

Jordanelle State Park

Quarterly Newsletter – July 2017

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New for 2017



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Jordanelle State Park





Mark your calendar! You don't want to miss these 2 great events!

SAT JULY 15TH | 5PM-10PM

MP
10TH ANNUAL
\$20
PER CARLOAD OF 8
FIREWORKS AT 10:00 PM

FIRE ON THE WATER 2017

JORDANELLE STATE PARK - HIGHWAY 40 EXIT 8

LIVE MUSIC | BBQ | GAMES

HOT DOG EATING CONTEST

BOATS ON DISPLAY

BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS | 9:00 PM | PRIZES FOR BEST BOAT!

1ST PLACE \$250 MPPS GIFT CARD - 2ND \$150 MPPS GIFT CARD - 3RD \$100 MPPS GIFT CARD

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\$5 with your current annual pass.

FREE FOR MILITARY!

AUGUST 12, 2017

VETERANS SALUTE

5K & FUN RUN/WALK



All proceeds from the event will benefit the National Ability Center's Veteran and Military programs.

7:30AM Fun Run Start - \$5pp

8:00AM 5K Start - \$15pp

FREE for military!

8:30AM - 10:00AM

\$3/person

3 & under FREE
Military are FREE

Show your patriotism and honor our current and past military veterans by running this challenging 5K.

• 5K runners will receive a bugle "First Call" start and run through beautiful Jordanelle State Park. Along the course, runners will run past banners representing each of the major wars: WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam War, Gulf War, and the War on Terror.

• All 5K runners receive participation medals and race shirts.

• Awards will be given out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers according to age groups.

• Go to <http://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/jordanelle/events-2/> to Register.



Utah State Parks Reservations (800) 322-3770 or stateparks.utah.gov

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Summer Safe Boating Tips

Jordanelle State Park is encouraging boaters to plan and take precautions in order to stay safe while enjoying their time on the water. The largest number of accidents and deaths in recreational boating happen in June and July, when the most people are out enjoying boating, paddling, and water sports. Recreational boating is a popular past time for millions of Americans. Unfortunately, accidents and fatalities are also a steady component of the summer boating season. Utah State Parks and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) are encouraging boaters to take the time to follow these 'Summer Boating Safety Tips'. To help avoid citations, accidents, and fatalities on Utah waterways, NASBLA has developed a list of tips that boaters can use for a safe summer of boating:

- **Always have a life jacket.** More than 80% of boaters who drowned were not wearing a life jacket. Don't let your family and friends be part of this statistic. Always have at least one U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket per passenger on board and select the right style life jacket for your boating activity. Life jackets are a non-negotiable on any boating trip. Many State Parks offer a life jacket loaner program with sizes to fit everyone in your group. Most of these programs are free of charge. Contact your local park for more details.
- **Boat sober.** Keep drugs and alcohol out of the boat. Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in boater deaths. Do not bring or consume alcohol or drugs while on the water. Consuming alcohol negatively impacts vision, balance, and reaction times and can cause dehydration. The effects of alcohol are heightened on the water compared to on land, with the environmental stressors such as wind, noise, and vibrations of the boat. Boating under the influence is illegal on all bodies of water and can lead to injuries, death, and serious legal and financial ramifications.
- **Be Aware / Distracted Boating.** Always be aware of your surroundings while boating. It is critical that there be a proper lookout at all times while on the water. Always operate your boat at a safe speed, stay alert, and avoid large vessels and other boats that can be restricted in their ability to stop or turn. Be aware of speed and proximity. Make sure you are at least 150' from any other vessel, PWC, or paddle craft. Make sure you follow all of the navigation markers.
- **Take a boating safety education course.** Boater education can save lives and reduce accidents and injuries on the water. Almost all U.S. states and territories have mandatory educational requirements for operating a boat or PWC on state waters. Utah only requires education courses for Personal Water Craft (PWC) operators ages 12 to 18 years old. Boater education courses help boaters prepare for a safe and responsible time on the water.
- **Get a vessel safety check.** Get a free vessel safety check before you hit the water. Many organizations provide free safety checks, such as the Utah State Parks and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Call your local State Park and make an appointment with a Park Ranger to get your vessel inspected.
Here is a list of things that will be checked during the inspection: Certificate of Registration Onboard, Bow Numbers Displayed Properly, Registration Sticker Current & Displayed, Proof of Liability Insurance Onboard, Type IV PFD - Throwable (16' & >), Fire Extinguisher - Marine Approved, Horn, Whistle (16' to 65'), Spare paddle, Oar or Motor (<21'), Bail Bucket or Bilge Pump.
- **Check the weather.** Always check the weather forecast for potential storm warnings and heat waves. Not only can poor weather spoil a trip, but it can also cause an emergency situation out on the water.

Throughout these summer boating months, and the rest of the year, boaters should utilize the above suggestions to stay safe on our Utah waterways.

For more information:

- Contact your local Utah State Park
- Visit our website at <https://stateparks.utah.gov/activities/boating/>
- Visit the NASBLA's website <http://www.nasbla.org>
- Call 801-538- BOAT





FLOATING campgrounds.com



New for 2017

Go to www.floatingcampgrounds.com to make a reservation.

Now open!



With the help of volunteers, the Rock Cliff Nature Center is open:

Fridays 1PM-5PM,

Saturdays & Sunday 9AM-5PM
through Labor Day.

Rock Cliff is located on the east side
of Jordanelle, off Hwy 32.

Brush Up on Your Boating Skills and Take an Online Test! Go to <http://boating.utah.gov> Not only will you learn great information, but you may be eligible for a discount on your boating insurance. Contact your agent for more information.

Stand Up Paddle Boards



**Always have your Personal
Flotation Device (PFD) with you!**

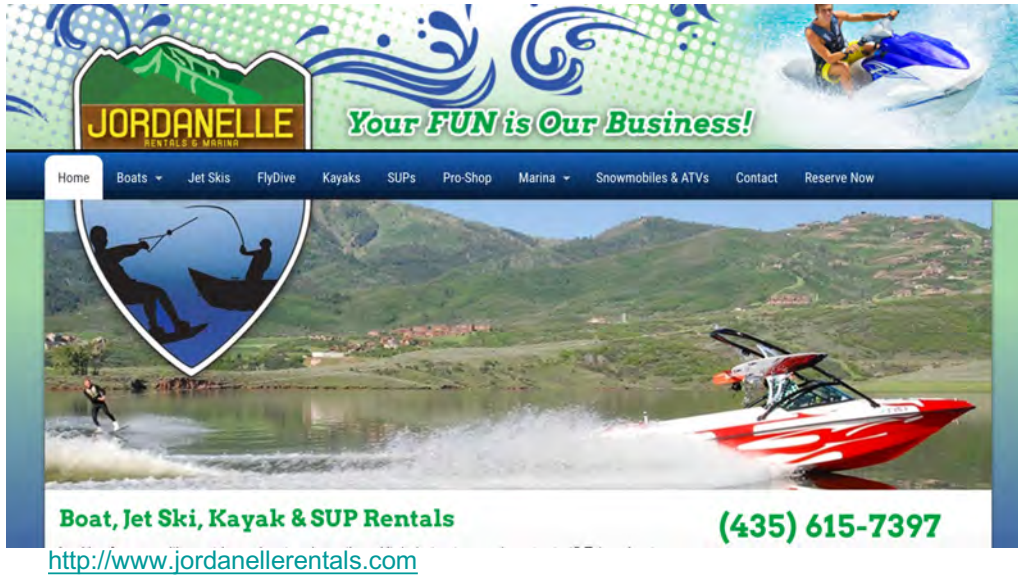
Remember:

- Try to stay in wakeless areas or along shorelines. It is difficult for boaters to see you. Wear bright clothing and a hat if you can.

- Wear your life jacket. It's the law to have it onboard for everyone!**

- Watch the skies. If bad weather is approaching, get to shore and wait it out.

- Boaters: It is YOUR responsibility to watch out for paddleboarders and obstacles in the water. Stay at least 150 feet away from any vessel, dock, or swimmers when travelling over a wakeless speed. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE** for damage caused by your wake!

A banner for Jordanelle Rentals & Marina. The top left features a logo with a mountain and the text "JORDANELLE RENTALS & MARINA". To its right is the slogan "Your FUN is Our Business!". Below this is a navigation menu with links: Home, Boats, Jet Skis, FlyDive, Kayaks, SUPs, Pro-Shop, Marina, Snowmobiles & ATVs, Contact, and Reserve Now. The main image shows a red speedboat on a lake with a person water skiing. A circular inset shows a person fly diving. At the bottom, it says "Boat, Jet Ski, Kayak & SUP Rentals" and provides the phone number "(435) 615-7397" and the website "http://www.jordanellerentals.com".

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RENTALS & MARINA

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Jordanelle Rentals has more to offer! Great selection of boats including sport boats, pontoon boats, fishing boats, and paddleboards. Fly Dive and Charter Boat trips are also available. In the Pro Shop we offer a large selection of QUIKSILVER apparel along with expanded lines of Reef footwear and apparel. Made to order subs are new for 2017.



Personalized Interpretation Programs



Choose from 5 different programs and our volunteer naturalist will give a 20-minute program from the comfort of your own campsite or pavilion. Choose from the following programs: Flowers of Jordanelle State Park, The Creepy Crawly Critters, Geo-History of Jordanelle, Introduction to Star Gazing, and Stories of the Sky. Programs are free and are available on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 6:30PM to 10:00PM. You must sign up by 6:00PM on the sign-up sheet at Murdock Camp Services on the main road of the campground.

Protecting the Night Sky!

Jordanelle is making changes around the park to become more energy efficient and Dark Sky Compliant. We are changing out fixtures and adding shielding to keep lights from shining into the night sky. The park is pursuing Dark Sky Certification and will be making application in late 2017. Don't miss the total solar eclipse on August 21st and our Star Party on August 24th. We post all astronomical events on our Facebook page.

Photo: Milky Way as viewed from Rock Cliff.



The "scoop" on dogs at Jordanelle



Dogs are
welcome at
Jordanelle,
however there
are some
restrictions.

Jordanelle's primary purpose is water. The reservoir provides water to over 1 million people on the Wasatch Front, Utah County, and agricultural use in the Heber Valley. Restrictions are in place for several reasons, but failure to abide by the rules may result in the loss of that use or opportunity.

- **Dogs must be leashed at all times.**

- This helps protect wildlife, your dog, other dogs, and people who are scared of or allergic to dogs.

- **Dogs must be attended to at all times.**

- No one likes a barking dog. It's ok to take your dog on your boat.

- **Be a responsible pet owner.**

- **Dogs must be picked up after.** This helps us protect our water. Dog poop contains a bacteria that is difficult for water treatment plants to remove. And no one likes a poopie campground or day use area either.

- At Hailstone, dogs are allowed everywhere but the public beach area, which is the sandy beach below the day use cabanas. They are also not allowed in or around the cabins, the park buildings, or restrooms.

- At Rock Cliff, dogs are allowed along the main road and north of the main road. Areas open to dogs include the ramp, Perimeter Trail, and 3 Rocks Trail. They are not allowed on the boardwalks, campgrounds, or south of the main road.

Camping Etiquette 101

Please follow these helpful tips to create a better experience for you, the people to follow you, and our hard working camp hosts and maintenance workers.

- Burn only wood in the provided fire pit. Split wood that is too large to fit in the fire pit. Trash belongs in the dumpster or recycle bin, not the fire pit.
- Do not walk through other people's campsites.
- Keep campsite clean and free of food scraps. Food attracts animals ranging from mice to skunks to bears.
- Keep noise to a minimum at all times. Your music or other noise should not be heard at your neighbor's site. Remember quiet hours are from 10pm-7am.
- Set up your camping unit during day light hours. Your neighbors will appreciate it and it will be easier for you too! Remember to park all vehicles on the designated asphalt.
- Never dump gray water on the ground. Use the on site dump station.
- Keep an eye on your kids, including your 4-legged ones. They need to be supervised at all times and not left alone at any time.
- Protect Nature! All natural features in the park are protected. That includes the trees, rocks, water, and animals. Take nothing but pictures! Leave nothing but footprints!
- Leave your site cleaner than you found it!



- > Plan Ahead and Prepare
- > Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- > Dispose of Waste Properly
- > Leave What You Find
- > Minimize Campfire Impacts
- > Respect Wildlife
- > Be Considerate of Other Visitors



Ross Creek Trail System

By Chris M. Baier and Cyndee Donaher, Hideout Trails Committee

Two new non-motorized trails totaling just over 3 miles have been added to Ross Creek Recreation area! Wada Way (1.85 miles) and Keetley (1.69 miles) loops that form a figure-eight near the Ross Creek Trailhead. These trails are open to hikers, bikers, and equestrians. Ross Creek is a wildlife area. Please keep your dogs on a leash and carry out dog waste.

Who was Jack Keetley and why Wada Way? John "Jack" Keetley was a young Pony Express rider born in Kansas in 1841. He became infamous for completing the longest ride without stopping, except to exchange horses! He rode 300 miles in 31 hrs. Jack eventually rode west to become a mining engineer and superintendent of the Little Bell Mine and Ontario Silver Mining Company. It was Jack who was responsible for the Ontario Mine drain tunnels. The drain tunnels were later incorporated into the Park City Mining Company, which was located in the Ross Creek/Jordanelle hillsides. The area and the mines prospered giving rise to Camp Florence, which housed over 600 miners in the area. Camp Florence was virtually a "mine shaft with drain tunnels". In 1917 over 4,000 acres were purchased by George Fisher and his brother Gail. The land was used for ranching and farming to feed the growing mining community. Dormitories, bars, and supply stores flourished with the mining boom and eventually gave rise to the birth of the town of Keetley in 1923. Fisher later went on to become town Mayor. With the onset of the Great Depression, the area started to suffer and the mining industry started to slow down. Many in the area had to move and find work elsewhere out of Keetley. The start of World War II affected the town and the mining industry in many different ways. The demand for minerals increased, but the labor force diminished effecting production. Hard times fell on the Fisher family and Keetley was soon to become a war born colony.

In December 1941, the USA declared war on Japan. At the beginning of 1942 all Japanese Americans living on the West Coast were given 30 days to leave and relocate elsewhere in the USA. After the 30 days, if they had not left, they would be interned in Japanese camps.(Ogden, Delta) In March of 1942, Keetley became the home for over 140 Japanese Americans from Oakland, CA. Fred Isuma Wada, a Japanese produce dealer from Oakland, decided that he would leave California immediately. His wife, Masako, a native of Utah, convinced him to have a look at opportunities for farming in Utah. Mr. Wada paid a visit to George Fisher in Keetley and they struck a deal that Wada would lease the land for farming from Fisher and the produce would go to help the military and surrounding communities. Fred formed a nonprofit cooperative and moved with 140 Japanese Americans to Keetley. It was the biggest group of Japanese Americans to voluntarily leave the West Coast. With virtually only the clothes on their backs, and a few vehicles and pieces of farm equipment they settled in the cold of winter into the Keetley valley. When it was warm enough to farm the group built their own cabins, put in roads and moved over 50 tons of rock by hand! At the time, the Japanese were not so welcomed by the surrounding communities and were told to stay at Keetley. Over time this attitude changed when the communities realized that the farmers and their families growing lettuce, strawberries and working the sugar beet farms were a true asset to the communities. The motto of the Japanese farmers was "Food for Freedom." The women even knitted mittens and socks for the Red Cross. After the war ended many of the Japanese residents returned to California to begin their lives over again, a few remained in Utah. Jack Keetley and Freda Wada were strong, determined and spirited individuals who faced many obstacles in their move to Keetley. They both contributed significantly to the rich history of Utah and made their communities better places to live.

We are happy to honor them with the new trails that all can enjoy!





Attention Boaters: Mussels found in Lake Powell and suspect in Deer Creek Reservoir.

All boats must be decontaminated or completely dry for at least 7 days during the summer.

Do your part to keep invasive species out of our reservoirs!

30 days dry or professional decontamination is required for more complex boats with ballast tanks or inboard/outboard motors with unverified water from Lake Powell, Deer Creek, or out of state waters.

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Go to our website for events at all Utah State Parks.

#UtahSP60, #DiamondsOfUtah, #CelebrateUtah, #ExploreUtah!



CLEAN **DRAIN** **DRY**

THE CULPRIT

Mussels form dense, destructive colonies that encrust almost any underwater surface. Newly hatched mussels (called veligers) are microscopic. Veligers can easily be transferred to other waters without boat owners even knowing.

INVASIVE MUSSELS

THE DAMAGE

Mussel Infestations in Utah lakes can:

- DESTROY FISHERIES
- POLLUTE SHORELINE AND BEACHES
- DAMAGE BOATS AND EQUIPMENT
- COST MILLIONS TO CONTROL

THE INFESTATION

Mussels have already infested these nearby lakes:

- 1 Lake Powell
- 2 Lake Mead, NV
- 3 Lake Havasu, AZ

And hundreds in the U.S.

<http://www.stdofthesea.com/>

July and August Event Dates
HAILSTONE

July 15: Fire on the Water
July 25: Outdoor Retailer Open Air Demo – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC (Day use beach area will be closed)
July 30-31: PCSA Summer Regatta
August 12: Military Appreciation Day: 5K race/Fun Run, & pancake breakfast
August 14-15: Junior Sailing Regatta
August 24: Star Party at Event Center

ROCK CLIFF & PERIMETER TRAIL

July 8: Cooperative Weed Spray Day
July 28: Doxa Threelay
July 29: Ross Creek Trails Grand Opening (Free event)
August 12: TriUtah Triathlon at Rock Cliff (day use and campground closed Aug.11 at 5pm-Aug.12 at 5pm)



Summer 2017 Construction

*Utah State Parks and the Bureau of Reclamation are working together to complete some projects at Jordanelle. These will be great additions to the park.