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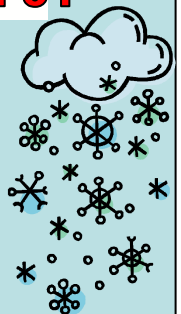


Tournament starts Jan. 31
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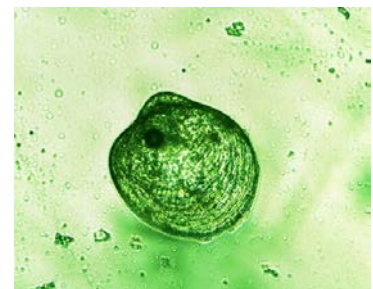
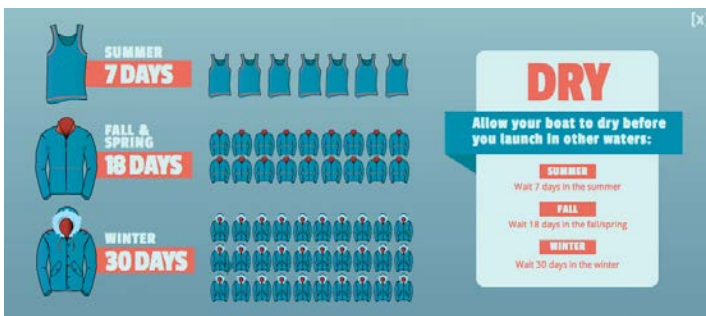
Quagga Veligers Found in Deer Creek Reservoir

Starting immediately, those boating on Deer Creek Reservoir must decontaminate their boat before leaving the state park.

DNA tests at two laboratories indicate microscopic juvenile quagga mussels—called veligers—were found in a water sample taken at the reservoir.

Potential impacts

- The discovery does not mean Deer Creek Reservoir is infested with quagga mussels. Evidence of mussels in the past, at other waters, have proven to be false alarms. Examples include Red Fleet Reservoir, Electric Lake, and Sand Hollow Reservoir.
- Quagga mussels usually do not reproduce in water that's colder than 50 degrees. There's little risk of a possible mussel population expanding in the reservoir at this time. That could change, however, when the water warms this spring.
- The decontamination order will greatly reduce the chance that any quagga mussels in the reservoir are spread to other waters. Upon leaving Deer Creek State Park, boaters must:
 - ✓ Clean and drain their boat, on their own, before leaving the park. After cleaning and draining, a DWR or Utah State Park technician will place a tag on the boat that indicates when it was cleaned and drained. The boat will not be allowed to launch at another body of water in Utah until the boat has dried long enough to kill any mussels that might be in or on it.
 - ✓ In the winter, boats must dry for at least 30 days. The drying time can be as little as three days, though, if the temperature the boat is drying in remains below 32 degrees Fahrenheit for at least 72 straight hours.
 - ✓ Have their boat professionally decontaminated at the park. The service is free. A DWR or Utah State Parks technician will determine whether the boat needs to be professionally decontaminated.
- It's possible that this is an isolated incident. For example, it's possible that the veligers made their way to the reservoir in or on a boat that had been on a contaminated water. We'll know a lot more after we and our partners conduct further surveys this spring.



Quagga Veligers Found in Deer Creek Reservoir

Next steps

- This spring, the Division of Wildlife Resources and its partners will take action to learn whether adult quagga mussels are present in the reservoir. That action includes:
 - Collecting and analyzing water samples.
 - Sending divers into the reservoir, to search for mussels.
 - Placing substrate samplers in the water. Adult quaggas attach to these as they move through the water.
 - Surveying shorelines.
- Regarding the lower Provo River and Utah Lake, both of which are below Deer Creek Reservoir:
 - Quagga mussel sampling work has been underway at Utah Lake for years. Those efforts will continue this spring.
 - Sampling work will start this spring on the lower Provo River.
- Quagga mussels cannot travel upstream. The only way quaggas could make their way to the middle Provo River (the portion of the river above the reservoir) is if they were transported there on someone's boots or fishing equipment.



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Background

- On Oct. 30, 2014, a Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) water quality sampling crew collected water samples throughout the reservoir. Those water samples were analyzed by a BOR lab. On Dec. 12, the lab reported that there appeared to be five quagga mussel veligers in a sample taken near the dam. The DWR requested that the samples be genetically analyzed to learn whether they were in fact quagga mussels. Through DNA testing, both the BOR lab and Pisces Molecular, a private third party, confirmed that the veligers were quagga mussels.
- It's impossible to tell exactly where the quagga mussels came from. All of the reservoirs on the lower Colorado River, including Lake Powell, have a rapidly growing population of quagga mussels. The veligers could easily have come from one of those waters on a boat. It's important for boaters to remember to completely clean and drain their boats before leaving a quagga-infested water such as Lake Powell, and then dry their boat for 30 days at home. If a boater cannot dry their boat the needed amount of time, they can request a professional, hot water decontamination from the DWR or Utah State Parks. Contact information for the closest location is available at stdofthesea.com.
- A veliger is a young quagga or zebra mussel that has not attached itself to a surface. They free float in the water column until they are mature enough to attach. Each adult quagga mussel can release (give birth) to up to 1 million veligers a year. Veligers do not have a high survival rate, however, with mortality often exceeding 99 percent. They are microscopic and can be identified only under a microscope in a laboratory. They are easily pulled into the ballast tanks, live wells, bilges and engines of boats. The five veligers that were found near the dam at Deer Creek Reservoir were likely brought there in or on a boat.



For more info: go to www.stdofthesea.com

Utah State Parks Ice Safety Tips



UTAH STATE PARKS ICE SAFETY TIPS

Utah State Parks Boating Program Manager Ty Hunter reminds visitors to be careful when venturing out on the ice. With varying temperatures, ice conditions can change quickly. Hunter offers the following 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
- With the discovery of quagga veligers at Deer Creek, be sure to clean, drain, and dry your equipment. Equipment must be frozen for 3 days in a row, dry for 30 days, or professionally decontaminated.



For more information or for current reservoir conditions, visit www.stateparks.utah.gov and www.stdoftthesea.com

State Parks Reservations

- Reservations can be made by phone and online: www.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.





The entire park will be slurry sealed in the spring. Roads and access to the park will be affected during this time. The scheduled time is from April 26 through May 15. This is subject to change depending on the weather.

Phase II of paving for the Marina parking lot is scheduled to take place before Memorial Day. Access to the ramp will have a few detours, but will not be shut down.

Also scheduled is the installation of a permanent boat wash decontamination station near the main ramp. Bringing utilities to the site and modifying the curb will cause the most disruption. This construction is scheduled for spring as well.

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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.

*Ice on the reservoir has formed. Ice can be hazardous. Use at your own risk.

2015 Event Dates

HAILSTONE

- January 30 & 31: Orem District Boy Scout Klondike
- February 6 & 7: Orem District Boy Scout Klondike
- June 20: PCSUP CUP, stand up paddle board race
- June 13: Scheels Paddle Sports Demo, free w/park entry
- July 18: Fire on the Water
- August 3-4: Tentative – Outdoor Retailer (closed to public)
- August 22: Ultimate Bass Team Tournament
- September TBD: PCSA Fall Regatta, No Coast Championship
- September TBD: Wasatch Mountain Head Rowing Regatta

ROCK CLIFF & PERIMETER TRAIL

- May 30: Park City Wild Half (5K, 10K, and half marathon)
- June 6: PCSUP Paddle Peddle Paddle Challenge
- June 13: Race Tri Rock Cliff Triathlon
- July 18: Park City Half Iron at Rock Cliff
- August 8: TriUtah Triathlon at Rock Cliff
- October 10: Red Rock Relay



Go to <http://jordanelle.utah.gov> for current conditions at the park.

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/>

Need a ride? Lofty Peaks has guided snowmobile tours at Wasatch Mountain State Park!

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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.



Fishing Events

• **Quad-fishalon:** Jan.31 @ East Canyon, Feb. 7 @ Deer Creek, Feb. 14 @ Rockport, & Feb 21 @ Jordanelle. Cabelas will also be doing free clinics at each tournament.

• **Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) Ice Fishing Seminars:** The free ice fishing seminars will include information on how to stay warm and comfortable on the ice, what type of fishing gear to use, how to get onto the ice, and how to drill a hole. A clinic will be held Jan. 15 at the Vernal DWR office at 318 N. Vernal Ave. A clinic will be held Jan. 19 at Steinaker Reservoir from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. At the Steinaker clinic, DWR officials will provide augers to drill holes in the ice. A selection of hooks, bait and a few fishing poles will also be available. Participants in these clinics are encouraged to wear layers of warm clothing and bring water and snacks. It will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. While it will give tips to help beginning anglers, the seminar will also benefit advanced anglers with ice fishing. For more information about the ice fishing clinics in the Uintah Basin, participants can call the DWR's Vernal office at 435-781-9453.

SECOND ANNUAL East Canyon * Deer Creek * Rockport * Jordanelle
Wasatch Back Quad-fishalon

East Canyon – January 31
 Deer Creek – February 7
 Rockport – February 14
 Jordanelle – February 21

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East Canyon: (801) 829-6866 Deer Creek: (435) 654-0171
 Rockport: (435) 336-2241 Jordanelle: (435) 649-9540

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- **Bonneville Cisco Fishing Tournament @ Bear Lake:** January 24th
- **Best Dam Ice Fishing Contest @ Hyrum State Park:** January 24th
- **Fish Lake Perch Tournament:** January 24th, hosted by DWR
- **Basin Ice Fishing Bowl/Steinaker:** January 31st
- **Steinaker Ice Fishing Tournament:** January 31st
- **Basin Ice Fishing Bowl/Starvation:** February 7th
- **Black Bass Workshop:** February 7th, 9am-3:30pm at DWR, 1594 w. North Temple, Salt Lake City.



Go to <http://www.stateparks.utah.gov/resources/events> for more information and for other fun state park events.

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