Amistad

National Recreation Area
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Boating

Boating Fees at Amistad

Every vessel on the US portion of Amistad Reservoir that requires a state boat registration must have a daily or annual Amistad Lake Use Permit. Human or wind-powered craft under 14 feet are exempt from lake use fees.

These fees are part of the federal government's Fee Demonstration Program. Eighty percent of the lake use fees stay here at Amistad NRA to fund recreation-related projects such as improvements to boat ramps, boat docks, and other park facilities.

Daily Lake Use Permits

Daily permits are $4 (per 24 hours), up to 7 consecutive days, but may not otherwise be purchased in advance. *A three day permit* is $10 and is valid for 72 hours from the time of purchase.

Daily permits are a receipt that must be carried aboard the boat at all times of operation. Permits are nonrefundable, non-transferable and may not be sold, traded, or given away.

Annual Lake Use Permits

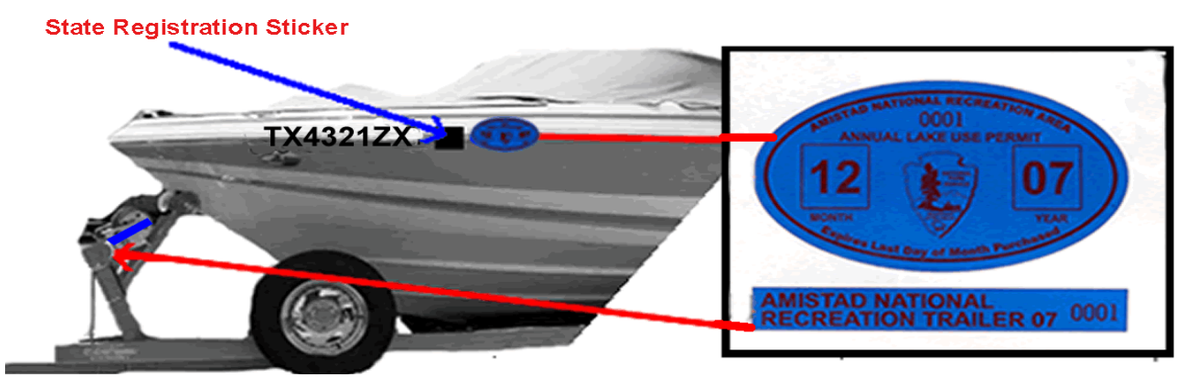
Annual permits are $40 and are valid for one full year from the month they were purchased. The permit is an oval-shaped sticker that must be affixed to the boat behind (aft of) the state boat registration numbers on the port (left) side.

The rectangular sticker should be placed on the left side of your boat trailer, high enough to keep it out of the water. If possible, place it on the winch housing.

The Amistad NRA Annual Lake Use Permit is also honored at these regional National Park Service sites: Lake Meredith near Fritch, TX and Lake Chickasaw near Sulphur, OK.

The National Park Service is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen permits.

AMISTAD NRA PERMIT LOCATION ON BOTH BOAT AND TRAILER



Automated Fee Machines

Permits can be purchased at fee machines located at Rough Canyon, Diablo East, Box Canyon and the Pecos using cash, Visa, or Master Card. Change is given in dollar coins, so exact change is recommended. Fee machines dispense daily, 3-day, or annual permit receipts. ***Annual permit receipts must be exchanged for a permanent Lake Use Permit sticker within 14 days or it will become invalid.*** Exchanges can be made at the Visitor Information Center or at the marinas at Diablo East and Rough Canyon.

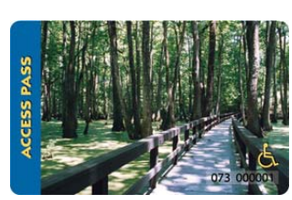
Permits are also available inside the Visitor Information Center; open daily from 8 am to 5 pm (except Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1); permits can be purchased with cash, check, or major credit card.

Lake Use Permits can only be purchased in person. They are not available by phone, mail, or e-mail.

Senior & Access Pass Holders

Interagency Senior and Access Pass holders may purchase daily or annual Lake Use Passes at half-price. Boats must be registered in the name of the pass holder.

More information on Senior and Access passes is available at www.nps.gov/amis and the park visitor center.



Boating on the Mexican Side

Buoys mark the international border along the Rio Grande arm of Amistad Reservoir. Above Buoy 28, the border is the mid-channel of the lake and river.

For current Mexican boating and fishing requirements, go to www.conapescasandiego.org. Two local sources of permits and information are:

- Amistad Marine- 830.775.0878
- Fisherman's Headquarters- 830.774.5670

Required Equipment

- One readily accessible USCG approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each person on board, plus one Type IV/throwable PFD per vessel. Children ages 12 and under are required to wear a PFD at all times while the vessel is underway.
- Fire extinguisher
- Horn, bell or whistle
- Navigation lights are required between the hours of sunset and sunrise

Prohibited Operations

- **It is prohibited** to operate a vessel, or knowingly allow another person to operate a vessel, in a reckless or negligent manner, or in a manner likely to endanger persons or property.
- **It is prohibited** to allow a person to ride on the gunwales, transom, or on the decking over the bow of a vessel that is moving in excess of 5 mph, except if that portion of the vessel was designed and constructed for the purpose of carrying passengers.
- **It is prohibited** to fail to observe restrictions established by a regulatory buoy.
- **It is prohibited** to operate a vessel in excess of 5 m.p.h. or to create a wake in designated harbor areas or within 100 feet of a diver's marker, downed water skier, or swimmer.
- **It is prohibited** to operate a vessel under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances to a degree that may endanger oneself or another person, or damage property or park resources.

Operation by Children

If you are **younger than 17 years of age**, you must meet one of the following to operate a vessel:

- You must pass an approved boater education course, and have proof, such as a Boater Education Card; or
- You must be accompanied by a person 18 years or older.

No one under the age of 13 may operate a vessel alone.

Water Skiing

Water skiing is permitted between sunrise and sunset. Three people are required for water skiing: a driver, a skier, and an observer. Water skiers must wear a USCG approved PFD while in tow.

It is prohibited to tow or be towed in channels; or within 500 feet of areas designated as harbors, swimming beaches, or mooring areas; or within 100 feet of a person fishing or swimming, or a diver's marker

Accidents

All incidents involving an accident, collision, fire, or injury must be reported to the National Park Service (below) within 24 hours.

For emergencies, dial 911

***REMEMBER*:**
ALCOHOL AND BOATING
DO NOT MIX**!**

Keep Amistad Mussel Free!

Zebra and Quagga mussels are small non-native aquatic hitchhikers. They are invading freshwater habitats at an alarming rate. These pests colonize all available surfaces, can clog engine intakes, and ruin fisheries.

Boaters can help protect Amistad's waters by following these procedures:

- Before launching, remove all plant and animal material from the boat and inspect all exposed surfaces of your boat, including the hull.
- If coming from waters already 'infected,' wash the hull with high-pressure soapy water, drain all water from the boat, live well, and lower unit, and allow everything to dry for five days. Don't' forget to dry fishing gear and bait buckets.

Zebra Mussel, left; **Quagga Mussel**, right.

For more information: http://100thmeridian.org

Visitor Center, US Hwy 90 W near Blackbrush boat ramp, open daily 8 am to 5 pm, has exhibits and book sales

Amistad National Recreation Area **4121 Veterans Blvd, Del Rio TX 78840** **830.775.7491 ext.0** **www.nps.gov/amis**

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