

SWIM SAFE

LIFE JACKET LOANER PROGRAM

Accidents happen - They don't have to be fatal.

- Always wear a life jacket.
- Even experienced swimmers can get into trouble.
- The river is not your backyard pool. The river has an uneven bottom & debris can make steady footing difficult.
- Inflatable toys, arm bands, loungers, and swim noodles are not life jackets.
- Children should always wear life jackets when playing in or even NEAR the water.
- Always swim with a buddy.
- Diving is dangerous, don't do it.

Visitors may borrow life jackets for the day at the park's Life Jacket Loaner Stations available at:

- Tyler Bend Visitor Center
(870) 439-2502
- Buffalo Point Visitor
Contact Station (870) 449-4311

Return life jackets to loaner station when you have finished with them.



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HOW TO PROPERLY FIT A LIFE JACKET



CHECK LIFE JACKET LABEL FOR THE APPROPRIATE WEIGHT OR CHEST SIZE.

The life jacket label will indicate the size and weight of the intended user. Make sure the wearer is within these ranges. Verify that the life jacket label states it is "Coast Guard approved."



PUT THE LIFE JACKET ON.

Inspect the life jacket for wear and tear. Warning signs include rips and missing or broken buckles or straps.



BUCKLE ALL STRAPS AND TIGHTEN OR ZIP UP ALL ZIPPERS.

Make sure all straps can be buckled and zippers zipped. Don't forget the crotch strap if there is one!



HAVE THE WEARER LIFT THEIR ARMS OVER HEAD AND GENTLY LIFT THEM BY THE TOP OF THE LIFE JACKET ARM OPENINGS.

If the jacket rides up above their ears, it's too big. If the straps or zippers don't close, the jacket is too small.

