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CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Parks and Recreation Department

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Designated Lakes Open for Summer Shoreline Fishing

St. Petersburg, FL (May 7, 2018) – The St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department opens 20 freshwater and two saltwater lakes for the summer season, starting June 1, through Labor Day.

Fishing is permitted daily between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. A freshwater fishing license is required at all freshwater lakes for everyone except children ages 15 and under or anyone fishing in their resident county and using a pole without a reel. Florida residents over age 65 do not need a fishing license but must show proof of age and residency if requested.

Licenses are available at Pinellas County Tax Collector Offices, located at 1067 62nd Ave. S., St. Petersburg; 1800 66th St. N., St. Petersburg; 13025 Starkey Rd., Largo; and 1663 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd., Clearwater. Licenses are also available from selected bait and sporting goods stores. For more fishing license information, contact 727-464-7777.

Freshwater lakes are usually stocked with bass, bream, catfish and Nile perch. The following lakes will be open for shoreline fishing only (boats are prohibited):

- Booker Creek Park Lake – 23rd St. and 13th Ave. N.
- Childs Park Lake - 11th Ave. and 42nd St. S.
- Crescent Lake Park - 22nd Ave. and Fifth St. N.
- Eagle Crest Lake - Sixth Ave. and 66th St. N.
- Euclid Lake - 25th Ave. and 17th St. N.
- Moon Lake - 13th Ave. and 42nd St. N.
- Kelly Lake - 40th Ave. and 20th St. N.
- Jude Lake - Sixth Ave. and 55th St. N.
- Lake Vista Park - 62nd Ave. and 14th St. S.
- Lynch Lake - 70th Ave. and 18th St. N.
- Mastry Lake - 64th Ave. and 14th St. N.
- Ruby Lake - 26th Ave. and 35th St. N.
- Sheffield Lake - 24th Ave. and 49th St. N.
- Sirmons Lake - 33rd Ave. and 41st St. N.
- Teresa Gardens Lake - 32nd Ave. and 71st St. N.
- Viking Lake - 75th Ave. and 14th St. N.

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Saltwater lakes generally have speckled trout, silver trout, redfish, sheepshead, mullet, catfish and Nile perch. No license is required to fish from the shoreline from the following saltwater lakes:

- Bartlett Lake - 22nd Ave. and Fourth St. S.

The following lakes remain open for fishing year-round:

- Bartlett Lake - 22nd Ave. and Fourth St. S.
- Walter Fuller Lake - 26th Ave. and 78th St. N.
- Lake Maggiore - 38th Ave. and Dr. MLK, Jr. St. S.
- Lake Eli (Little Lake Maggiore) - 25th St. and Lamparilla Way S.
- Mirror Lake - (off Fifth St. N.) Second Ave. and Mirror Lake Dr. N.

The Parks and Recreation Department reminds anglers, who fish in city lakes, to observe the following guidelines:

- Cast netting is permitted only at Lake Maggiore and Lake Eli (Little Lake Maggiore).
- Crab traps are not allowed in any city lake.
- Obey all posted signs.
- Fish only from the shore or from designated fishing docks where available (excluding Lake Maggiore).
- Clean fish at home.
- Use trash container.
- Remove litter from your fishing outing.
- Do not encroach upon private property.
- Be considerate of the surrounding neighborhood.
- Do not create excessive noise.

For more information, contact the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department at 727-893-7441 or visit www.stpeteparksrec.org/parks-main.html.

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