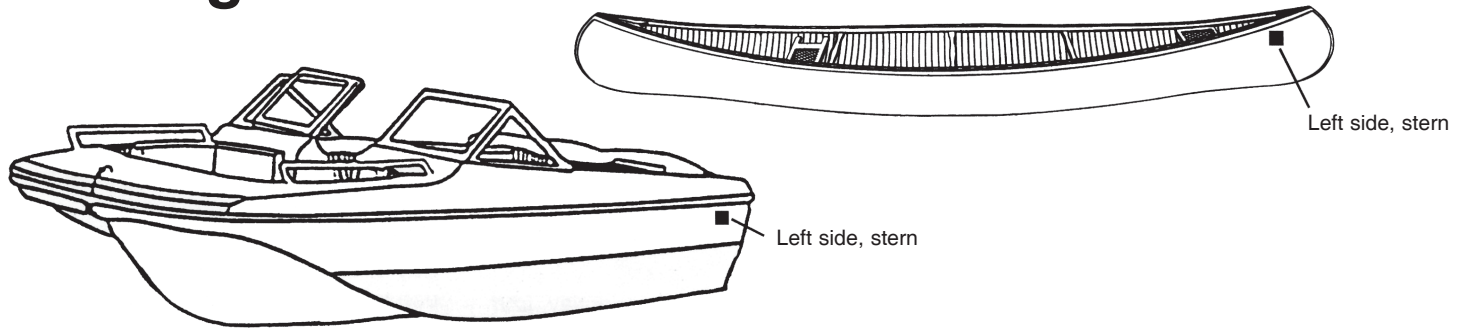




Boating



Permits

All privately owned vessels must be registered each year with Grand Teton National Park. Permits for non-motorized craft cost \$5.00 for a 7-day permit and \$10 for an annual permit. For motorized craft the cost is \$10.00 for a 7-day permit and \$20.00 for an annual permit. Purchase permits at the Moose Visitor Center year-round, and at the Colter Bay Visitor Center, Flagg Ranch Information Station, and Signal Mountain and Buffalo (non-motorized only) Ranger Stations during the summer.

Place the sticker on the port (left) side of the vessel, approximately one foot forward of the stern (back). State registration for motorized vessels is required prior to obtaining a park sticker.

Motorized Boats

Motor boats are allowed **only** on Jackson, Jenny

and Phelps Lakes; there is no public access to Phelps Lake. On Jenny Lake, the use of motors that exceed 10 horsepower is prohibited, except for authorized boating concessioners operating by authority of the Superintendent.

Non-Motorized Boats

Human-powered vessels are permitted on Jackson, Jenny, Phelps, Emma Matilda, Two Ocean, Taggart, Bradley, Bearpaw, Leigh, and String Lakes, and on the Snake River 1,000 feet below Jackson Lake Dam.

Only human-powered rubber rafts, canoes, dories, and kayaks are allowed on the Snake River within the park and parkway.

All other waters within the park and parkway are closed to watercraft, including Pacific Creek, Buffalo Fork, Cottonwood Creek, and the Gros Ventre River.

Equipment

Required

Lifesaving Equipment

All vessels must carry a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) of the appropriate size for each person on board. PFDs must be accessible and in good working condition. PFDs should be worn while boating.

Lights

Every vessel must use navigation lights when underway from sunset to sunrise.

Fire Extinguisher

All motorboats must have at least the minimum number of hand-portable fire extinguishers required by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Signaling Devices

Motorboats must have an efficient whistle or air horn for making an effective signal.

Suggested

Waste Receptacle

All vessels should have a waste receptacle aboard. Dispose of trash in garbage cans or dumpsters. Draining, dumping, or discharging wastes or refuse, including human waste, into park or parkway waters is prohibited.

Oars

All boats shorter than 16 feet should be equipped with oars or paddles as a second means of propulsion.

Bailing Bucket

All boats should carry a bailing bucket, in addition to bilge pumps and automatic bailers.

Prohibited Operations

- Operating jet skis on all park waters.
- Operating while under the influence of intoxicants or narcotic drugs.
- Operating a vessel in excess of 5 mph or creating a wake in areas designated "No wake; speed 5 mph"
- Operating in a reckless or negligent manner, or in a manner that is likely to endanger any other person or property.
- Operating motorized craft within 100 feet of other watercraft, for example, approaching canoes closer than 100 feet.
- Operating while any person is riding on the gunwales, transom, or on the decking over the bow while the vessel is underway.
- Carrying passengers for hire or in any other commercial operation within the park or parkway, without Superintendent's authorization
- Operating within 500 feet of any designated swimming area, except within marked channels, where slow speed must be maintained.
- Operating a vessel within 100 feet of a diver's marker, downed skier, or swimmer.
- Operating a vessel that exceeds a noise level of 82 decibels measured at a distance of 82 feet.
- Leaving any vessel unattended outside of designated mooring or beaching areas for more than 24 hours without prior written permission from the Superintendent. Any vessel so left may be impounded.
- Overnight mooring or beaching of boats on the shore of a designated harbor area, except in an emergency.

Important Information

Accidents

A report of collision, accident, fire or other incident that results in property loss, property damage, any personal injury or death must be made to a park ranger immediately by each operator of the vessels involved. This report does not relieve the responsibility of making boating accident reports as may be required by the State and/or the U.S. Coast Guard. Any operator involved in an accident must also give in writing his name, address and identification of his vessel to any person injured and/or to the owner of any property damaged.

Boat Launching

Vessels transported by vehicles must be launched or removed from park waters at designated launching areas: Leek's Marina, Colter Bay boat ramp, Signal Mountain boat ramp, Jenny Lake boat ramp, String Lake boat ramp and Spalding Bay boat ramp. String Lake boat ramp is restricted to non-motorized boat launches only.

Camping

Lakeshore camping is permitted at designated numbered sites along Jackson and Leigh Lakes. Permits must be obtained at the Moose or Colter Bay Visitor Centers or the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. Camping at numbered lakeshore sites on Jackson Lake is limited to 3 consecutive nights.

Inspections

Any park ranger may, at any time, stop or board any vessel to examine documents, licenses and permits relating to operation of the vessel and to inspect the vessel to determine compliance with boating and fishing regulations.

Jet Skis & Personal Watercraft

Jet skis and personal watercraft are prohibited on all park waters.

Pets

Pets are permitted for day use only within boats on Jackson Lake. Overnight campers are not allowed to have pets in lakeshore campsites except at Spalding Bay. Pets are not allowed on the Snake River or on shore away from designated launching areas. **Pets must be leashed or caged at all times.**

Permits for Picnic Fires

Picnic fires are permitted only on Jackson Lake below the high water line (except fires are not permitted along the east shore from Spalding Bay to Lizard Creek Campground). Permits must be obtained from the Moose or Colter Bay Visitor Center permits offices. Put your fire out before you leave.

Sailboats and Wind Surfers

Sailboats and windsurfers require boat permits and may be used only on Jackson Lake.

Spalding Bay

Because of space limitations, only single axle boat trailers will be allowed at Spalding Bay. Parking of trailers requires a special parking permit. Permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be obtained 24 hours in advance from the Moose or Colter Bay Visitor Center permits offices.

Swimming

Swimming from vessels underway, from docks and inside marinas is prohibited.

Water Skiing

- Towing skiers is allowed only from sunrise to sunset.
- There must be at least 2 persons in the vessel with one other than the operator in a position to observe the progress of the person or persons being towed.
- Skiers must wear flotation devices.
- Skiers wearing a device that is not approved by the U.S. Coast Guard must have such an approved lifesaving device readily available in the towing vessel.
- Water skiing is not allowed in channels or within 500 feet of harbors, swimming beaches or mooring areas or within 100 feet of any person swimming or diving.

Weapons, Traps and Nets

Possessing, carrying and/or using weapons, traps or nets is prohibited.

Yellowstone Boat Permits

In Yellowstone National Park, fees for motorized boats are \$20 for an annual permit and \$10 for a ten-day permit. Fees for non-motorized boats are \$10 for an annual permit and \$5 for a ten-day permit. A Yellowstone permit will be honored in Grand Teton National Park and the Rockefeller Parkway. Grand Teton National Park's annual boat permit is honored in Yellowstone National Park; however, boaters are required to check in at South Gate, Grant Village, Bridge Bay or Lake Ranger Station prior to boat use to validate their permits.

Boat Trailer Parking

	Location	Day Parking	Short-term parking (3-night limit)	Long-term Parking
	Leek's Marina	upper and lower lots	upper lot	none
	Colter Bay	Colter Bay Visitor Center parking lot (east side; sign designates area)	Colter Bay Visitor Center parking lot (east side; sign designates area)	across from Colter Bay Cabins office (sign designates area)
	Signal Mountain	boat ramp parking area	Mid-lot parking area	
	Spalding Bay	designated areas, parking permit required	none	none

These areas are for trailer use only. No vessel may remain on the trailer while parked in these locations.