

Jordanelle State Park

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New volleyball net on beach!

AUGUST 11, 2018

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY! FREE ACTIVITIES FOR MILITARY



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 - \$20pp

8:30AM – 10:00AM Pancake Breakfast, \$3pp, \$10 family.
(All free for military)



Show your patriotism and honor our current military and 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.



QUAGGA MUSSELS - (AIS) Aquatic Invasive Species

Been to Lake Powell or Water's Outside Utah Lately?

Lake Powell is a fun and exciting place for boaters. However, because of the lake's low water levels – along with an increase in the presence of quagga mussels – more boaters are leaving Lake Powell with mussels attached to their vessels. This problem is also present in multiple waters outside of Utah.



Our technicians are finding quagga on and in boats that have only been in Lake Powell for a day or two, which is something boaters haven't experienced in the past.

When leaving Lake Powell, if you choose to clean, drain and dry your own boat — rather than having it professionally decontaminated — take the time to:

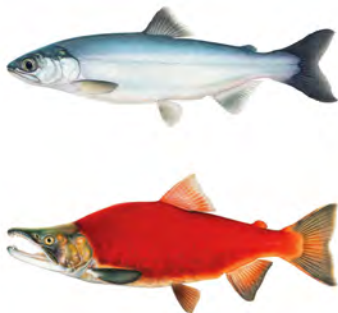
- Inspect its anchor and sea strainer, lines, and equipment including life jackets.
- Flush and inspect its cooling intake or water system
- Pull the bilge plug

If you decide to go to another lake or reservoir after visiting Lake Powell, your boat will be inspected. If mussels are found during that inspection, your boat will be decontaminated and quarantined. Take the time to thoroughly clean, drain, and dry your boat.

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 or out of state waters.

Kokanee Salmon

The kokanee have been doing really well! Last year, a few hundred decided to spawn and run the Upper Provo River. This year, we expect possibly a couple thousand! We will have a free viewing day on Sept. 15 at Rock Cliff. Remember, it's illegal to possess these fish between September 10th and November 30th.



Stickers! Available at the office.



Aug. & Sept. Event Dates

HAILSTONE

Aug. 4: Salt City Bassmasters Tournament
Aug. 11: Military Appreciation Day, Veterans Salute 5K, & Pancake breakfast
Aug. 11: Kayak Fishing Tournament
Aug. 25: Utah's Toughest Race
Sept. 8: Youth Fishing Tournament
Sept. 29 & 30: PCSA Fall Sailing Regatta
Sept. TBD: Wasatch Mtn Head Regatta

ROCK CLIFF & ROSS CREEK

Aug. 18: Tri Utah Rock Cliff Triathlon
Aug. 25: PCSUP Paddle Peddle Paddle
Sept. 8: Youth Fishing Tournament
Sept. 15: Kokanee Viewing Day



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. We post all astronomical events on our Facebook page so be sure to follow us!

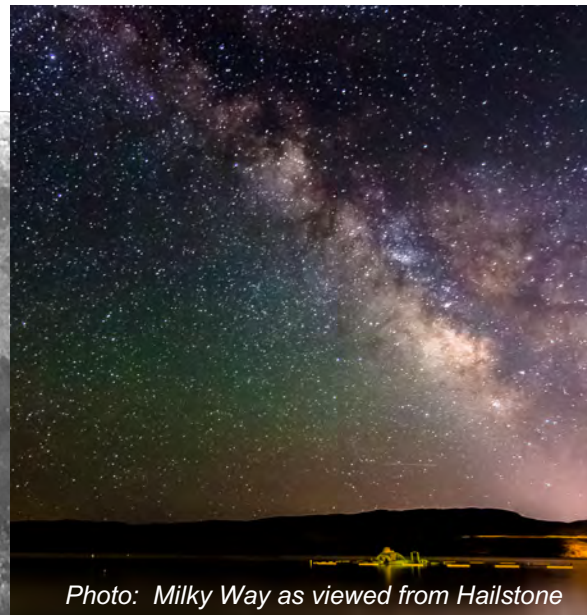
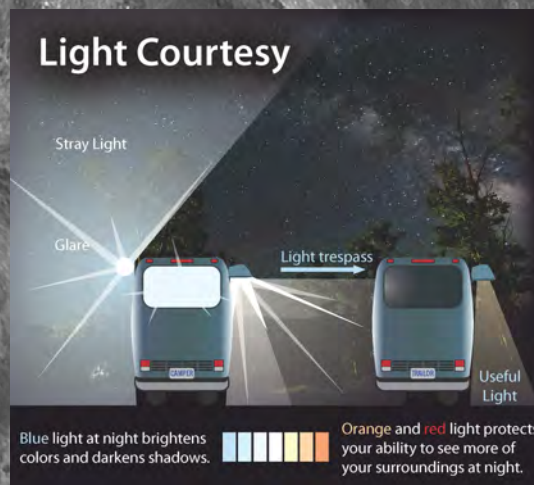
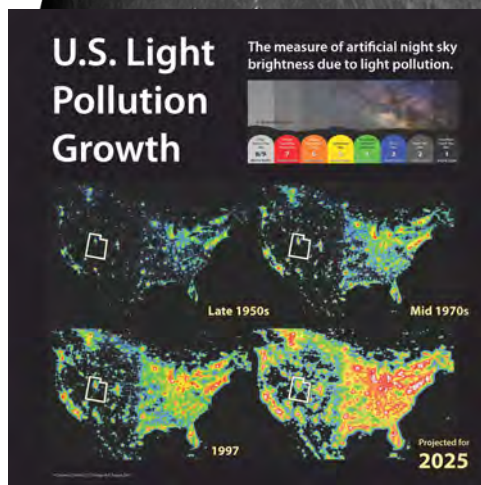


Photo: Milky Way as viewed from Hailstone



Want to make some changes?

We have a Dark Sky Manual for Home Owners. Check it out on our website under "Publications."
<https://stateparks.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2018/03/Dark-Sky-Manual-for-HomeOwners-Small.pdf>





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.



Summer Safe Boating Tips



- **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.
- **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.
- **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 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



Frequently Asked Questions :

Can I make a camping reservation? Yes! Reservations for camping, day use cabanas, cabins, and pavilions may be made at least 48 hours in advance and up to 4 months in advance for individual sites and 11 months for group sites by calling 1-800-322-3770 or going to stateparks.utah.gov and clicking on RESERVE. Sites that are not reserved are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Reservations are highly recommended during the summer months as we are fully booked each weekend. Reservations cannot be made at the park. Cabanas (single covered picnic tables) that are not reserved are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Pavilions (large covered area for groups) must be paid for and reserved. If one is not in reserved, you may NOT use it without paying for it and providing a cleaning deposit.

Can I bring my dog? Yes (in certain areas). Dogs are NOT allowed on the public beach (below the cabanas), in buildings, or in the cabins at Hailstone. Dogs ARE allowed in the campgrounds and other day use areas not specified above. Dogs are NOT allowed on the south side of the road at Rock Cliff which includes the campgrounds. Dogs ARE allowed on the 3 Rocks Trail, Perimeter Trail, and boat ramp at Rock Cliff. Dogs must be cleaned up after, attended to, and leashed at all times.



Can I swim in the reservoir? Yes! The water is rather cold (up to 75 degrees) so life jackets are recommended. Swimming should only take place along the shoreline or in wakeless areas to avoid boats. Swimming should never take place near boat ramps or docks. If you are using a float tube or other floating water toy, you must have a life jacket if you are more than 50 feet from shore.

What is the weather like? Please check the internet for local weather forecasts for the Heber/Park City area. During the summer months, the wind tends to be calm during the morning, picks up mid-morning to afternoon, and then calms down again in the evenings. Of course this can change at any time with storms or other weather conditions. You can also check a live camera at the park by going to our current conditions page.



Is the park closed? No! The park never closes, however day use ends at 10:00PM. Certain facilities are only open seasonally, but you can always come in to enjoy the park. The park office hours change during the winter months. The Marina Store and Nature Center close completely during the winter. The docks, fish cleaning stations, campgrounds, and restrooms will gradually be shut down as the temperatures drop and then closed for the winter. The campgrounds will remain open as weather allows. We do not plow

the camp loops so once we get to that point, only self-contained camping will be allowed in the marina parking lot (where there is a restroom).

Can I get back into the park if I am later than 10:00PM? Yes! The gates are not physically locked so you may enter for camping (only) if you have a reservation or use the self-pay system and there is an open site. Please be aware that quiet hours begin at 10:00PM and take care not to disturb other guests.

Can I fish at the park? Yes! There are brown trout, rainbow trout, cut throat trout, small mouth bass, and perch. As part of the new 2016 Fishery Management Plan developed by the Division of Wildlife Resources, local anglers, and Jordanelle State Park; Kokanee, tiger muskie, wipers, splake, and larger rainbow trout have also been planted. We don't have any crayfish. Refer to the fishing proclamation for rules and limits. Any legal means of bait can be used on the reservoir, but only artificial lures and flies can be used on the river. Ice fishing is also a popular activity at the park during the winter months.

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Are there any walk-in sites available? The only walk-in sites are in the Keetley hike-in campground. Sites that are not reserved are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Reservations can be confusing because it may show some sites in the RV campground looking like walk-ins. They may show an X. These are not available.



What do you do in the winter? Jordanelle staff is responsible for the grooming of the Strawberry Snowmobiling Complex and plowing of several parking lots in the Strawberry area for angler and snowmobiling access. Rangers also patrol on snowmobiles and assist with search and rescues. We also have to plow certain parts of the park for fire access, water system access, Klondike events, and general visitor access to the reservoir. With the large snowstorms we can get during the winter, sometimes it takes several days to clean up after one storm. We do have

some events in the winter time such as ice fishing tournaments and Klondikes. Snowshoe rentals are available at the park office during business hours. In addition, we do a lot of our required training, take some vacations, and work on getting ready for summer.

Do you have geocaches on the park? Yes! Go to http://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC1RZ6T_jordanelle-state-park-memorial-point for information about the Memorial Point Geocache. We also have a Solar System Geocache that starts at the park office. It has a brochure that helps guide you through the Solar System. You can find our Ribbon of Life Geocache by going to http://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC10XEJ_jordanelle-state-park-rock-cliff-ribbon-of-life. Happy hunting!

Can I have a fire? Yes! Fires are allowed in designated fire pits in the campground. There are also pedestal grills at the campsites and day use cabanas. Wood gathering is not permitted. You may bring your own firewood or buy some at the Marina Store. Ground fires and primitive fire pits are not permitted. During the winter months, when you are dry camping in the marina parking lot, camp fires must be at least 18" off the ground in an approved container.

Camp fire ethics 101:

Do not burn garbage or anything that is not wood.
Do not leave your fire unattended.
Completely extinguish your fire. Use water, stir, and repeat.
Never put hot coals in the dumpsters.
Leave your fire pit and campsite cleaner than you found it.



Can I fly my drone? Yes, however a letter from Park Management is required before any flights can take place. Requirements and restrictions apply such as having a remote pilot airman certificate with a small UAS rating. ****These requirements will be changing shortly and a permit will have to be submitted to Reclamation for approval. You will need to plan in advance as this process may take 30 days or more.***

Do you have boat rentals? Yes! Jordanelle Rentals has a wide range of boats, paddle boards, kayaks, food, gear and more available May through September. Additionally, they provide on the water fuel and other services.

This information and much more is available on our website. stateparks.utah.gov/parks/jordanelle