

Bear Lake State Park



Utah State Parks

Facilities

Bear Lake Marina

The Marina is located on the west side of the lake, two miles north of Garden City on US Highway 89. Facilities include a sheltered marina, concrete boat ramp, 355 seasonal and 21 daily boat slips, boat pump-out facility, modern restrooms, hot showers, group-use pavilion, park offices, and visitor center. A concession offers boat and personal watercraft rentals, gas, food, boating and fishing supplies, and souvenirs.

[Click here to view Bear Lake Marina on maps.](#)

Rendezvous Beach - Big Creek/ Cottonwood/Birch/Willow

This wide, sandy beach is located on the south shore of Bear Lake, approximately two miles northwest of Laketown on US Highway 30. All four campgrounds have modern restrooms with hot showers. Big Creek and Birch offer utility hookups. Group-use areas are available at Willow and Big Creek campgrounds. Reservations are strongly recommended for all

campsites and group areas. A concession offers rental of boats, personal watercraft, water toys, and five camper cabins. Boat launching is available for small watercraft during high water years.

[Click here to view Rendezvous Beach on maps](#)

East Side – First Point/South Eden/Cisco Beach/Rainbow Cove/North Eden

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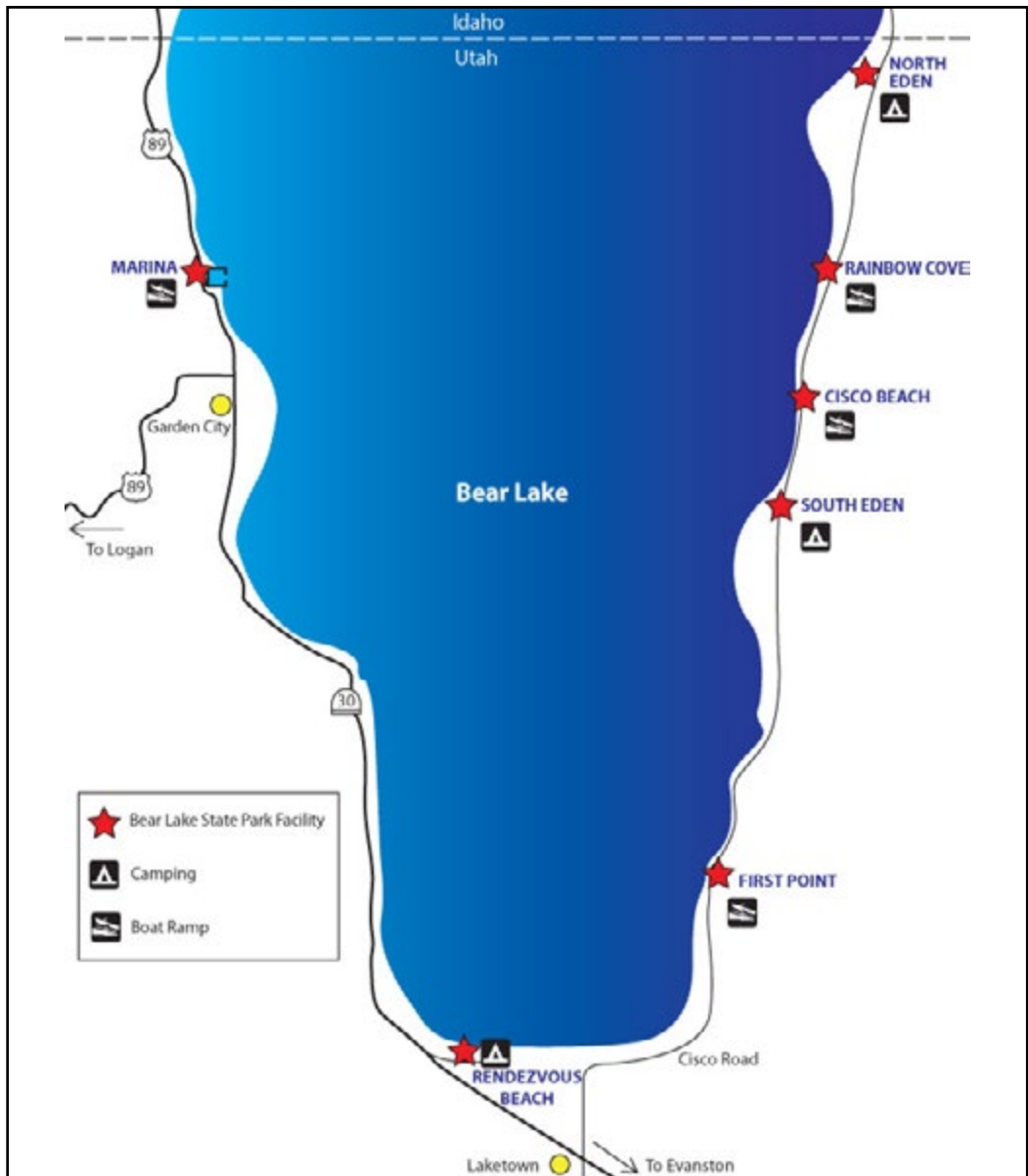
These primitive areas are located on the east shore approximately 10 miles north of Laketown on Cisco Road. The road is paved, providing easy access. Unlike some areas surrounding the lake, the terrain here is rocky.

The water depth drops off quickly to 208 feet, especially near Cisco Beach. Activities include boating, fishing, swimming, camping, and scuba diving. Concrete boat launch ramps are located at First Point and Rainbow Cove. A low water launch ramp is located at Cisco Beach. South Eden has 20 individual campsites and two group sites. Drinking water is available at South Eden.

Reservations are highly recommended for South Eden sites.

Cisco Beach is famous for its midwinter fishing with dip nets for the small, seven-inch Bonneville Cisco, a member of the whitefish family. For 10 days to two weeks every January, schools of Cisco come close to the rocky shore to spawn. They are easily scooped up by hardy anglers wading waist-deep in the icy water or through holes in the ice if the lake is frozen.

Cisco Beach is also known for excellent scuba diving opportunities. The rocky bottom and steep drop-off close to shore make this location a favorite of divers from the tri-state area. A diving-only area is marked July 1 through Labor Day.



Map Description

Bear Lake is shown vertically with Idaho at the north and Utah at the south. The lake is centered on the page. State park facilities are labeled along the shoreline, including North Eden, Rainbow Cove, Cisco Beach, South Eden, First Point, Rendezvous Beach, and the Bear Lake Marina near Garden City. Symbols indicate camping areas and boat ramps. Major access roads and nearby towns are labeled for orientation.

Bear Lake is nestled high in the Rocky Mountains on the Utah-Idaho border. Boaters, anglers, swimmers, scuba divers and campers are attracted to the crystal-clear water and soft sandy beaches each summer. In winter, snowmobilers and ice anglers are also drawn to the area.



At an elevation of 5,923 feet, Bear Lake is 20 miles long and eight miles wide, covers 112 square miles and is 208 feet deep.

Explore

Enjoy year-round fishing for cutthroat, mackinaw, cisco, and whitefish. Plan your trip to coincide with Bear Lake Raspberry Days, a celebration of the harvest of delicious raspberries during August.

History

Bear Lake was formed 28,000 years ago by earthquake activity. Its unique aqua-blue color is the result of calcium carbonates

suspended
in the lake. It
was originally
called Black
Bear Lake by
explorer Donald



Mackenzie of the North West Fur
Company. He discovered the lake in 1819
while scouting for fur-bearing animals,
which were used to satisfy urban demand
for hats. The name was later changed to
Bear Lake.



Rendezvous Beach is named for a famous
rendezvous of fur trappers and American
Indians held in the summers of 1827-
28. Approximately 1,000 Indians and
mountain men, including Jedediah Smith,
attended the gatherings. During the
rendezvous there were so many campfires
at the south end of the lake that one
observer called the area "a lighted city."

watercraft rentals, supplies, an assortment of water activities, a small grill/café, safety equipment, and fishing gear. (435) 946-2717 ciscoslanding.com.

Bear Lake Sails is located at the Rendezvous Beach day-use area. Bear Lake Sails offers boat, personal watercraft and water toy rentals, and five camper cabins located in Big Creek Campground. (435) 946-2900 or (866) 867-5912 bearlakeboats.com.

Reservations

Individual campsite reservations can be made up to 16 weeks in advance from park check-out date. Group-use reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance. Reservations are always recommended, and may be made by calling (800) 322-3770 or visiting stateparks.utah.gov.

User Fees

Day-use and camping fees are charged in all developed areas.

Park Guidelines

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

Camping – Camp only in designated areas. Each permit covers one vehicle and up to eight people and two tents per campsite. An extra vehicle fee is charged for additional vehicles.

Fires – Campfires may be built in developed firepits only. The day-use area provides grills. Collecting firewood in the park is prohibited.

Fireworks – Fireworks of any kind are prohibited.

Pets – Pets are allowed, but must be on a maximum six-foot leash. Service animals are the only animals admitted in park buildings. For safety and courtesy, please keep pets under control and clean up after them. Pets are not allowed on the beach areas at Rendezvous Beach.

Firearms – The use of firearms, traps or other devices capable of launching a projectile that can immobilize, injure or kill a person or animal is prohibited.

Parking – Park only in designated areas.

Park Guidelines Continued

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.

Speed Limit – The speed limit within all park areas is 15 m.p.h.

Wastewater – It is unlawful to dump or drain water from campers or trailers onto the ground. A sanitary disposal station is provided for registered campers.

Quiet hours – 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

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

Accidents – Please report accidents or suspicious activities to a ranger.

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



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

Park Location:

Bear Lake is located 145 miles north of Salt Lake City. The Marina is 1.5 miles north of Garden City on Highway 89. Rendezvous Beach is located 10 miles south of the US 89 and SR 30 junction near Garden City. East Side facilities are on Cisco Road, north of Laketown.

Operating Hours:

The park is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Rendezvous Beach, South Eden and North Eden areas are generally open from May 1 through September 30. The marina is open year-round.

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For Reservations Call:

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