

Lincoln Park Community Lake - Patron Playbook

Welcome to the 2023 Season at the Lincoln Park Community Lake.

We hope you enjoy this season and we are working hard to make every visit enjoyable. Please remember this is a natural body of water, with lots of “natural” inhabitants including fish, turtles and snakes.

Housekeeping Notes:

Lake Hours:

- Pre-Season (Weekends and Memorial Day, May 27 - June 18): 12PM - 5PM Daily (Water will close at 4:45). The Beach will be closed during the week prior to June 24th, no exceptions.
- Regular Season (June 24 - September 4): 11AM - 6PM (Water will close at 5:30PM).
- The Lake will close at 5PM on evenings with “away” swim meets (dates tba)
- Lake Hours will be subject to change in late August based on staff availability
- September 2 - 4th: Lake Hours will be 12PM - 5PM

Daily Check-in is required:

- Please present your badge to the attendant at the Gate Guard hut at each visit. If you do not have a badge, this is the time to let us know! If you choose to have your picture taken at the Lake, your badge should be available within the next three days.
- If you were a member last year, your badge will be re-activated when you renew your membership. If you had your picture taken and did not pick up your badge, please check at the Gate Guard hut, your badge should be there.
- All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult/guardian (per State Aquatic Code N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.1(a)2.(d)1). *This is the state’s rule, not ours. We cannot make exceptions, no matter the circumstance.*
- Coolers will be inspected: no alcohol is permitted on site, per Borough Ordinance #65-8
- No Smoking/Vaping/E-Cigarettes on Site per Borough Ordinance #1,594
- No Dogs or Pets, other than Service animals, permitted on premises
- The Lincoln Park Summer Camp will be at the Lake on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting June 27th through August 17th until 12:30PM. Please plan accordingly.
- Please contact the Borough Planning Department if you wish to bring a grill. A Permit is required for each event, and availability may be limited based on Activities planned for that day (for example, grills would not be permitted on the day of a Library concert). We strongly suggest you contact us to confirm a grill can be used on a specific date.

GUEST POLICY:

LPCL Members in good standing may bring up to five guests to the facility per day. Borough Waivers and Code of Conduct must be signed for all guests.

Guest Fee (per day):

- \$12 single guest
- \$40 family of four
- \$50 family of five

Members are reminded of the following:

- Your guests must adhere to all facility behavior rules and guidelines;
- You must remain on site with your guests, if you leave the premises your guests must leave as well;
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages as well as smoking (cigarettes, vaping, etc.) is strictly prohibited on all Borough properties;

PARTIES:

LPCL Members in good standing are permitted to host parties at the Gazebo this summer. There is a limit of 30 guests per event (no exceptions). There is a \$100 Reservation Fee, along with \$10/guest. There is no charge for Party Guests who are already Lake Members. Please check at the Gate Guard Hut for more information.

You must register for a party at least two weeks in advance, so we can properly staff the date and ensure there are no “double-bookings”.

All Guest Rules/Guidelines outlined above apply to Party Guests.

DAY PASSES:

Lincoln Park Residents are welcome to visit the LPCL every day.

Day Pass Rates are \$12/person, \$40/Family of four. Proof of Residence must be provided to be eligible for the Resident Day Pass Rate.

Non-Residents may purchase Day Passes Monday - Thursday (excluding Holidays). Exceptions will not be made to this policy, please plan accordingly.

Day Pass Rates (per day):

- \$20 per person
- \$70 for a Family of four per day

Water/Swimming:

Parents/Guardians must watch children in their care at all times. The Lake Staff cannot be expected to “keep an eye” on your children specifically. While Lifeguards are trained to keep a watchful eye on the water and all swimmers, they should not be expected to act as babysitters. They are responsible to watch an entire zone of the water, not a single person, regardless of the number of patrons on site.

“If your child is in the water, you should be too!”

The bathing area is delineated with ropes indicating water depth with young children in mind (up to the first rope for toddlers, the second rope for younger/school-age children, past the third rope for any patrons who are able to swim). Please be mindful of this when your children are in the water, or if you are an adult who cannot swim.

Swim Lessons: Two (two-week) Sessions will be offered this year. Registration Forms will be available in the Gate Guard Hut in June, and Lessons will start the week of July 10th.

Lifeguard Whistle Protocols:

Lifeguards use whistles to alert/warn swimmers, please be reminded Lifeguards are responsible for the area around them (in and out of the water), the Lifeguard on watch must not be disturbed, and please present questions to other staff members. ***However, in the event of a missing person, please alert the first staff member you see.***

If you hear.....

- **Single Whistle Chirp:** This is a warning, usually intended for someone in the water, please follow the instructions of the Lifeguard on watch. A single whistle warning may be a child past the second rope with a flotation device, someone hanging on the ropes, or too many people on the slide/dock
- **Double Whistle Chirp:** Indicates a distressed swimmer - please clear the water while we assist the person(s) and wait for a staff member to signal the water has been re-opened.
- **Triple Whistle Chirp:** Indicates a missing patron - the water must be cleared immediately to enable lifeguards to initiate a search. Please listen for instruction/direction from a Staff member. When a triple-whistle chirp is activated, 911 will be called and Police/EMS will likely arrive. Please follow the instruction(s) of the Lake Staff and/or rescue workers on site.

Lifeguards on water watch should not be disturbed or distracted (*the only exception is to notify the staff of a missing person*), if you have a question, please ask the Site Supervisor, a Lifeguard who is “off-rotation”, or Gate Guard.

Kayaks/Peddleboats/Stand-Up Paddleboards:

- Peddle Boats, Kayaks and Stand Up Paddleboards are available for use from 11AM - 5PM, with a 30 minute ride limit;
- The last vessel will go out on the water no later than 4:45;
- Family Waiver must be signed for the season (Member waivers are electronically signed and recorded in Civic Rec), the age requirements of the rider(s) will be enforced, see below;
- Passengers on peddle boats and kayaks must be at least 13 years old, or be accompanied by an adult (18/over) - a 12 year old cannot ride with a 16 year-old sibling/friend;
- Passengers on Stand Up Paddleboards must be at least 16 years old;
- Life Vests must be worn (no exceptions);
- No smoking or beverages;
- All bags brought on boats are subject to inspection;
- Watercraft must remain visible to staff at all times;
- Remain on the watercraft at all times - if you encounter trouble/fall out, please wait for a staff member to come out to help - DO NOT enter the water to help someone who has fallen in;
- Waivers are signed electronically when registering online, paper waivers are required for guests and will be kept on file

Children under the age of 13 are not permitted to take a vessel out on their own (they must be accompanied by someone at least 18 years old).
(A 12 year old cannot ride with a 16 year-old sibling)

Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in expulsion from the Facility for the day and possible loss of Seasonal Membership.

Weather Policy:

Nobody likes a rainy day!

The Lake is will be open daily from June 24th to September 4th (Labor Day). However, in the event of inclement weather, the protocol for Lake Closure is as follows:

If it is raining at the time the Lake is to be opened to the public, the lake will not open. Conditions will be evaluated - if rain will be coming to end near opening time, we will likely open. If the Lake has a “delayed” opening, weather conditions will be re-evaluated at 1:30PM, it is still raining (or expected to rain) at that time, the Lake will be closed for the day. Likewise, if rain starts during the day, we will look at the forecast and do our best to determine whether we remain open (we’ll stay open for a “passing shower”, but will likely close if rain is forecast for the rest of the day)

Lightning/Thunder:

If lightning is seen in the area, the water will be closed for 30 minutes until no strikes are seen for thirty (30) minutes.

If thunder is heard, the water will remain closed until no thunder is heard for twenty (20) minutes.

Patrons must exit the beach and move to the Pavilion or their vehicles until the beach is re-open.