Deer Creek Trail

Deer Creek Trail is a non-motorized trail along the western hillside of Deer Creek, above the reservoir. The trail is designed for biking, equestrian use and hiking. The trail provides access to the western shore for walk-in anglers. Trailheads are located at Soldier Hollow and the Deer Creek Dam.

Boating

With 2,965 acres of water and predictable canyon winds, Deer Creek is a water sports haven. Vessel operators are responsible for understanding and obeying all boating laws and rules. For a complete copy of Utah's Boating Laws and Rules call: (801) 538-BOAT or (801) 538-2628

Fishing

Large quantities of stocked fish and naturally growing fish populations make Deer Creek Reservoir one of Utah's finest year-round fisheries. Deer Creek offers five species of sport fish including: rainbow and brown trout, large and smallmouth bass, walleye and yellow perch.

Jigging or trolling are among the most successful ways to catch fish at Deer Creek. From shore, try using worms or PowerBait.

Anglers are responsible for obeying and understanding all fishing rules and laws, which can be found in a current Utah Fishing Guidebook.

Concession Services

Deer Creek Island Resort, the park concession, offers boat rentals, wakeboarding clinics, store, restaurant and catering services. (435) 654-2155

Your park fees provide for the care, protection and enhancement of this park.

Operating Hours
Summer 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Winter: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open year-round with no holiday closures.

Park Location:
Deer Creek is 10 miles south of Heber on Highway 189.

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P.O. Box 257
Midway, UT 84049
(435) 654-0171
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Utah State Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 146001
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6001
(801) 538-7220, (877) UT-PARKS
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For Reservations Call:
(801) 322-3770 or toll-free (800) 322-3770

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To enhance the quality of life by preserving and providing natural, cultural and recreational resources for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations.

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Deer Creek State Park

Utah State Parks
Deer Creek State Park is nestled at the base of beautiful Mount Timpanogos 10 miles south of Heber City on Highway 189. A full range of water-based activities are available at Deer Creek and fishing opportunities are exceptional. The park also offers campsites, picnic areas, trails and stunning views of the surrounding mountains and scenic Heber Valley.

History of Deer Creek

Due to water shortages along the Wasatch Front, the Bureau of Reclamation began construction of Deer Creek Reservoir in 1938 and finished in 1955. Initially, water sports were prohibited on the reservoir and it was used primarily for water storage and fishing. In 1971, Deer Creek State Park was created and evolved into a water sports mecca for northern Utah.

Day-Use Facilities

Main Park Area day-use facilities have shaded pavilions, picnic tables, charcoal grills and modern restrooms. Larger group sites are available by reservation. Boating facilities include: launch ramp, loading docks, dry storage and fish cleaning station.

Rainbow Bay Day-Use Area offers covered picnic areas with charcoal grills and vault toilets. Deer Creek State Park is nestled in the Wasatch Front, the Bureau of Reclamation began construction of Deer Creek Reservoir in 1938 and finished in 1955. Initially, water sports were prohibited on the reservoir and it was used primarily for water storage and fishing. In 1971, Deer Creek State Park was created and evolved into a water sports mecca for northern Utah.

Camping

All campgrounds have modern restrooms with showers. Reservations for camping are always recommended. Chokecherry Campground has 40 campsites for RVs with full hookups and tents. Each site has a picnic table, charcoal grill and firepit. A sewage disposal station is available near the park entrance station. Great Horned Owl Campground has 23 primitive campsites for RVs and tents, no hookups.

Group camping is available at the Wallsburg Group Area by reservation only and has a large pavilion with picnic tables and charcoal grills. Charleston Day-Use Area has a gravel boat ramp, vault toilets and picnic area. Provo River Area (below the dam) is for day-use only and offers access to the Provo River. There are no facilities. Lifejackets must be worn at all times when floating on the Provo River.

Restricted Areas – To provide for security and visitor safety, trespassing in the following restricted areas is prohibited: within 1,500 feet northeast of the dam (in the reservoir and on shore), the dam structure, and all posted areas around the dam.

Park Guidelines

Please observe the following park regulations to ensure everyone’s visit is pleasant.

Dogs – Dogs are allowed only in Great Horned Owl and Chokecherry campgrounds; they are not permitted on boats, beaches, in the reservoir, or in any park buildings.

Quiet Hours – 10 a.m. to 7 a.m.

Fires – Campfires are allowed only in designated fireplaces or grills. Fires must not be left unattended and gathering firewood is prohibited.

Vehicles – Only street legal vehicles may operate on designated roads in the park. The speed limit is 15 miles per hour. Park only in authorized spaces; parking is prohibited below the high water line.

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Firearms – Explosives, fireworks or firecrackers are prohibited.

Plants and Animals – All plants, animals, minerals, and other natural features in state parks are protected. Be aware that bears, cougars, rattlesnakes and other dangerous wildlife reside in the area and use appropriate caution.

Campsites – Camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds. Campsite fees cover one vehicle and any attached recreational equipment. There is an extra fee for additional vehicles or camping equipment. Up to eight people are allowed in a campsite. A permit is required for boat camping.

Trails – Trails are for non-motorized use only.

Special Use Permit – A Special Use Permit is required for all special events and commercial or professional filming and photography.

Boat Docks – Courtesy boat docks have a 15-minute limit for loading and unloading. Swimming, fishing, picnicking, sunbathing and camping are prohibited on the docks.