

Lake Mead

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Lake Mead National Recreation Area



Motorized Vessel Use - Willow Beach to Hoover Dam

To allow for a wide variety of recreational opportunities the following rules are in effect:

Year-round (Sunday and Monday)

The canyon from Willow Beach to Hoover Dam (Black Canyon) will be managed as a primitive zone where people can experience a variety of motor-less recreational opportunities in a natural setting. PWC's (personal watercraft) and vessels with motors are prohibited on those days.

Fall, Winter and Spring (Tuesday - Saturday)

The canyon from Willow Beach to Hoover Dam (Black Canyon) will be managed as a semi-primitive zone. PWC's (personal watercraft) remain prohibited. Boating is restricted to vessels with 65-horsepower engines or less.

Summer (Tuesday - Saturday)

The canyon from Willow Beach to Hoover Dam (Black Canyon) will be managed as a rural-natural zone. During the busy boating season there are no horsepower restrictions and PWC's (personal watercraft) are allowed.

Houseboating, water-skiing, and wakeboarding remain prohibited for safety reasons because of the narrow canyon environment.