



Norwalk Park & Recreation
 100 Republic Street
 Norwalk, OH 44857

CANOE RENTAL PROGRAM
 Veteran's Memorial Lake Park - Norwalk, Ohio
 Participant Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement

(Please read before signing. Form must be completed by the Supervising Adult that will be taking on liability for the rental).

Adult Renter's Name: *(please print)* _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
 Zip: _____ Cell #: _____ Home #: _____

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the program, related events and activities, I the undersigned acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

- The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis or death;
- I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the City of Norwalk Park & Recreation Department or others and assume full responsibility for my participation;
- I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusually significant hazard during my participation or from those under my supervision, and in my presence, I will safely remove myself from participation and bring attention of the hazard to the Norwalk Park & Recreation staff by calling (419) 663-6775;
- I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Norwalk Park & Recreation Department, its officers, officials, agents, employees, other participants, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event from any and all claims, demands, losses and liability arising out of or related to any injury, disability or loss of life that occurs, or loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of the City of Norwalk Park & Recreation Department or otherwise as allowed by law; and
- I have read this Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement. I fully understand its terms. I understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing this agreement and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement or coercion.
- I assume responsibility and shall reimburse the City of Norwalk for any damage to City owned property caused by my actions and/or negligence in participating in the Program.

Participant's Signature *Date* *Age*

Participant(s) Name: (3-person maximum per canoe, including Supervising Adult)

2. _____ **Age:** _____

3. _____ **Age:** _____

Front Desk Use ONLY

Date: _____ **Receipt #:** _____ **Canoe/Key #:** _____
Lifejacket #(s): _____/_____/_____ **Paddle #(s):** _____/_____/_____
Time Out: _____ **Staff Initials:** _____ **Time In:** _____ **Staff Initials:** _____



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CANOE RENTAL FEE
\$10/CANOE/DAY

CANOE USE GUIDELINES

Canoe Location: Veteran’s Memorial Lake Park
205 Old State Road, South Entrance (across from Executive Drive)
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

	Check-Out Times for Canoes:	Return Times for Key/Equipment:
Monday-Thursday	8:00 AM-6:00 PM	7:30 PM
Friday & Saturday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	5:30 PM
Sunday	12:00 PM-4:00 PM	5:30 PM

Each canoe use must be directly supervised by a minimum of one adult (Supervising Adult), 18 years or older.

PROCESS TO RENT

1. Stop at the Ernsthausem Recreation Center for lifejackets, paddles, and a key to unlock the canoe(s) and sign a Liability Release Form.
2. A Driver’s License must be left in exchange for the equipment, and key to unlock a designated canoe, and will be returned once the equipment and key are returned to the front desk.
3. Drive to location: Veteran’s Memorial Lake Park (see address above)
4. Unlock the canoe for use. Two adults are needed to lift the canoe off the rack.
5. After use, place canoe back on rack in designated spot that matches the number on the canoe and key/lock.
6. Lock the canoe up with the chain & lock.
7. Return the equipment to the Ernsthausem Recreation Center front desk by designated time listed above.

POLICY DETAILS

All State Watercraft regulations apply during canoe use and are summarized with the following canoe use tips.

- Each canoe is 14’ in length and can hold 3 people, maximum total of 680lbs. For your safety, do not overload a canoe, maintain at least 2 inches above the water on each side of the canoe.
- One lifejacket must be present in each watercraft for each person on board.
- Children 10 & under MUST WEAR A LIFEJACKET, with buckles fastened while on the water.
- The Norwalk Parks & Recreation Department encourages all watercraft users to wear a lifejacket while on the water. Some reservoir locations are up to 22 feet deep.
- The canoe rack is located at Veteran’s Memorial Lake Park - 205 Old State Road - Norwalk, OH. Enter the park at the south entrance (across from Executive Drive), near the water tower. You will drive past a restroom facility on your left. The rack is located in the parking area near Shelter #3.
- Canoes are rented on a first come, first serve basis. Can be reserved over the phone ON DAY OF RENTAL.
- The canoe rental season begins May 1st and ends October 1st of each year.
- Canoe rental will not be available when the facility is closed due to national holidays or because of unforeseen circumstances.
- Users may be responsible for excessive damage to the canoes and may be responsible for the cost of repair if damage is found by NPR staff after use.