

Boat Launch Access Information

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Thank you for purchasing a Crystal Lake Park District automatic boat launch gate card.

REGISTRATION: The automatic gate card is numbered and registered to the resident boat owner. Your card will be de-activated at the end of the year. Re-activation or purchase of a new card is required, each year. You will need to provide your Illinois Boat Registration (s) and valid Illinois driver's license.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Simply pass the gate card in front of the automatic gate card reader that is mounted on the post outside of the gate. The gate will automatically open.
2. The gate will remain open for approximately 20-30 seconds until in-ground sensors detect that the vehicle has passed through, at which time the gate will automatically close.
3. Upon leaving, your vehicle must pull up to a posted and marked point, at which time the gate will automatically open; the driver does not have to get out of the vehicle. After passing through the exit the gate will automatically close.
4. You are allowed to launch only boats registered to you and with the Crystal Lake Park District office Boat launching is allowed at any time. The Boat Launch Gate Card is to be used only to launch boats. The key card is NOT to be used to gain access to beaches. Misuse of the boat launch gate key will result in card privilege being revoked. Please be considerate of others when using the boat ramp. Please be patient. Users of Crystal Lake are reminded to respect all shoreline property, including private beaches, piers and boats. If you experience difficulty on the lake or witness an unsafe act, please contact the Village of Lakewood at 459-3025, or the Crystal Lake Park District at 459-0680. Have a safe boating season!

BEACH ADMISSION FEES:

Park District Residents	\$1
Non-Resident Guests of Park District Residents	\$4
Park District resident Senior Citizen (Ages 60 +)	FREE
Park District Resident Children (Ages 3 & under)	FREE
Resident Season Pass	\$7.

WARNING OF RISK: Boating can be dangerous and risky.

Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death. All hazards and dangers cannot be foreseen. Certain inherent risks include failing to follow safe boating rules and regulations, drinking alcohol, failing to yield the right of way to other boats, traveling too fast for water or weather conditions, overloading the boat, carelessness or horseplay, inexperience, improper installation and maintenance of equipment, collisions between boats, striking natural or artificial surface or subsurface objects, failing to wear life jackets or personal floatation devices, losing control of the boat, acts of God, dangerous weather and water conditions, inadequate instruction/supervision and all other risks inherent in motor boating. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the Park District to guarantee absolute safety.

Park District Ordinances:

Boat Gate Cards, Launch Areas, and Parking Restrictions

11.08 Boat Gate Card and Launch Area Use (Fine: \$50/\$75)

- A. It shall be unlawful for anyone other than current card holders to use launch areas.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any card holder to give, loan, or in any manner furnish a card to any person other than the card holder's immediate family, who reside with the card holder.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any card holder to allow unauthorized access to launch areas by opening the gate for any other vehicle or person.
- D. The Park District shall have the right to revoke the card holder's privileges for any violation of this article.

11.09 SPECIAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR LAUNCH AREAS (Rev.08-25-15) (Fine \$50/\$75)

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to load or launch any boat upon Crystal Lake from Park District property, other than at designated launch areas.
- B. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle other than approved boat trailers within the West Park launch area.
- C. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle within the Main Beach launch area except as follows:
 1. All towing vehicles and trailers shall park along the south fence in designated spaces.
 2. Only vehicles with attached trailers, or trailers themselves shall be allowed to be parked within the parking area. All other vehicles must be parked in other approved parking if not actively engaged in launching or recovering watercraft.
- D. Special parking restrictions shall not apply to **emergency response vehicles or other** authorized vehicles.