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QUAGGA REQUIREMENTS LIFTED AT DEER CREEK RESERVOIR

You are no longer required to decontaminate your boat after leaving Deer Creek. You must however, always **CLEAN, DRAIN, and DRY** your boat when leaving ANY water body.

HEBER CITY (DWR) — It will take less time to get your boat on or off Deer Creek Reservoir this year. After three years, the reservoir is no longer suspected of having quagga mussels in it.

Nathan Owens, aquatic invasive species coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources, says quagga mussels have not been found in the reservoir since five juvenile mussels were discovered in a water sample in October 2014.



Deer Creek State Park

Because the reservoir has gone three years without further detection, effective Jan. 11, Deer Creek is no longer classified as a quagga-suspected water. And that means you're no longer required to drain the water from your boat, and have staff at the park inspect it, before leaving the reservoir southwest of Heber City.

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State Parks Reservations

- Reservations can be made by phone and online: stateparks.utah.gov or call 800-322-3770.
- Reservations for individual sites can be made 16 weeks (4 months) in advance of your arrival date. Group sites can be reserved 11 months in advance.



Snowshoe rentals!

\$5 per pair per day during office hours. Available at Hailstone park office.



Boat Slips and Dry Storage Info

The Random Draw was completed on January 19.
Sealed Bid applications are due by February 9, 2018.

The Wait List will begin April 9. Go to
<https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/jordanelle/> for
applications and information.



Hard work pays off

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With the exception of Lake Powell, which has been infested with mussels since 2013, quagga mussels have not been found in any water body in Utah since the discovery at Deer Creek in 2014.

“Our prevention and containment methods worked,” Owens says. “Decontaminating boats that arrived at Deer Creek from Lake Powell and infested waters outside the state prevented mussels from getting into the reservoir and adding to the problem. And requiring boaters to clean and drain their boats—before leaving Deer Creek—prevented any mussels that might have been in Deer Creek from being spread to other waters in the state.”



DNR staff decontaminating a boat

Owens says preventing quagga mussels from establishing in Deer Creek was a team effort. “This is a shining example of what can happen when boaters and government work together on a common goal,” he says.

The effort included funding from the Utah Legislature and boaters, anglers and personnel from the DWR, Utah State Parks, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Provo River Watershed Council and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District teaming together to keep additional mussels out of the reservoir.

“We want to thank boaters across Utah for completing the required certification forms before launching their boats and then cleaning and draining their boats before leaving the reservoir,” Owens says.

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"The park also started a program that helped those who boat regularly on Deer Creek understand how important it is to keep quagga mussels out of the reservoir," Owens says. "The program helped the boaters comply with the required clean, drain and dry requirements while reducing congestion and wait times at the boat ramp. The staff at Deer Creek State Park did an unbelievable job."

Clean, drain and dry

With the exception of Lake Powell, waters in Utah are free of quagga mussels and their cousins, zebra mussels. But Owens encourages all boaters not to let their guard down. "The threat quagga and zebra mussels pose to Utah's waters is still very real," he says.

"Even though the requirement to clean, drain and dry your boat pertains only to Lake Powell," he says, "I strongly encourage you to put your boat through that process, no matter where you've been boating. You never know where mussels, or any other unwanted creature, will turn up next. Cleaning, draining and drying your boat—after every boating trip—will help ensure you're not transporting mussels from one water body to another."

The simple process, and annual education and certification forms, are available at www.stdoftthesea.utah.gov.



Quagga Mussels



Quagga mussels on a boat propeller

Deer Creek State Park Manager Steve Bullock says boats traveling from Lake Powell are the biggest threat to Utah's waters.

"We inspect many boats that arrive at Deer Creek from Lake Powell," Bullock says. "Boats that have been at Lake Powell for only a few days sometimes pull out with mussels attached to them. Without continued help from boaters, we could easily see quagga mussels spread across Utah."

Bullock reminds boaters to complete and display the required certification forms before launching their boat at any water in Utah. "And boats that were last used on Lake Powell must still be inspected and, if needed, decontaminated before they can be launched," he says.

Why the concern?

There are many reasons why Utahns don't want quagga or zebra mussels in Utah:

- Mussels can plug water lines, even lines that are large in diameter.
- If mussels get into water pipes in Utah, it will cost millions of dollars to try to remove them. If you live in Utah, you'll likely pay higher utility bill costs to try to get the mussels removed.
- Mussels remove plankton from the water, the same plankton that supports fish in Utah. The mussels could devastate fisheries in Utah.
- Mussels can get into your boat's engine cooling system. Once they do, they'll foul the system and damage the engine.
- When mussels die in large numbers, they stink. And their sharp shells can cut your feet as you walk along the beaches where the mussels died.



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Don't Spread the Mussels!

During the winter months, you must dry for 30 days (or 3 consecutive days in freezing temps) to be considered **dry**.



2018 Winter Event Dates

NONE: go to <https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/jordanelle/> and click on park events for upcoming summer events.



January 31 - Total Lunar Eclipse. A total lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes completely through the Earth's dark shadow, or umbra. During this type of eclipse, the Moon will gradually get darker and then take on a rusty or blood red color. The eclipse will be visible throughout most of western North America, eastern Asia, Australia, and the Pacific Ocean.

<http://www.seasky.org/astronomy/astronomy-calendar-2018.html>

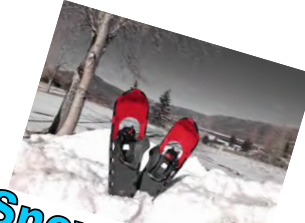
Winter Fun at Jordanelle



Find tracks!



Wildlife viewing!



Snow shoe!



Go sledding!



Fishing!



Breathe fresh air!



Build a snowman, star watching, winter camping, cross country skiing, photography, snow games, walk the dog, run, geocache.....

The park is open for day use every day from 6am to 10pm. Day use at Hailstone is now \$7/car or \$4/car for Utah seniors. Self-contained camping is available in the marina lot for \$16/night. Hike-in camping is available at Rock Cliff for \$10/night.

Utah State Parks Ice Safety Tips



- Test the ice. Drill a hole close to shore to determine ice thickness. People should stay off the ice if it is two inches or less. Ice four inches thick will typically hold the weight of a person.
- Always carry ice picks and a life jacket. If you fall through, ice picks provide grip and traction allowing you to pull yourself out of the water. A lifejacket keeps you afloat if you can't self-rescue.
- Stay calm. If you do fall through the ice, remain calm and keep your head above water and control your breathing. Keep all clothing on to stay insulated. Swim towards the ice opening and use your ice picks to secure and pull yourself out.
- Reach, throw and don't go. If someone falls in, reach something to the victim like a ski pole or tree branch; throw a rope or extension cord; don't create a second victim.
- Dress for weather conditions and layer your clothing.

Park Winter Info



*The park is open 6a.m. to 10p.m. each day. The park office is generally open Monday – Friday, 10a.m. to 5p.m. (excluding holidays).

*Fees apply year round.

*Please display your annual pass or use the self-pay fee envelope system or auto credit card machine.

*Ross Creek has been shut down for the winter. There is no winter maintenance. Enter at your own risk.

*The main roads and some parking lots at Hailstone and Rock Cliff are plowed during winter. Hailstone ramps are plowed.



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Email randy@marine-products.com.
Go to
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1KVrcy5ohc> to see what all the fun is about!



Did you know the staff at Jordanelle grooms and plows the Strawberry Snowmobile Complex?

For current grooming information, go to
<http://snowut.com/>



For avalanche conditions go to

<http://utahavalanchecenter.org/>

Know BEFORE you go!

- Make sure your machine is registered.
- Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you plan on returning.
- Always wear your protective gear.
- Check the weather.
- Carry an avalanche beacon.
- Don't go alone. Take someone along.
- Stay hydrated. Carry food and water with you.
- Know the area and its hazards.



Hailstone Event Center. A "natural" choice for your special event.

Beautiful, natural, affordable. The Hailstone Event Center at Jordanelle State Park offers sweeping views of the Jordanelle Reservoir and Wasatch Mountains. The backdrop is ideal for your wedding, banquet, or retreat. Rental fee is \$1250. Call the park for more details.

