

Greetings fellow Carter Lake Rally attendees!

Sept 1, 2021

What a year it has been! Our 2021 rally is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to a fun weekend in a beautiful setting! Here are a few things you will need to know:

- The campground we have reserved is South Shore at Carter Lake. Due to recent cancelations, the attendee list and site assignments are still somewhat in flux. Once we get the situation stabilized, we will make that information available. At the very least, attendees can consult one of the hosts for their site assignment when they arrive. Dave & Nancy will be in Site 1, and Dayna & Michael Olivas will be in Site 12.
- There are 2 entrances to Carter Lake, on the north end and the south end. Our campground is nearest the south entrance, which is accessed from Berthoud on County Road 8E. This is the best route to access the campground. The entrance on the north side of the lake is accessed from Highway 34 west of Loveland.
- Since Carter Lake is a Larimer County Park, you will need a Larimer Parks pass. If you do not already have a Larimer Parks annual pass, you will need to buy a 3-day pass when you arrive. 3-day passes can be purchased at the North Entrance station off County Road 31 (via Carter Lake Road) for \$9 per day. A trailered boat is an additional \$9 per day. If you buy the passes at the unstaffed kiosk, you will have to buy one each day. While there is an entrance station at the South entrance, it has not been staffed during our recent visits, so the North Entrance is the best bet for obtaining a pass.
- Attached also is a PDF document with a detailed map of South Shore Campground for you to print and bring with you if you'd like. All sites are electric only. Water is available at the campground, but not at each site. There is a dump station and a water filling station near the south entrance to Carter Lake.
- If you need to cancel, please email or call Dave Czenkusch as soon as you know. We are beyond the deadline for refunds. Recent cancelations have left us with a few spots to fill. We do have a short waitlist that could evaporate quickly.
- This is mostly a Just Campin' event with a few scheduled gatherings and activities. There is a covered pavilion available for our use, but it is little far from where everyone will be camping.
- As we all know by now, masking policies have been relaxed compared to last summer. In particular, they are not required for outdoor gatherings. Still, the Delta Variant has caused a recent surge in cases, and hospital ICUs are nearly full. So, we should all exercise good judgement. If you're feeling ill or have COVID-type symptoms, please stay home.
- For additional shade at your site, you might want to bring an E-Z up for your site.
- There is no fire ban currently in effect. As usual, all wood should be purchase locally, rather than bringing in wood from outside the area. We will also have several propane fire pits available for group use in the central gathering area.
- Cellular phone and internet access in the campground is sketchy. You might need to leave the campground to get a signal.
- Alcohol is allowed in the campground, but **no glass containers are allowed**. Keep your wine bottles in your trailer!
- To rent a pontoon boat from the North End Marina, go to <https://carterlakemarina.com/boatrentals.html>

Schedule:

Thursday Sept 9:

12 noon or after check-in; hosts will have site assignments.

5:30 PM Happy hour in the central gathering area inside the site 1-12 loop. It will be a great time to meet new members!

Friday Sept 10:

All Day Relax, enjoy, visit with friends, hike, take in the views or get out on the water.

9:00 AM Book discussion: "Mariano's Crossing" by David M. Jessup in Site 01. Discussion will be led by Tom Balchak.

<http://www.davidmjessup.com/marianos-crossing/>

12 Noon Ranger/Naturalist talk in central gathering area, approximately 30(?) minutes. Topic is TBD. Bring your own chair.

Saturday Sept 11:

All Day More relaxation, visiting, boating, fishing. To reserve a pontoon boat for your family, visit <https://carterlakemarina.com/boatrentals.html>

Things Nearby:

Sweetheart Winery 5500 W. US 34. Hours 12PM – 9PM.

<https://sweetheartwinery.com/>

Windjammer Roadhouse Hours 11AM – 10PM. Located on North side of the lake, beyond the marina area. <https://windjammer-roadhouse.com/>

City Star Brewing 321 Mountain Ave, Berthoud. Great beer and food trucks on site after 4PM. <https://citystarbrewing.com/>

Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival Saturday & Sunday in Estes Park. <https://www.scotfest.com/>

There are lots more things to do in the area than we could possibly list.