

2021 Boulder Reservoir Driftwind Operations Overview

Boulder Parks and Recreation (BPR) manages all areas of the Boulder Reservoir with a balance of preservation and recreation as outlined in the vision from the Boulder Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This operation overview outlines 2021 operation agreements between BPR and Driftwind Restaurant. Per clause 3.B of the lease, this document must be complied with by both parties.

These agreements apply to 2021. Data and feedback will be collected throughout the season and considered in the After-Action Review (AAR) conducted each fall. The AAR is how the city applies an adaptive management approach to resource protection and enhancement as outlined in the Boulder Reservoir Master Plan. An adaptive management approach involves the ongoing monitoring of resource conditions, assessment of the effectiveness of management actions, revisions of management actions based on new information from research and learning from experience.

HOURS OF OPERATIONS

Driftwind's regular hours of operation for 2021 are 9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Friday - Sunday. There may be fluctuations based upon the season or private events based upon the season or private events however, the incoming gates will close at 9:00 p.m. every day (except for taxi and/or rideshare).

EVENTS

Private Events - Private events facilitated by Driftwind are allowed through the Lease, with requirements to ensure they are a value-add for the community and minimize impacts on the site or neighbors. These events are governed by City of Boulder regulations, Boulder Parks and Recreation policies, the Lease and this Operations Overview. Private events must end by midnight per the Lease. Private events that are allowed with no additional permission from the city include:

- Do not require any noise variance for additional amplified sound;
- Do not require support from City staff (e.g. any activity past 9:00p.m.); or
- Do not exceed 200 attendees.

Special Events - Special events are governed by all requirements of the City of Boulder [Special Events Guide](#). Reservoir specific requirements are outlined in Appendix A.

All Medium and Large Special Events (those with over 200 participants) are posted on the City of Boulder website by May 15. This list is updated regularly to reflect any changes. This listing includes impacts to the site based on the type and use requests of the host organization through the Special Event application process.

SOUND

All sound will adhere to the City of Boulder noise ordinances. In addition, and more restrictive than the city ordinance, outdoor speakers will be turned off at 9:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 10:00 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

Staff will monitor and record sound levels throughout the year at various times, at multiple locations throughout the site and during a variety of uses. Data collected will include:

- Location of measurements
- Decibel Level
- Time and Date of Measurements
- Activity/Use (special event, private event, general restaurant operations)

This data will be considered as part of the AAR.

LIGHTING

All lighting at the facility will continue to be compliant with the City of Boulder's lighting ordinance.

SAFETY

All Driftwind staff will be trained in Boulder Reservoir Emergency Action Plans. A city of Boulder employee will be onsite anytime members of the public are at the Reservoir.

Alcohol – Alcohol is allowed at the Boulder Reservoir under the Boulder Revised Code, which excludes the South Shore from the city's ban on open containers of alcohol in public. In addition, Special Events may include alcohol with approval through the city's Special Events process.

No alcohol is allowed in swim area at any time. This is enforced by Parks and Recreation staff on the swim beach during the hours that the swim beach is open.

Driving under the influence of alcohol is illegal. Both Driftwind and Parks and Recreation are committed to supporting safe consumption, including working with the Sheriff's Office, incentivizing ride share/taxi, and promoting designated drivers.