

Mercer County Marina

"Did You Know" Facts:



Lake Mercer was constructed at no cost to taxpayers because the fill was used to construct Interstate 295. In 1975, the 365-acre lake began with the construction of a dam by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service (now known as Natural Resources Conservation Service.)



The dam which created the lake was built to control flooding along the Assunpink Creek in

the City of Trenton and neighboring areas. This project turned a former marsh into a lake suitable for boating and fishing, which led to the development of the boathouse and marina.

On the north shore of Lake Mercer, the boathouse of the Finn M. W. Caspersen Rowing Center was privately financed in 2000 by three local prep schools for the use of their crew and local teams to develop the sport of rowing.

The Finn M.W. Caspersen Rowing Center was designated



as an official Olympic training site for the 2004 Summer Games in Athens, Greece, and again for the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing, China. Olympic athletes regularly use Lake Mercer as a training site. The athletes who trained on the Lake won two medals in the 2004 : Olympic Games. The US Men's Eight won the Gold Medal, and the Women's Eight won the Silver Medal.

2010 Lake Mercer and Marina Events



April

16th **Mercer Lake Sprints**

17th **MAAC Rowing Championship**

May

7 th & 8th **Northeast Junior Regional Rowing Championships**

29th, 30th & 31st **Memorial Day Weekend**
Boat rentals available on Saturday, Sunday & Memorial Day.
Marina opens 12 pm to 6pm on weekends-only until June 13th
(last boat rents at 6 pm, returns to dock by 7 pm)

June

12th&13th **New Jersey "Free Fishing Days" for 2010**
(no fishing license needed these days only)

16th **Marina regular summer boat rental schedule begins:**
Monday and Tuesday: closed.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 12pm to 5pm
Saturday & Sunday: 12pm to 6pm

26th **Mercer County Freedom Festival, Mercer County Park**
3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Marina closes 2 p.m.)

July

25th **New Jersey State Triathlon, Mercer County Park**
5:30 a.m. to 12 noon

September

6th **Labor Day - Final Day of Marina Boat Rental Operations**

D&D Catering



At Mercer County Park

On the Water's Edge at the Marina



The Perfect Place for
Weddings, Parties, Business Meetings,
Corporate Events, and Private Picnics

For more information,
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(609) 586-0883

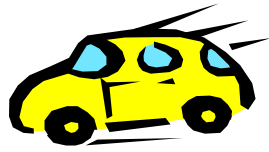


Piscine Pursuits

Lake Mercer is considered one of the best "Musky" fisheries in New Jersey, closely followed by the lake's large-mouth bass population. Lake Mercer truly is a "go-to" place for freshwater fishing.

Lake Mercer also has a thriving population of other species, which are accessible by boat and from the shore. Licensed fishermen and women can hope to catch any of the following species: black crappie, sunfish, yellow perch, bluegills, pumpkinseed and American eel to name a few.

The Mercer County Park Commission advocates "Catch & Release" fishing.



Directions:

From Princeton: Take Route 1 South past Nassau Park Blvd. Go 0.4 miles under the overpass onto Quakerbridge Road (Rt. 533 South.) Go through 5 traffic lights and turn left onto Youngs Road. Then go 0.3 miles and turn right onto Hughes Drive; follow Hughes to left turn at Mercer County Park entrance (please note that the park is BEFORE Mercer County Community College.) Take the winding, divided park road for 1.2 miles, pass the West Picnic Area, and turn left at the Marina entrance.

From I-95 and I-295: Take exit 67A (Rt. 1 North towards New Brunswick.) Stay to the right and pass Quakerbridge Mall. Exit right onto Quakerbridge Road (Rt. 533 South.) Go through 4-5 traffic lights and turn left onto Youngs Road. Then go 0.3 miles and turn right onto Hughes Drive; follow Hughes to left turn at Mercer County Park entrance (please note that the park is BEFORE Mercer County Community College.) Take the winding, divided park road for 1.2 miles, pass the West Picnic Area, and turn left at the Marina entrance.



Marina Schedule and Hours of Operation

BOAT RAMP: The Marina Boat Ramp is open for public use seven days a week weather permitting, from sunrise to one hour prior to sunset. No gasoline engines only electric motors are permitted on Lake Mercer. Lake closed when ice is present.

MARINA BOAT RENTAL SCHEDULE:
(Days and times shown are “weather-permitting”)

From May 29th to June 13th

- Open weekends/holidays, from 12pm to 6 pm (last boat rents at 6pm back by 7pm)

From June 16th to Sept. 6th (Labor Day)

- Wednesday thru Friday, from 12pm to 5 pm (last boat rents at 5 pm back by 6pm)
- Saturdays, Sundays & holidays, from 12pm to 6pm (last boat rents at 6 pm back by 7pm)
- Closed Mondays and Tuesdays

Lake Tours:

Pontoon boat lake tours
Saturdays and Sundays Memorial day to Labor day
50 Min tour (15 people max)
Tours begin at: 1:00pm, 3:00pm and 5:00pm
First come first serve (weather permitting)
Adult \$6, Jr \$4 (12 & under) Sr \$4 (62 and Older)

RENTAL BOATS:

Rowboats and pedal boats have a maximum capacity of 4 people per boat.
Kayaks are for one-person only.

RENTAL FEES: Row / pedal boats & Kayaks
The cost is \$15 per hour with drivers license/ID held as deposit. After the first hour the cost is \$5 per every half hour or less of use. (example: 1 hour and 15 minutes of use would total \$20)

RULES:

- Everyone in boat must wear a life vest at all times.
- No standing, rough-housing, or bumping boats.
- No swimming in the lake at any time.
- You must be at least 17 yrs old to rent a boat.
- ID (proof of age) required to rent all boats
- Fishing is permitted from rowboats only.
- All state fishing rules apply.
- 15 years or older must have a fishing license
- The last boat rents one hour before closing.



Things To Do

The Mercer County Marina on Lake Mercer consists of a beautiful lakeside boathouse, a boat ramp for launching small boats, 1,000 square feet of docks and rental boats. Mercer Lake is approximately 2 miles long, 365 acres in area, with an average depth of 11 feet. Numerous picnic areas and miles of bike trails surround the lake.

Visitors can enjoy the following

- Boating for canoes, kayaks, small sailboats, pedal boats and rowboats
- Fishing(15 & up license req)
- Picnics/cookout outings
- Beach volleyball courts
- Lake side village playground is barrier free & accessible to children with special needs
- Bike rentals by Knapps Cyclery (609)393-1199 located in upper marina parking lot. Saturdays & Sundays. 9am to 5pm April thru October
Regular bikes \$10/hr, \$15/2hr \$25/4hr, \$35/day
Mtn. Bikes \$50/day

All bike rentals are 1st come 1st serve & weather permitting

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