

Operating & Fishing Safety Plan



OPERATIONS

Fishing with Rob you will be as safe as possible. He's a rescue/recovery expert who swims like a fish. Rob maintains his Paramedic license and is the lead Tactical Combat Casualty Care instructor for the Colorado Springs Police Department. Rob carries a full medical kit on board and will always put you and your family's safety first. Rob's second priority...putting you on the fish! Rob works tirelessly to ensure you get an epic trip of a lifetime. Rob is the owner and sole fishing guide for the company.

SEASON/HOURS OF OPERATION

Pikes Peak Fishing Charters (PPFC) offers fishing excursions between May and October. While we will predominately troll, we also offer jigging, casting, and fly fishing. Clients will want to meet their guide at the boat ramp early in the morning, depending on which reservoir you choose. Clients wanting to adjust departure time to earlier or later in the day may be accommodated, however no departures will be made prior to one-half-hour before sunrise; and the boat will return to the dock no later than one-half-hour before sunset. Ice Fishing is not provided this season. For 2024 Ice Fishing, ask me for a good referral if you are interested in winter fishing. Pikes Peak Fishing Charters is an online business and does not have a store front.

Guided trips are (5) five hours or (7) seven hours in length depending on:

- Weather conditions: This is Colorado and high winds, thunderstorms, and sudden drops in temperature can and do happen even during the summer months. United States Coast Guard and State Boating Safety Rules & Guidelines will be followed at all times, and excursions may be shortened at the discretion of the fishing guide for the safety of all on board.
- Clients are encouraged to use the restroom facilities located within the park prior to boarding the boat. The need to use the facilities will require returning to the dock. There will be no use of any device which aid in using the facilities while on board to include, but not limited to: piddle packs, wag bags, bottles, funnels, gel packs.
- All trash is to be disposed of appropriately. While in the park, please use State Park, bear proof, trash receptacles. Trash on board the boat must be disposed of in guide provided trash bags which will then be delivered to park receptacles after returning to the dock.

PIKES PEAK FISHING CHARTERS PROVIDES:

- Boat and fishing guide

- Fishing rods and reels, tackle and bait
- Coast Guard approved life jackets and medical kit

REQUIRED ITEMS FOR CLIENTS:

The following are the responsibility of the client:

- Secure fishing excursion date by submitting a deposit of \$100.
- Cancellations refunds will be honored 10-days prior to the day of the trip less a \$25.00 handling fee. Payment may be made by cash, check or bank to bank transfer through Square Payment Network. Debit and credit card payments are available with a 3% handling fee.
- Secure a minimum of a one-day Colorado Fishing License for each person 16 years of age or older that will be fishing during the excursion. ***Strongly recommend purchasing the extra rod stamp.*** This allows us to have more rods in the water, which equates to more fish! Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian.
- Secure a State Parks Day Pass which will allow you to park your vehicle on the grounds for the day. Passes are available at each park entrance at the self-pay station.
- Provide to the fishing guide a signed Liability Waiver for each person who will be in the boat prior to boarding leaving the dock.
- Provide the remainder of the excursion fees. Gratuity not included, but greatly appreciated.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS FOR CLIENTS:

- Layered clothing, gloves, hat, and sunglasses
- Lunch, snacks, and water
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Cooler with ice for fish (please leave in your vehicle)

Safety Plan

There are inherent dangers associated when enjoying the sport of fishing on the water. The safety of our customers and all on board our boat is the number one priority of Pikes Peak Fishing Charters to ensure a safe and fun adventure.

Your guide spent his first career as a USAF Pararescueman (PJ) and is a licensed Nationally Registered Paramedic. Each fishing trip begins with a safety briefing on the proper use of USCG life vests and throw cushion, as well as the safety features of the boat and additional emergency equipment. Children 12 years of age and younger will have life preservers on at all time while in the boat. All will be advised and encouraged to wear a life preserver at all times regardless of ability to swim. Remember if the boat is full of water, stay with the boat as it is designed to stay afloat.

Safety gear and required Coast Guard safety equipment on the boat include:

- Full Medical Kit
- Fire Extinguisher
- Proper Size/Type Life Preserver for Each Person On Board
- Signaling Devices
- Oars/Boat Hook
- Anchor/Anchor Chain/Proper Length of Anchor Line
- Eye Protection & Gloves for Passenger Usage
- Approved Throw Cushion
- Boat Fenders

- Dock Line
- Sun Screen
- Insect Repellant
- Cell Phone/GPS/Sonar
- Marine Compass
- Navigation Lights

Should a medical emergency arise, your guide will call 911 and the State Parks Office; then begin rendering appropriate medical aid.

- The nearest hospital is UC Health Pikes Peak Regional Hospital in Woodland Park and can be reached at 719.374.6060.
- Personnel at the State Parks Office will also be notified and may be reached at 719.748.3401. Minor medical emergencies will also be reported.

Any medical conditions that may be noteworthy should be communicated to your guide prior to boarding the boat.

Our goal is to provide you with a safe and fun adventure. Please help us achieve our goal by following the directions of your fishing guide at all times.