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Boating Safety Tips:

- Participate in a boaters safety course
- Know before you go!
- Develop a float plan
- Learn to swim
- Wear a PFD
- Check your boat and gear

Enjoy Centennial Lake Safely

Centennial Lake is over 50-acres of incredible scenic beauty. The Park itself has won three awards for its natural design and sensitivity to nature. The Lake is a popular spot for fishing for large mouth bass, rainbow trout, bluegill, and crappie. Boating is allowed March– November with a permit that can be obtained at the boathouse. For more information on Centennial Park’s fishing, boating, and rentals, click [here](#).



While enjoying Centennial Park and its beautiful lake please keep in mind that there is an inherent danger to boating! According to the US Coast Guard “Each year hundreds of lives are lost... thousands are injured... and millions of dollars of property damage occurs because of preventable recreational boating accidents on U.S. waterways.” Even in a lake the size of Centennial, sudden storms, cold weather, and improper equipment can cause serious problems. So, while enjoying our award winning park, please remember, “Safety first!”

Wearing a proper fitting personal flotation device is key to boater safety! Loaners can be found at the Centennial Boat Ramp kiosk.

Know Before You Go!

When considering safety, the more you know the better off you are. No matter how small the trip, good planning can make all the difference! Here are some things to consider before you ever leave the house:

- What will the weather be like?
- When will sunset be?
- Is my boat and other gear in good working order?
- Does anyone know where I am going and when I should be back?
- Do I have a way to call for help?
- Where are the shallow reefs, submerged trees and other underwater dangers?
- Does my boat have a drain plug and is it with me?
- Do I have the required number of PFDs