

MECOSTA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION BOAT RENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A Boat Rental Form must be filled out and signed for each boat rental. The patron signing the rental form is responsible for all damaged or lost equipment.
- Boat rentals are available on a first come first served basis.
- A picture ID is required for boat rental and a \$20.00 deposit must be left with office at time of rental.
- The minimum fee assessed for paddle boat rentals and kayaks is the one hour fee, regardless of how long the boat is used.
- The minimum fee assessed for rowboats and canoes is \$10.00 for a two hour rental. Rowboat and canoe rentals will be available only in two hour increments.
- Boats must be rented and operated by an adult 18 years of age or older.
- All passengers must wear a life jacket while in the boat. Required personal flotation devices are provided. Personal, coast guard approved life jackets may be used upon inspection and approval of park staff.
- Boat capacity is strictly limited to the number of seats on the boat. (Capacities are as follows: 4 person for paddle boats, 3 person for canoes, 3 person for rowboats and 1 person for kayaks)
- All passengers must remain seated in the boat at all times.
- Shoes are required.
- No lifeguard on duty – boat at your own risk.
- Use the help of our staff in boarding, launching, landing and exiting boats.
- Be aware of weather and traffic.
- **Obey state and local boating regulations.**
- All boats must be operated in designated areas – no beaching of boats along shoreline except for in an emergency situation.
- All boats must be returned to the dock by 8:00 pm.
- Boats are due back at dock promptly at end of rental period and must be returned in same condition as rented. Renters are responsible for loss or damage to equipment whether or not due to their negligence. **Payment for damages due to abuse or failure to obey the rules may include, in addition to repair costs, compensation for lost rental income and staff time expenses.**
- Failure to return boat on time shall require additional rental fees and/or loss of deposit.
- No rides will be allowed in inclement weather. The Park Staff will be the sole judges of what is inclement weather.
- Those renting canoes or kayaks in need of assistance while on water should waive their hands above their heads (universal sign of distress).

RESTRICTIONS

- *No alcoholic beverages are permitted on boats. The Mecosta County Park Commission Staff reserves the right to inspect any coolers, bags or other containers belonging to the renter or the renter's passengers.*
- *Smoking is not allowed on any boats.*
- *No glass containers are permitted on boats.*
- *No pets are permitted on boats.*
- *Swimming from rental boats is prohibited.*
- *Any horseplay in or around rental boats is prohibited.*
- *No bumping or rocking boat.*
- *Fishing is prohibited on kayaks and paddle boats.*

**VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES AND RESTRICTIONS MAY
RESULT IN LOSS OF RENTAL PRIVILEGES.**