

**Watercraft Rack Rental Agreement - 2020**  
**Chester Woods Park**  
**Friends of Chester Woods (FOCW)**

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). Renters may store personal watercraft at the Park for the boating season, **from April 1 to November 1**.

Storage racks are made available on a first-come, first-served basis, pending approval of a completed application and payment of the seasonal dues. 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. Applications may be obtained from the Park office or from **FriendsOfChesterWoods.org**.

Please read this application document thoroughly, fill out the 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. The rack stanchions are situated away from the shoreline, high and dry, but within the 500-yr flood plain. In a 13-foot rise in pool level (happened in 2007) the lowest racks might be in a foot of pooled water. No boat damage is expected, even under these kinds of extremes; however, the Park accepts no liability for storm damage to watercraft -- in 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 -- in 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. The Park is closed on two weekends from 5:00 AM to 12:00 PM in April for the Youth Turkey Hunt. Please check with the Park for current seasonal gate hours. Plan your boating excursions accordingly.

Rental Agreements are valid for one season only and may not be extended. Owners must apply for racks each season, including a new, current application, properly filled out.

**Season:** Storage racks are available from **April 1 to November 1, 2020**. Dues for the 2020 season are \$100.00, paid in full, in advance. A second rack may be rented at the following rate: located on a top rack position for \$50.00, or located on a bottom or middle rack position at \$100.00.

**Assignment of spaces:**

On the first workday of January, the park staff will open in random order all applications that have been received . The park staff 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 the Park agrees to the exchange. All new 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 Park racks includes canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards. Maximum acceptable length of watercraft is 20' long, 36" wide, and 20" deep. "watercraft" refers to any watercraft legally stored on the Park racks.
- No motors may be stored in conjunction with this rental storage program.
- Park will assign rack space to accepted applicants.
- Renter may store watercraft only in 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.
- Renter must be at least 18 years old.
- Renter will provide own chain/cable and locks (1 for each watercraft), and park will not have access to lock or watercraft.
- Renter must maintain and care for watercraft. Park accepts no 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 space(s), but the park may not be able to accommodate the request. Any applications dated prior to January 1 will go into a random drawing for priority of assigning spaces. Once accepted and rack space is assigned, the Renter will be notified by email of their assigned slot.

**All watercraft must be removed from racks by November 1.** Watercraft not removed by end of season may be removed by Park staff and stored at the Park facility, as needed. Owner will pay \$5/day for rack occupancy beyond November 1. If watercraft is removed from rack by Park staff, owner will pay \$30 handling plus \$5/day storage.

**Vacated Racks:** If racks are vacated by the owner, in writing, the Park may re-rent vacated racks. An empty rented rack can be deemed vacated if it is unused for one month (30 consecutive days). The Park will make reasonable attempts to contact owners of vacant racks to understand the conditions at that time. Owners are advised to notify 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. The Park will honor such notices.

**Securing watercraft:** Watercraft stored in Park racks **must be secured at both ends and locked at least on one end.** 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 owner's watercraft. Failure to secure watercraft after being warned by Park 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 1st of the current season -- less \$15 administrative fees. Released racks may be re-rented immediately.