



*Whether you are looking for gentle paddles “down lake” (near Chelan and Manson), awesome adventure through “the narrows” (roughly mid-lake, between 25-Mile Creek and Lucerne), or extended excursions of discovery “up lake” (in Lake Chelan National Recreation Area), touring by canoe and kayak offer a unique way to experience the exquisite beauty of Lake Chelan.*



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# KAYAKING AND CANOEING ON LAKE CHELAN

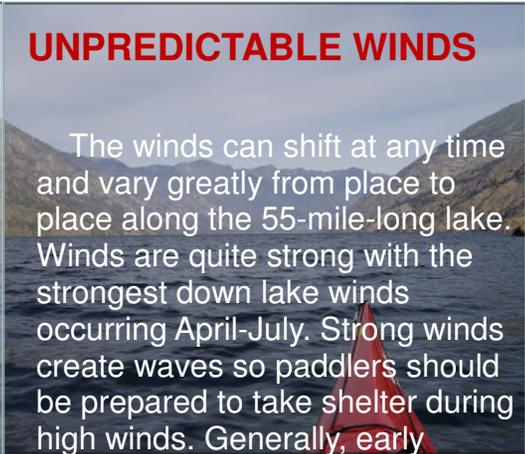


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## UNPREDICTABLE WINDS



The winds can shift at any time and vary greatly from place to place along the 55-mile-long lake. Winds are quite strong with the strongest down lake winds occurring April-July. Strong winds create waves so paddlers should be prepared to take shelter during high winds. Generally, early

mornings & 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.

## RENTING

Places to rent a kayak/canoe:

**Shoreline Watercraft & Boat Rentals** (509) 682-1515  
www.shorelineofchelan.com

**Jet Skis Ahoy at Ship N' Shore Marina** (509) 682-5125  
www.jetskisahoy.com

**Lakerider Sports**  
(509) 885-4767  
www.lakeridersports.com

**Lake Shores Watercraft & Boat Rentals** (509) 682-2222  
www.chelanjetskis.com

**Stehekin Valley Ranch**  
(800) 536-0745  
www.stehekinvalleyranch.com

## FEDERAL DOCKS & CAMPSITES

All public docks north of 25-Mile State Park are managed under a federal dock fee program (\$40/season or \$5/day), administered jointly by the US Forest Service & the National Park Service. There are 10 USFS and 4 NPS docks with campsites, including picnic table(s), fire ring(s) & toilet(s). Boat-in campsites on Lake Chelan are all first come, first serve. Kayakers who intend to pull their boats ashore & 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. Maps of the campsites are available from the Chelan Ranger District.

## PADDLING ONE-WAY

It is possible to kayak one-way (i.e. from Stehekin to Lucerne) by riding the Lake Chelan Boat Co.'s Lady of the Lake passenger ferry. Kayaks are allowed at an additional fee **by reservation only**. The charge is .85 cents per cubic foot per one-way. Canoes cannot be transported aboard the Lady of the Lake vessels.

Please contact the Lake Chelan Boat Co. at 888-682-4584 or visit [www.ladyofthelake.com](http://www.ladyofthelake.com) for more information.

## PARKING/LAUNCHING

Fields Point Landing and 25-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) \$5.00, overnight \$7.00, and 5-7 days \$30.00.

**25-Mile Creek State Park**  
**20530 S. Lakeshore Rd**  
**360-902-8844**  
**888-226-7688**

19 miles west of downtown Chelan

Please visit [www.parks.wa.gov](http://www.parks.wa.gov) for information regarding the state park's fees and regulations.

