

WILLARD BAY STATE PARK

Fish, camp, picnic, and bird watch at Willard Bay State Park, built alongside the Arthur Watkins Reservoir, one of the state's most popular destinations for water recreation. The wide, open country surrounding Willard Bay provides for panoramic views of Utah's majestic mountains and Great Salt Lake.



PARK HISTORY

Willard Bay is a freshwater reservoir built on the flood plain of Great Salt Lake. A 15.5-mile rock dike surrounds the reservoir, separating the two water bodies. The reservoir was developed by the Bureau of Reclamation to provide irrigation water to farmers, but also provides recreation for more than 200,000 visitors annually. Construction of the dike, which is named after Utah Senator Arthur V. Watkins, began in the early 1950s and was completed in 1964. Willard Bay was established as a state park in 1966.

THINGS TO DO

Willow and Cottonwood campgrounds, two marinas, several day-use areas, and wide sandy beaches provide opportunities to enjoy the sun and water during warmer months. More than 10,000 surface acres of water provide for boating, waterskiing, and sailing. At an elevation of 4,200 feet, the reservoir is one of the state's best warm-water fisheries with walleye, crappie, catfish, wipers and some smallmouth bass.

Winter day-use facilities are open for visitors viewing nesting eagles or ice-fishing on Watkins Reservoir. Cottonwood Campground remains open with full utilities for hearty campers. From Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, enjoy the annual Fantasy at the Bay holiday light display. Adults and children alike enjoy this spectacular holiday light festival.



GUIDELINES

Please observe these regulations to ensure that everyone's visit is pleasant:

Camping - Camp only in designated areas. Each permit covers one vehicle and any attached recreational equipment. Up to eight people are allowed in a campsite. Boat ramp and picnic areas are for day-use only.

Off-highway vehicles (OHV) - Contact park personnel for nearby riding opportunities. OHV riding is not permitted in the park.

Fires - Campfires may be built in designated areas. All campsites provide fire pits and grills. Firewood is not available at the park. Picnickers and campers should bring appropriate fuel.

Pets - Pets are allowed in most Utah state parks, but must be kept on a maximum six-foot leash. Only service animals are admitted in park buildings. Pets are not permitted on Eagle Beach. Please keep your pets under control, and be sure to pick up after them.

Plants and animals - All plants, animals, minerals, and

other natural features in state parks are protected. It is unlawful to remove, alter, or destroy them.

Firearms - Possession or use of firearms, traps or other devices capable of launching projectiles that can immobilize, injure, or kill a person or animal, or damage property is prohibited unless the weapon or device is 1) unloaded and packed away to prevent its use, 2) being used in the legal pursuit of wildlife or 3) being used by authorized enforcement officers in the performance of official duties.

Fireworks - Explosives, fireworks or firecrackers are strictly prohibited.

Vandalism - It is unlawful to mutilate or deface any natural or constructed feature or structure. Please help keep our park beautiful.

Waste water - It is unlawful to dump or to drain water from campers or trailers onto the ground or into lakes or streams. Most developed parks provide sanitary disposal stations.

Quiet hours - 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

PLANTS AND ANIMALS

Cottonwood, Russian olive, and willow trees provide shade and beauty, and a variety of native brushes and grasses fill the landscape. Watch eagles, hawks, herons, and owls, which are just a few of the 200 species of birds that live in or near the park. Some species are long-term residents while others rest briefly during their migration. In addition to birds and waterfowl, wildlife watchers may also view a variety of different animals including deer, fox, muskrat, and squirrels.



RESERVATIONS

Group-use reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance. Individual campsite reservations are accepted a minimum of two days in advance of arrival date and up to 18 weeks in advance from park check-out date. To make a reservation, call (801) 322-3770 within Salt Lake City or toll-free 1 (800) 322-3770, or online at www.stateparks.utah.gov. Reservations are always recommended. Unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

USER FEES

Day-use and camping fees are charged. An additional fee is charged for reservations.

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FACILITIES

North and South marinas offer boat ramps, courtesy docks, fish cleaning stations, modern restrooms, and picnic and camping areas.

North Marina

Spend a day or camp under the stars at North Marina, located off I-15 at Exit 357 near Willard City. Pelican Beach, Wiper Cove, and Eagle Beach day-use areas feature sheltered picnic tables and barbeque grills. Popular Eagle Beach Group Site, which accommodates 125 people, may be reserved in advance. North Marina campgrounds provide restrooms with showers, picnic tables, fire rings and grills. Cottonwood Campground offers full hook-ups, while Willow Campground is ideal for tent camping. Pelican Beach Overnight Group Site can accommodate 200 campers and must be reserved in advance. Wi-Fi access is also available at North Marina.

South Marina

South Marina, located off I-15 at Exit 351, is generally open from April 1 to October 30, weather permitting. The Marina offers easy access for boat launching, picnic area with pavilion, and campground with restrooms and showers.



Map Legend

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| Anchoring | Fee Station | RV Camping |
| Boat Launch | No Dogs | RV Dump |
| Camping | Office/Information | Wildlife Watching |
| Day Use | Picnicking | |
| Dogs on Leash | Restrooms | |

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For area information and attractions, please visit www.boxelder.org. To view Willard Bay State Park North Marina, visit www.utahlakeview.com

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