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**10.03 – 1000 Purpose**

The purpose of these rules is to manage watercraft access to and from Blue Lake through Blue Lake Regional Park.

**10.03 – 1005 Definitions**

1. “Non-motorized watercraft” is defined as a non-motorized device capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water. Exemptions include inner tubes, and beach and water toys.
2. “Motorized watercraft” is defined as any device capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water that is propelled in-whole or in-part by machinery, including being temporarily equipped with detachable motors. These include gasoline and electric motors.
3. “Watercraft” includes non-motorized and motorized watercraft.

**10.03 – 1010 Legal Authority**

These rules are issued under authority of Metro Code. These rules are in addition to all other requirements and provisions in Metro Code Title X.

**10.03 – 1015 Applicability of Rules**

These rules apply to Blue Lake Regional Park.

**10.03 – 1020 Watercraft Type, Size, and Time Restrictions**

Access to and from Blue Lake through Blue Lake Regional Park is permitted as follows:

1. Non-motorized watercraft. Non-motorized watercraft, including sailboats less than seventeen (17) feet in length, paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes, may be launched and retrieved from designated areas in the park year-round.

2. Motorized watercraft. Motorized watercraft, less than fourteen (14) feet in length AND 3.0 horsepower in motor capability, may be launched and retrieved from the boat ramp from October 1 to April 30 of the next calendar year.
3. Launching and retrieving watercraft is only permitted when Blue Lake Regional Park is open to the public.
4. Access to launch and retrieve watercraft may be restricted due to special events, maintenance activities near or in the lake, or park closure.
5. Watercraft launched from Blue Lake Regional Park must be off the lake one (1) hour before the park closes.

*Table 1 – Summary of type, size, and time restrictions*

<b>Type of watercraft</b>	<b>Seasonal access rules</b>
<u>Non-motorized watercraft</u> includes sailboats less than 17 feet in length, paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes.	<u>Year-round</u> Permitted to launch from the park in designated areas. Prohibited from the swim-beach area.
<u>Motorized watercraft</u> less than 14 feet in length AND 3.0 horsepower in motor capability	<u>October 1 - April 30</u> Permitted to launch from the boat ramp only. Must obtain permission from the park office for access prior to driving on pedestrian pathways. <u>May 1 - September 30</u> Special Use Permit required.
Motorized and non-motorized watercraft that exceed size or motor capability specifications	<u>Year-round</u> Special Use Permit required.

### **10.03 – 1025 Launching Restrictions**

1. Launching and retrieving watercraft is only permitted from designated locations.
2. Launching and retrieving watercrafts is prohibited from the fishing pier and in the swim beach area.
3. Mooring watercraft on the fishing pier is prohibited.
4. Access to the boat ramp by vehicle is only permitted between October 1 and April 30 of the next calendar year or by Special Use Permit.
5. Prior to accessing the boat ramp with a vehicle to launch or retrieve watercraft, staff at the park office must be notified and permission obtained.

### **10.03 – 1030 Boat Livery Business**

Boat livery businesses are prohibited to operate at Blue Lake Regional Park.

### **10.03 – 1035 Variances**

If seeking permission to launch or retrieve boats outside the permissions of these rules a Special Use Permit must be obtained. Visit [oregonmetro.gov/specialuse](http://oregonmetro.gov/specialuse) to review Special Use Permit process, rules, and apply.

### **10.03 – 1040 State Rules**

1. All Oregon state rules and regulations are in effect on Blue Lake and must be followed.
2. All watercraft must have:
  - a. a USGS approved personal flotation device/life vest for each person in the watercraft; and
  - b. a sound signaling appliance or device onboard, such as a whistle.
3. Children age twelve (12) and under must wear a personal flotation device/life vest at all times.
4. To help prevent the spread of invasive species in Oregon waterways:
  - a. CLEAN all aquatic plants, animals, and mud from your vehicle, boat, motor, or trailer and discard in the trash.
  - b. RINSE, scrub, or pressure wash, as appropriate, but away from storm drains, ditches, or waterways.
  - c. DRAIN live wells, bilge, and all internal compartments.
  - d. DRY your boat between uses, if possible. Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water.
  - e. SCRUB or pressure-wash life jackets, waders, boots, landing nets, and other gear that contacted the water.
  - f. INSPECT everything for signs of aquatic invasive species before launching and before leaving.