

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: a launch ramp, loading docks, dry boat storage and a fish cleaning station.



Rainbow Bay Day-Use Area offers covered picnic areas with charcoal grills and vault toilets. There is no water available. The group day-use area is available by reservation only and has a large pavilion with picnic tables, charcoal grill, modern restrooms, and water.

Island Day-Use Area provides covered picnic areas with charcoal grills, modern restrooms, water, vault toilets, boat ramp and loading docks. A group day-use pavilion is available by reservation, and includes 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.



Camping

All campgrounds have modern restrooms with showers. Reservations for camping are always recommended. [Click here to reserve campsites at Deer Creek State Park online](#) or call the park office at (435) 654-0171 ahead of time.

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.

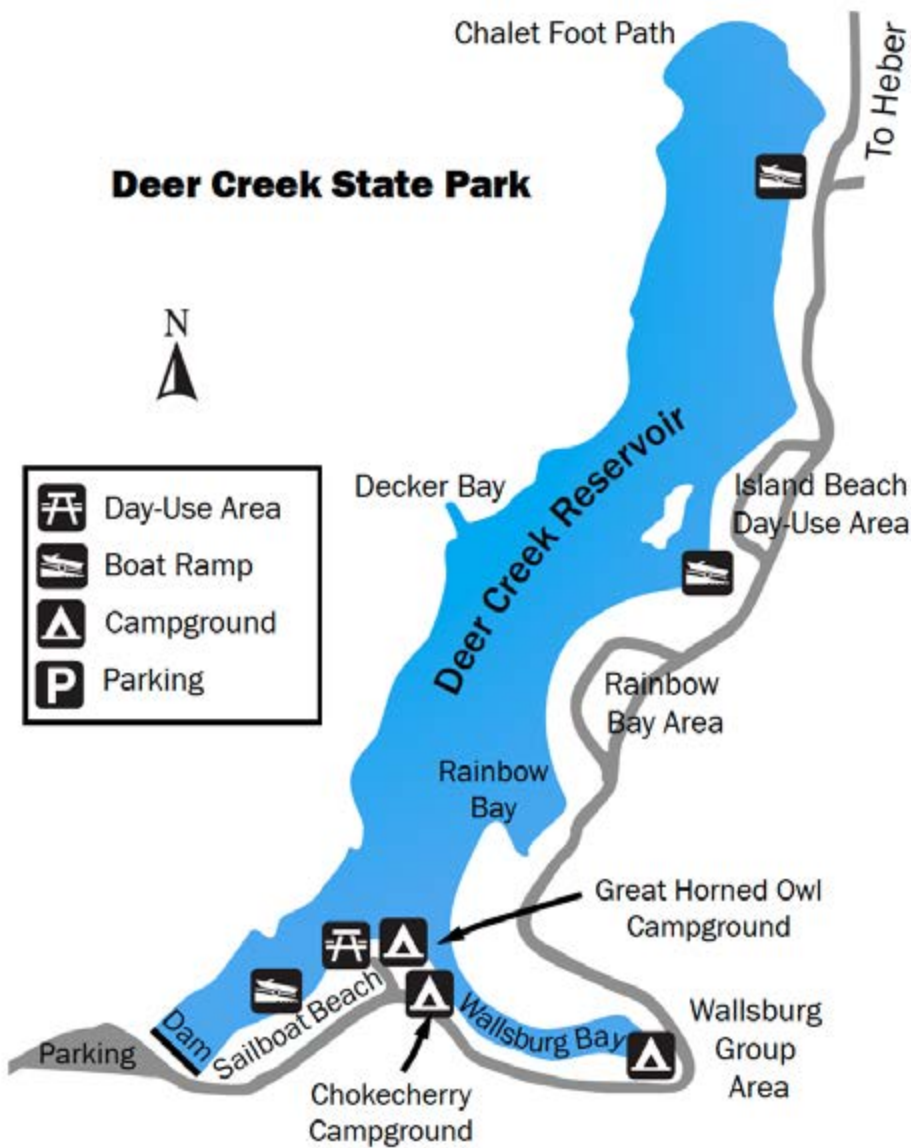
[See Chokecherry Campground on an online map](#)

Great Horned Owl Campground has 23 primitive campsites for RVs and tents, no hookups.

[See the Great Horned Owl Campground on an online map.](#)

Group camping is available at the **Wallsburg Group Area** by reservation only. This site includes three large pavilions with picnic tables, firepits and charcoal grills.

[See the Wallsburg Group Area on an online map.](#)



Map Description

A map of Deer Creek State Park shows the park's layout and points of interest. Icons indicate that boat ramps are located at Charleston Day Use area furthest north, Island Beach Day Use area in the middle on the east side of the lake, and Sailboat beach on the far southwest end of the reservoir. A tent icon indicates camping at the south end of the reservoir past the main entrance and in Wallsburg Bay near the main park area.

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 p.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.

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 Continued

Firearms – Firearms, traps or other devices capable of launching a projectile that can immobilize, injure or kill a person or animal, or damage property are prohibited. Contact a park ranger for more information.

Fireworks – 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 campsites. 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.

Park Guidelines Continued

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.

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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