

Summer Marina Listings [05-21-09]

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This is Safe Boating Week, and the first big boating weekend of the season starts this Friday – Memorial Day is Monday, and a lot of families will have the day off. With that in mind, here is a listing of the boat ramps on Marine Creek Lake, Lake Worth and Eagle Mountain Lake, as well as the marinas on Eagle Mountain Lake. Hours, services and launch fees were checked Sunday. Boat safe this summer!

Marine Creek Lake:

Two ramps. South access via Marine Creek Parkway, North access at the end of Ten Mile Bridge Road. No services. Skiing and PWCs are prohibited.

Lake Worth:

The two primary boat ramps are at Casino Beach, off Surfside Drive west of the Hwy. 199 bridge, and Arrow “S” Park, just off Cahoba Drive under the Loop-820 bridge. However, the Arrow “S” ramp is closed for renovation. Small, shallow ramps are available at Sunset Park and Joy Park on Watercress Drive. Alcohol is not allowed in these parks since they are in the Fort Worth city limits.

There is no gas available on the lake and there is a consumption ban on fish. The Lake Worth Boat & Ski Club (817-237-4731) has ice, packaged snacks and beverages for sale. *Lake permit sticker required, available at the Lake Management Office, 7601 Cahoba Dr. Open M-F 8-5. 817-237-6890.* If you want to boat legally on Lake Worth, you have to plan ahead.

Although the lake is down about two feet below normal, Lake Worth is navigable via the West Fork of the Trinity River up past the Fort Worth Nature Center. Take it slow if you don't know the channel. There are a lot of submerged stumps in the river. Remember that fishing from your boat is legal, but fishing from the shore at the Nature Center is prohibited.

Eagle Mountain Lake:

NOTE: Twin Points Beach and RV Resort is no longer in operation and Rosser Park has also closed.

NOTE: Peden Road where it enters Eagle Mountain Lake can no longer be used as a launch ramp.

NOTE: There are no rental boats or PWCs available on Eagle Mountain Lake this year.

Shady Grove Park, Azle: narrow, shallow, two-lane concrete ramp, parking for 35 vehicles. No fee. No services. Rocky shore. Take Hwy. 730 to Stribling Drive, turn left at Lancaster, and left at J. D. Johnson Drive. City of Azle Parks office: 817-444-7127. No alcohol or glass containers are allowed in Azle Parks.

West Bay Marina and RV Park: \$5 fee to launch. 186 slips, 80 RV sites, no tent camping. Fuel, pump-out, small restaurant and a ship's store. Jacksboro Highway to FM 730. Go north to Sandy Beach Road, right to Liberty School Road, left ½ mile to Liberty School Tap Road, then right ½ mile to the marina. Closed Monday and Tuesday. Phone 817-444-1622.

Eagle Mountain Marine Quest Marina: \$15 fee to launch. Ramp can handle boats 20 feet and longer. Marina has gas, ice, pump-out, ship's store and live bait. Open Wednesday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Tuesday. The marina is located at the west end of the Eagle Mountain dam and spillway. Phone 817-237-5588.

Augie's Sunset Café: \$10 fee to launch from the small ramp. Located at the east end of the Eagle Mountain dam and spillway. Fuel dock, bait house and restaurant. Café is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Phone 817-237-5868.

Harbor One Marine Quest Marina: \$15 fee to launch or a season ramp pass is available for \$250. Two miles past Lake Country Estates on Boat Club Road. Fuel, ice, beverages, snacks available at the gas dock. Marina offices are open from 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Phone 817-236-8150.

Lake Country Marine Quest Marina: \$15 fee to launch. Take Live Oak Lane off Boat Club Road and follow the signs. Ship's store has fuel, snacks and limited boat parts. Open Wednesday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday. Phone 817-236-8362.

Lakeview Marina: \$10 fee to launch. From Morris-Dido-Newark Road (FM 1220) take a left at Peden Road and follow it to the lake. Deep-water ramp. Fuel, ice, snacks and beverages available. Pump-out station. Full repair service. Manager lives on site. Phone 817-236-1331. Lakeview Grill is open Friday 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Phone 817-236-1006.

Creek Harbor: Off Morris-Dido-Newark Road just north of Indian Creek. Admission is \$3 per person and there is a \$5 fee to launch. Age 65 and over or six and under admitted free. Live bait, light tackle, lures, ice and snacks. 12 air-conditioned cabins, campsites, RV sites, showers, playground, pavilion and picnic area. Creek Harbor is the only facility on the lake open to the public where you can pitch a tent. For information, call 817-236-6111.