

Living on a Lake: Water Activities at Fishhawk Lake

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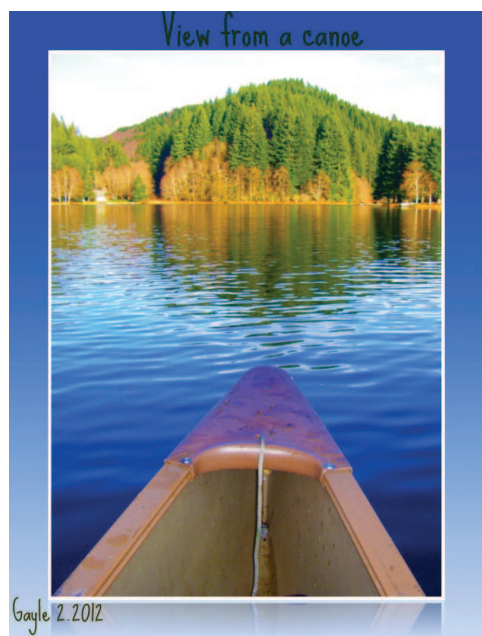
If you're in the market to find a special lake property that offers a wide range of water fun, Fishhawk Lake is THE place! It's a private lake that never feels over-crowded. Anytime from June on into September, you can swim (without freezing), hang out on the beach or hit the water in some kind of boat or other type of watercraft.

At this private lake community, kayaking and canoeing are huge modes of water transportation. Early in the morning, when the mist is rising and all is quiet, you can easily slip your kayak into the water from the shoreline which is mostly shallow with a silty-soft bottom

or herons flying directly above you or see a fish jump right in front of you. It is good exercise for both your body and your soul. There are times when it will feel like Fishhawk Lake is all yours and yours alone!



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so that you won't hurt delicate feet and head around the 80-100AC lake, making discoveries that many on land would never see. You could have bald eagles

easily like canoes and kayaks can. It does take some work, as you are pushing a lever/pedal down with your feet that causes a small paddle wheel on the back to go around, thus pushing you through the water! It's not quiet, but kids of all ages love it, and usually it's a two-seater, so a parent and a small child can go together—a great way to get rid of all of that excess energy kids have!

Electric-powered pontoons are a higher-end type of watercraft and they vary in size up to 21', the largest you are allowed to have on Fishhawk Lake. They are often called party boats, and for good reason! You can get places fast, or throw out an anchor

in the middle of the lake and sit there for hours, taking in the sun, popping into the water to cool off and even hook up with other pontoons and make it a REAL party!! Libation and food are extra, but you can bring those with you on the boat.

Sailing is possible as the winds usually kick up in the later afternoon and small one-person sailboats work quite well, for the expert or the novice. You won't usually bump into many people, so it could offer you a great opportunity to test your skills as a new sailor.

Of course a big draw for this community is the FISHING. Members and family/friends of members can

come and fish off a dock, either member owned or one of the docks located by the clubhouse. Pontoons are a great way to fish in good or inclement weather if you have a top. You could use a little drift boat, with a small electric trolling motor on it. I've even seen people in kayaks, canoes or the rare blow-up rubber-type of boat be used for fishing. So long as you own property at Fishhawk Lake or are a guest, you can fish for cutthroat trout and keep two per day during the fishing season which is Memorial Day



weekend to October 31st. Fishhawk Lake is not stocked, and has salmon and steelhead, as well as cutthroat trout, but this year you can't angle for salmon or steelhead.

If you are looking for fun on a private lake without having to jostle with a bunch of people to get on the water, Fishhawk Lake might just be what the doctor ordered for peace and relaxation.

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