



Bear Lake Users Guide Utah



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Welcome to Bear Lake *Utah!*

Please observe the following rules during your visit to Bear Lake.

Observance of these rules will ensure an enjoyable outing for you as well as others.

From May 1 through September 30

Motor vehicle use and camping or picnicking will be allowed on the exposed lake bed with the following restrictions:

- Areas posted by the division are off limits to motorized vehicles.
- The established speed limit is 15 mph.
- Except as necessary to launch or retrieve watercraft, motor vehicles are not allowed within 100 feet of the water's edge.
- Unless posted otherwise, or to access a camping or picnicking spot, no motor vehicles may travel parallel to the water's edge.
- Camping and use of motorized vehicles are prohibited between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- · No campfires or fireworks are allowed.

From October 1 Through April 30

Motor vehicle use and camping or picnicking is allowed on the exposed lake bed with the following restrictions:

- Motor vehicles will not be allowed on lands administered by the Division of Parks and Recreation.
- The established speed limit is 20 mph.
- Except as necessary to launch or retrieve watercraft, motor vehicles are not allowed within 100 feet of the water's edge
- Travel parallel to the water's edge is allowed, outside the 100 foot zone.
- Camping and use of motorized vehicles are prohibited between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- · No campfires or fireworks are allowed.

For further information call 435-752-8701 and ask for the Sovereign Lands Coordinator.

In accordance with Subsections 65A-3-1(1)(b) and 76-3-204, those found in violation of this rule will be charged with a Class B misdemeanor, with sentence, fine, or both to be determined by the local magistrate.

Welcome to Bear Lake Idaho!

You have the opportunity of recreating on one of the most pristine lakes in the western United States. Lack of precipitation over the past few years has resulted in low water levels in Bear Lake. An unusual amount of lake bed has been exposed. Improper activity on the public beaches and exposed lake bed has created a concern for the lake's environment and safe recreation use.

County officials, in cooperation with the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners, have enacted protective controls for the use of the bed and public beaches of Bear Lake. These steps were taken to ensure your visit to Bear Lake today and in the future will be a positive and enjoyable one. The current regulations for the use of the public beaches are exposed bed of Bear Lake in Idaho are outlined in this brochure.

With your help, Bear Lake can continue to provide a quality recreation experience. Day use is welcome on all public beaches. If you plan to camp overnight, please use one of the many public and private camping areas around the lake (see map).

For more information, contact:

Bear Lake County Sheriff - 945-2121

Enjoy your stay,

Bear Lake County Commissioners

Use of Public Beaches and Bed of Bear Lake

CAMPING

 No camping after 10 p.m. on the public beaches or exposed bed of Bear Lake.

VEHICLE SAFETY

- A safety helmet must be worn by anyone under the age of 18 operating or riding on a motorcycle or ATV.
- Motorized vehicles must be properly licensed and insured for minimum liability coverage.
- · Operators of vehicles must be properly licensed.
- No vehicles on the public beaches or the bed of the lake after 10 p.m.
- · Speed limit of 15 miles per hour.

ADDITIONAL CONTROLS

- No one shall deposit sewage, grey water, litter or the contents of septic systems on the beaches or exposed bed of Bear Lake.
- Land directly between Idaho State Park lands and the current water line of Bear Lake shall be subject to all laws and rules that apply to Park lands.
- Access across private land to public beaches and the exposed bed of Bear Lake must be obtained from landowner.
- Unauthorized digging, removal of dirt or sand, or depositing of any foreign material is prohibited by Idaho Dept. of State Lands.

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Bear Lake County Commission Bear Lake County Sheriff Idaho Dept. of State Lands Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation