



Whether you are looking for gentle paddles “down lake” near Chelan and Manson, awesome adventure through “the narrows” (mid-lake between Twenty-five Mile Creek and Lucerne), or extended excursions of discovery “up lake” in Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, touring by canoe and kayak offers a unique way to experience the exquisite beauty of Lake Chelan.



## Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

**Chelan Ranger District**  
**428 W. Woodin Ave**  
**Chelan, Washington**  
**98816**

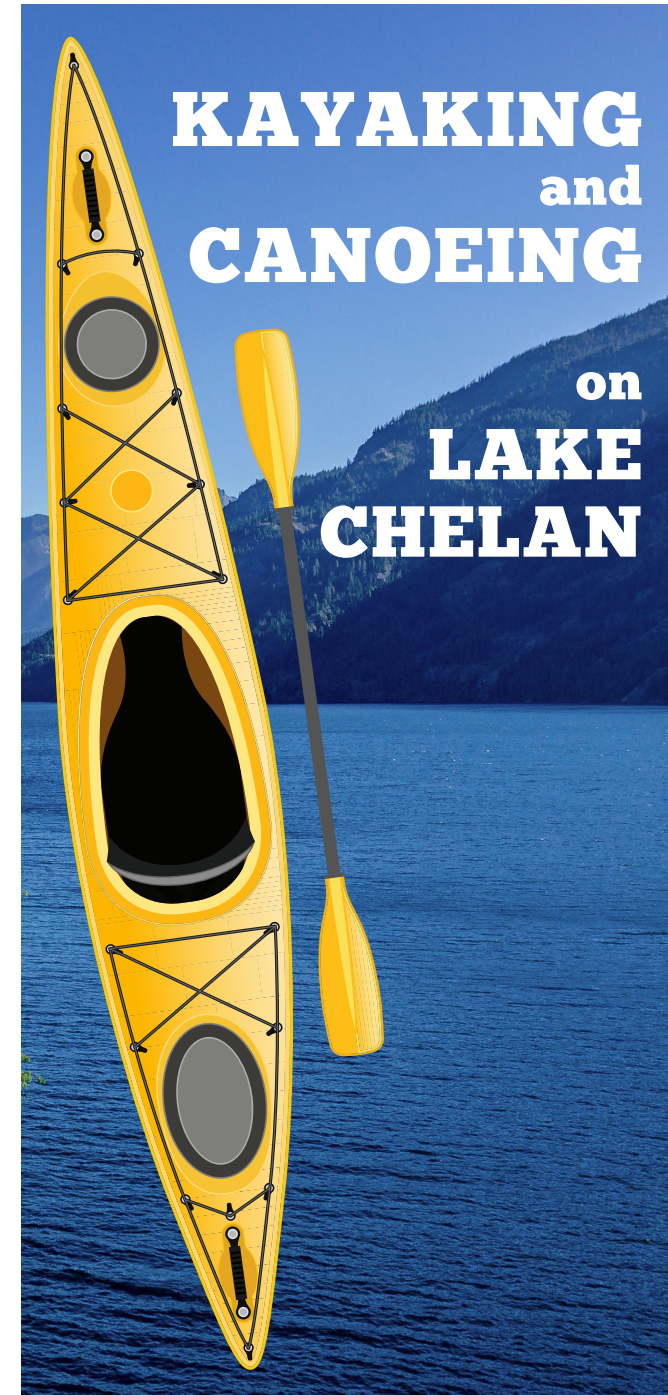
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## UNPREDICTABLE WINDS

The winds can shift at any time and vary greatly from place to place along the 51-mile long lake. Winds can be quite strong with the strongest down lake winds occurring April–July. High winds create large waves so paddlers should be prepared to take shelter. Generally, early mornings and late afternoons are calmest, although wind patterns can change abruptly based on daily variations. Venturing through “the narrows” and beyond should only be attempted by experienced paddlers.



## PADDLING ONE-WAY

It is possible to kayak one-way (i.e. from Stehekin to Lucerne) by riding with one of the passenger ferries that service Lake Chelan. Kayaks are allowed with an additional fee by reservation only.

Contact Lake Chelan Boat Company at 888-682-4584 – [ladyofthelake.com](http://ladyofthelake.com) or Stehekin Ferry at 509-699-5045 [stehekinferry.com](http://stehekinferry.com) for more information.

## FEDERAL DOCKS and CAMPSITES

All public docks north of Twenty-five Mile Creek State Park are managed under a federal dock fee program administered by the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service

— \$75 / season or \$10 / day.

Dock Permit Info:

[fs.usda.gov/goto/dockpermits](https://fs.usda.gov/goto/dockpermits)



There are 10 Forest Service and 4 Park Service docks with campsites, including picnic tables, fire rings and toilets.

Boat-in campsites on Lake Chelan are all first come, first serve, no reservations. Kayakers who intend to pull their boats ashore and not utilize a dock space, do not need a permit.

Camping elsewhere along the shore is not recommended as shore access is limited and private property may not be clearly identified. Information and a map of the campgrounds is available from the Chelan Ranger District or online:

[fs.usda.gov/goto/lake-chelan-campgrounds](https://fs.usda.gov/goto/lake-chelan-campgrounds)



## PARKING / LAUNCHING

Fields Point Landing and Twenty-five Mile Creek State Park are popular places to launch.

### Fields Point Landing

17100 S. Lakeshore Rd

509-687-3093

12 miles west of downtown Chelan

Fees: Day use (3-12 hours) \$5

Overnight \$7, and 5-7 days \$35

### Twenty-five Mile Creek State Park

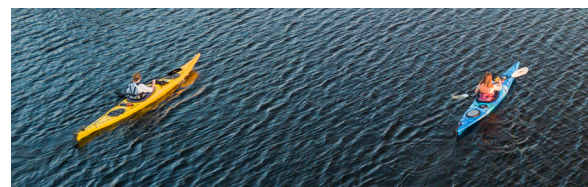
20530 S. Lakeshore Rd

509-687-3610 or 888-226-7688

19 miles west of downtown Chelan

Visit [parks.wa.gov](http://parks.wa.gov) for information

regarding the state park’s fees and regulations.



## RENTING

Places to rent a kayak or canoe:

**Shoreline Watercraft & Boat Rentals**

509-682-1515 [shorelineofchelan.com](http://shorelineofchelan.com)

**Jet Skis Ahoy at Ship N' Shore Marina**

509-682-5125 [jetskisahoyrentals.com](http://jetskisahoyrentals.com)

**Lakerider Sports**

509-885-4767 [lakeridersports.com](http://lakeridersports.com)

**Lake Shores Watercraft & Boat Rentals**

509-682-2222 [chelanjetskis.com](http://chelanjetskis.com)

**Stehekin Valley Ranch**

800-536-0745 [stehekinvalleyranch.com](http://stehekinvalleyranch.com)