

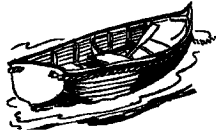
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CHOOSING A BOAT

Here's a brief guide to help you choose the type of boat that's right for you.

ROWBOATS

Rowboats are great for individuals and families who want to spend time on the water, but don't have a lot of boating experience. They're also very popular with fishermen. Our rowboats can accommodate a group of 5 (as many as 4 adults, and one person 44" or shorter -- usually a child). We provide a pair of oars for each boat, and a life jacket and seat cushion flotation device for each person. Some of our boats are registered with Maryland's Department of Natural Resources, and can accommodate electric trolling motors (not provided). We also have a few anchors.



CANOES Canoes are best suited for people with some boating experience. They move along more quickly and easily than rowboats, but they aren't quite as stable, and require more skill to maneuver. Our canoes can accommodate up to 3 adults (most have three seats). We provide each person with a paddle, life jacket, and seat cushion flotation device.



KAYAKS

Kayaks are great for people looking for a quiet, peaceful experience on the lake. A friend can join you in another kayak, or you can rent a tandem and explore together. Kayaks are very user-friendly, and almost anyone can learn how to maneuver one pretty quickly. We offer both single and tandem (two-person) kayaks with paddles. Renters must be at least 16 years old, and must wear a life jacket at all times (provided).



BLACK HILL BOAT RENTALS

Experience the beauty of Little Seneca Lake by boat! Rent a kayak, canoe or rowboat at the Boathouse, or join a Park Naturalist on our pontoon boat for a tour of this lovely 505-acre lake.

BOAT RENTAL RATES

All boats at Black Hill Boats (rowboats, canoes, and single or tandem/two-person kayaks) rent for the same reasonable rates:

\$ 8.00 per hour • \$ 27.50 all day

Cash, Visa and MasterCard are all accepted at the Boathouse. A minimum one-hour fee applies to rentals of all rowboats, canoes and kayaks. Boats are available in season, weather permitting. A driver's license is required as a security deposit for each boat rental. Rental fees and pontoon schedules and fees are subject to change without notice.

HOURS OF OPERATION

May 2010

- ◆ Saturdays, Sundays & Memorial Day (Monday, May 30), 6:30am - 6pm*

June 1 -- August 31, 2010

- ◆ Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 6pm*
- ◆ Saturdays, Sundays & Monday, July 4 6:30am - 6pm*

September 2010

- ◆ Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 1 & 2, 10am-6pm*
- ◆ Labor Day (Mon. September 5), Saturdays & Sundays, 6:30am - 6pm*

* 6pm closing times refer to the cutoff time for renting boats -- but you can stay out on the lake until 7pm. Boats returned to the Boathouse after 7pm incur a full-day rental fee of \$27.50.

PONTOON BOAT TOURS

Join us for a tour of Little Seneca Lake aboard the *Kingfisher*, led by an experienced Park Naturalist! Tours are 60-75 minutes long, and a great way to experience the beautiful 505-acre lake.

Pontoon boat tours are available:

May 1 - September 30

Saturdays, Sundays & holidays

Tour Times: 12:30, 2:00, & 3:30 p.m.



Tickets are \$4 per person and are sold on a first-come, first-served basis at the Boathouse each day for trips that

same day. Children five and under must wear a personal flotation device, which is provided with their tour ticket. The ADA-accessible *Kingfisher* can accommodate up to eight people using wheelchairs.

Group Tours: Private pontoon boat tours are available with advance reservations. Maximum group size is 30, and the fee is \$5.00 per person. To reserve a tour for your group, please call us at **301-528-3493**.

BLACK HILL WATER TRAIL

Learn more about the ecology, plants and wildlife (fish, birds, insects, etc.) in and around Little Seneca Lake on this self-guided water tour. Print a copy of the Black Hill Water Trail Guide online at BlackHill-Boats.com, or borrow one from the Boathouse when you rent your boat, then follow the water trail markers in your canoe or kayak. It's a great adventure!