

REGULATIONS

All Colorado Parks and Wildlife Boating and Fishing Regulations apply. A complete list of City of Longmont Public Lands Code of Ordinances can be found in the Longmont Municipal Code, Title 13.

- » A life jacket is required for EACH person aboard any vessel (including paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes), and a sound producing device such as a whistle is required.
- » Children 12 and younger must WEAR a lifejacket while aboard any vessel (including paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes).
- » Boating is limited to wakeless speeds. Personal watercraft (jet-skis) are not allowed.
- » Dogs must be leashed at all times, except within the Dog Off Leash Area.
- » No alcohol or glass containers allowed.

 **Attention Boaters & Paddleboarders:**
Extreme Wind Conditions May Exist.
Water Use is Permitted at Your Own Risk.

CONTACT INFORMATION

461 County Road 26
Longmont, CO 80504
(303) 772-1265
www.longmontcolorado.gov

Reserve a Park Shelter
Open Water Swim Time
Purchase a Season Pass:
<https://rec.ci.longmont.co.us> | 303-774-4700

Questions?
Union@longmontcolorado.gov



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461 County Road 26
Longmont, CO 80504
LongmontColorado.gov/unionres



RECREATION SERVICES

WELCOME TO UNION RESERVOIR

Union Reservoir is a 736 acre body of water providing many outdoor recreational activities. Originally called Calkins Lake, the reservoir was carved out during the last glacial age and is one of only a few natural lakes in Colorado. In 1903 the Union Ditch Company began drilling a tunnel to release water into the St. Vrain River. According to Colorado water law, that made Union a true reservoir. Today visitors to Union Reservoir can enjoy fishing, swimming, wakeless boating, paddleboarding and picnicking. The Reservoir is located approximately 7 miles west of I-25.

UNION RESERVOIR HOURS

Mar 1-May 31: 6am-8pm Sept 1-Oct 31 6am-8pm
Jun 1-Aug 31: 6am-9pm Nov 1-Feb 28*: 7am-6pm

**Closed to all water access Dec 1-Feb 28. Gates closed to all entry Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Hours & Fees subject to change.*

Credit cards accepted at gate and payment kiosks.

Admission Fees:

Bicycle/Walk-In	\$2/person
Daily Vehicle	\$10
Van/Bus....Daily Vehicle Fee + \$2 per person over 10 people with a \$100 max per vehicle.	
Weekend/Holiday Vehicle	\$15
Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend	
Daily Watercraft	\$5
canoe, kayak, paddleboard, raft, and Windsurfing board	
Trailer Boat & Motorized Watercraft	\$10

Longmont Resident/Non-Res

Vehicle Season Pass	\$85/\$200
2nd Vehicle Pass	\$65/\$140
Vehicle Senior Season Pass	\$55/\$128
2nd Vehicle Senior Pass	\$45/\$90
Watercraft Pass**	\$35/\$70
Trailer Boat Pass**	\$70/\$132
Year-round Boat Storage	\$480/\$924
Storage requires purchase of vehicle & trailer boat passes	

***Requires purchase of Vehicle season pass.*

FISHING

Union Reservoir is a hot spot for fishing. A healthy population of Walleye, Trout, Wiper, Crappie, Catfish, Bass, and Sunfish provide for a quality fishing experience.

Special Bag Limits: 5 Walleye, 5 Wiper, 15 inches or longer. All other species are at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife defined bag limits.

PICNICKING

Numerous picnic sites with tables and grills are located throughout the park. Both group and individual sites are available on a first come, first served basis unless reserved. The picnic shelter may be reserved for a fee online at rec.ci.longmont.co.us

SHELTER RESERVATIONS

The blue covered shelter is near the playground, swim beach, and sand volleyball court. It boasts 6 picnic tables and a large BBQ grill. Half-day and full-day options available. Shelter is first come-first served on weekends and holidays.

	Half-Day Fee	Full-Day Fee
Mon-Fri	\$57.50	\$115.00

The blue shelter may be reserved online at rec.ci.longmont.co.us via Search/Facilities/Reserve a Park Shelter with keyword "**Union**". Admission to Union Reservoir is an additional cost and is not included with the shelter reservation fee.

PARKING

Parking at Union is first come, first served. Should maximum capacity be reached, entry is limited to 1 car out, 1 car in. Re-entry is subject to the same line. Re-entry is not guaranteed.



SWIM BEACH

A sand volleyball court, picnic shelter, and playground are located near the beach. Lifeguards are stationed at the beach for your safety. There is no smoking allowed on the swim beach. Swimming is not allowed when lifeguards are off duty.

Beach Hours: dependent on water levels
Memorial Day Weekend: Sat-Mon, 10am-5pm

June to Mid-August: Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm
 & Fri-Sun 10am-8pm

Mid-Aug to Labor Day: Weekends Only, Sat & Sun
 **hours subject to change* & Labor Day 10am-7pm

Open Water Swim:

By reservation only. Visit rec.ci.longmont.co.us with activity keyword search "**OWS**". Additional fees apply.

Available June to Mid-August. Days and times vary.

BOATING

Union Reservoir is a no-wake lake that is popular with paddleboards and small watercraft. Aquatic Nuisance Species inspections by a ranger are required for boats that are launched by trailer or use a motor, such as an electronic surfboard, prior to entering the water. Boats must be clean, drained, and dry before launching.

PADDLEBOARDS

Personal paddleboards require an additional daily watercraft fee. Paddleboard rentals and reservations are available online through rockymtnpaddleboard.com, or at 720-943-1132. Per state law, a life jacket for each person & a whistle is required while using paddleboards.

DOG OFF LEASH AREA

A dog area is located on the southeast side of the reservoir. Dogs are allowed off leash and may swim in this designated area. Dogs must be leashed in all other areas of the park.

PLAYGROUND

Playground equipment geared for all ages is located near the swim beach for your enjoyment.

RESTROOMS

Year-round, non-flushing toilets are located near the boat dock as well as near the entrance to the main parking lot.