



## **Watercraft Rack Rental Agreement & Application – 2026** **Friends of Chester Woods (FOCW)** **Chester Woods Park**

The ***Friends of Chester Woods*** and Chester Woods Park (hereafter “the Park”) provides for its friends and participants a storage rack rental program for their small, motorless watercraft (canoes, kayaks, paddle boards). For 2026, we are offering 2 options: a **Seasonal Rental Option** or an **Annual Rental Option**.

**Seasonal renters** may store personal watercraft at the Park for the boating season, **from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>**. **Annual renters** may store personal watercraft at the Park from **April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027**.

Storage racks are made available on a first-come, first-served basis, pending approval of a completed application and payment of the appropriate rent. Storage is limited to personal, small watercraft such as canoes, kayaks and paddle boards that measure no more than the following limits: length = 20 feet; width = 3 feet; depth = 20 inches. The application is at the end of this document on pages 3 - 5.

Please read this agreement document thoroughly prior to filling out the application information required, and sign and date the application. Your signature indicates that you have read, understand and will abide by the rules (below) of this program.

**Rack Services:** Watercraft storage racks have been installed near the Bear Creek Reservoir in the Park. Though the rack stanchions are situated away from the shoreline, the racks may be flooded due to a severe storm event. No watercraft damage is expected, however, neither FOCW nor the Park accepts any liability for storm damage to watercraft – on the racks, or in use – from flood or any other storm. Owners should have insurance (homeowner’s or other) to cover any losses due to all causes, including storm, vandalism, fire and theft – on or off Park property.

Watercraft stored on the racks are available to owners at any time the Park is open to the public. Current hours are from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Please check with the Park for current seasonal park hours. Plan your boating excursions accordingly.

Rack J and K are only for canoes or extra-long kayaks. Rack H is only for kayaks. It is recommended that only one kayak be stored per rack.

The **Seasonal Rental Agreement** is valid for one season only and may not be extended. The **Annual Rental Agreement** is valid for one year and may be extended utilizing the same rack. Owners must apply for racks each season, including a new, current application, properly filled out.

**Seasonal:** Storage racks are available from **April 1 to November 1, 2026**. Rent for the 2026 season is \$100.00, paid in full, in advance. A second rack may be rented at the same rate.

**Annual:** Annual racks are available from **April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027**. Rent for the 2026 season is \$150.00, paid in full in advance. A second rack may be rented at the same rate.

**Assignment of spaces:** On the first workday of January, FOCW will open in random order all applications that have been received. FOCW will attempt to honor rack location preferences, if desired, but will not guarantee specific rack assignments. Two owners may exchange rack

spaces if both agree, and if FOCW agrees to the exchange. All watercraft over 10 feet **must** be registered with the state. One owner may rent up to two racks but must be the owner of all watercrafts stored.

**Rules:**

- For purposes of this agreement, watercraft acceptable for storage on FOCW racks includes canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards. Maximum acceptable dimensions of watercraft are 20' long, 36" wide, and 20" deep. "watercraft" refers to any watercraft legally stored on the FOCW racks.
- No motors may be stored in conjunction with this rental storage program.
- FOCW will assign rack space to accepted applicants pending availability.
- Renter may store watercraft only on assigned rack space(s), no paddles, masts, personal flotation devices, or related watercraft equipment are permitted.
- Renter must own the watercraft, and the watercraft must have current state registration as required. Any watercraft 10 feet long or less does not require a state registration.
- Renter must be at least 18 years old.
- Renter must provide their own chain/cable and locks (1 minimum for each watercraft), and neither FOCW nor Chester Woods Park will have access to lock or watercraft.
- Renter must maintain and care for watercraft. Neither FOCW nor the Park accepts any liability or responsibility for watercraft.
- Renter must fill out, date, sign and submit the application with full payment included. The renter may request a preferred rack(s), but FOCW may not be able to accommodate the request. Any applications dated and received prior to January 1 will go into a random drawing for priority of assigning racks. Once accepted and the rack is assigned, the renter will be notified by email of their assigned rack(s).

**All seasonal watercraft must be removed from racks by November 1<sup>st</sup>:** Watercraft not removed by end of season may be removed by Park staff and stored at the Park facility, as needed. The owner will pay \$30 handling fee to remove the watercraft plus \$5/day storage for any unit not removed by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Vacated Racks:** If racks are vacated by the owner, in writing, FOCW may re-rent vacated racks. An empty rented rack can be deemed vacated if it is vacated for one month (30 consecutive days). FOCW and/or The Park will make reasonable attempts to contact owners of vacant racks to understand the conditions at that time. Owners are advised to notify FOCW/the Park if the watercraft will be used while on vacation or other temporary relocations and will not be returned for more than a month. FOCW/The Park will honor such notices.

**Securing watercraft:** Watercraft stored on FOCW racks **must be secured at both ends and locked at least on one end but strongly suggested on both ends.** Failure to secure a watercraft properly could be the cause of damage to other watercraft on that rack; and the owner will bear all liability for damage caused by owner's watercraft. Park staff will check the storage racks frequently to maintain safe and secure storage facilities; but the owner must assure the security of the owner's watercraft. We recommend a heavy-duty chain and lock be used instead of a light cable system. Failure to secure watercraft after being warned by Park staff may be cause for revocation of the rental agreement and immediate removal of unsecured watercraft.

**Refund:** Prorated rental fees may be refunded, if requested in writing before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season – less \$15 administrative fees. Released racks may be re-rented immediately.



Office Use Only: Date/Time App. Recv'd: \_\_\_\_\_

Recv'd by: \_\_\_\_\_

### **WATERCRAFT STORAGE RACK RENTAL APPLICATION**

FOCW / Chester Woods Park 2026 Season, April 1 – November 1 :: 2026 Annual Season, April 1 - March 31

☐ Seasonal \$100.00 per rack ☐ Annual \$150.00

**Applicant Information to be filled out in full. Please print plainly.**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Canoe/Kayak/Paddle Board Information**

**Watercraft #1 – circle one:** canoe, kayak, paddle board:

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Factory Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

\*State Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ Desired Rack No: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Required if over 10 feet

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**Watercraft #2 – circle one:** canoe, kayak, paddle board:

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Factory Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

\*State Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ Desired Rack No: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Required if over 10 feet

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**Watercraft #3 – circle one:** canoe, kayak, paddle board:

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Factory Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

\*State Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ Desired Rack No: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Required if over 10 feet



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***FOCW / Chester Woods Park***

***2026 Watercraft Storage Rack Rental Agreement & Receipt for an Annual or Seasonal Application***

☐ Seasonal \$100.00 per rack      ☐ Annual \$150.00 per rack

☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Cash

Amount Tendered: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature below, I state that I have read the Watercraft Rental Agreement and will abide by the rules of this program.

**Required Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Seasonal \$100.00 per rack                      ☐ Annual \$150.00 per rack

☐ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Cash:

**Please Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by FOCW/Park: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FOCW/Park Staff Signature)

Rack Assignment(s):

Watercraft #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Watercraft #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Watercraft #3: \_\_\_\_\_