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| Park Name: Bear Lake | | Statute #: 67-4212(20) | First Established: 1963 | Acres: 933 |
| Classification: Recreation | | Primary Attraction: Turquoise colored lake known as the "Caribbean of the Rockies." | | |
| Secondary Attractions: Surrounding mountain scenery, aquatic access, operating vehicles is allowed on North Beach | | | | |
| Recreation Activities: Fishing, boating, water sports, sail boating, sail boarding, swimming, picnicking, volleyball, hiking, biking, and birding. | | | | |
| History | | | | |
| Local History: Bear Lake is over 250,000 years old. In 1817, Donald MacKenzie named the lake Black Bear Lake. It later became Bear Lake. The Oregon and California trails skirted the east side of the valley in the early 1830's. Mormon settlers began homesteading in the valley in 1863. | | | | |
| Park History: In 1961, the local community began supporting the development of swimming facilities at the North Beach Unit. The north Beach Unit became a State Park in 1963 through a long term agreement with the Utah Power and Light Company. The 1,200 foot jetty at North Beach was constructed in 1963. The 914 acre East Beach Unit was acquired from the BLM in 1969. The facilities at East Beach were opened in 1986. | | | | |
| Natural Resources | | | | |
| Types of Ecosystems Present: Lake, montane sagebrush steppe, riparian, some juniper woodlands | | | Environmental Quality: Good | |
| Significant Fauna: Deer, moose, cougars, skunk, rabbits, cranes, pelicans, shorebirds, waterfowl, cutthroat trout, and lake trout. The lake also has 5 endemic (found no where else) fish species: Bonneville cutthroat trout, Bonneville cisco, Bonneville whitefish, Bear Lake whitefish, and Bear Lake Sculpin. | | | | |
| Significant Flora: Sagebrush, bitter brush, rabbit brush, Utah juniper, grasses. | | | | |
| Invasive/Noxious Species: Unknown | | | Elevation: 5,900 | |
| % Developed: 20% | % Undeveloped: 80% | | Non-conforming uses: Unknown | |
| Visitation | | | | |
| Day Use: 153,699 | Camping: 21,461 | Annual Total: 175,160 (2017) | | |
| Economic Impact as provided in 2018 BSU Study: \$3,451,000 | | | | |
| Recreation Amenities | | | | |
| Paved Roads (Miles): 2 | | Gravel Roads (Miles): 2 | | Day Use Areas: 5 |
| Paved Parking Lots: 6 | Gravel Parking Lots: 8 | Boat Ramps: 3 | Docks: 3 | Group Shelters: 5 |
| Miles of trail (paved/gravel): 0 | | Miles of Trail (unimproved): 0 | | Visitor Centers: 1 |
| Entrance Stations: 2 | Improved Restrooms: 1 | Vault Toilets: 13 | Campsites Serviced (W,E,S): 0 | |
| Campsites Serviced (W, E, or W&E): 20 | | Companion Campsites Serviced (W,E,S): 0 | | Dump Stations: 1 |
| Companion Campsites Serviced (W,E): 0 | | Campsites | Group sites (including equestrian): 3 | |

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| | | Primitive/ Standard: 27 | |
| Camping Cabins: 0 | Deluxe Cabins: 0 | Yurts: 0 | Cottages: 0 |
| Future Plans | | | |
| There is no state park master plan available. | | | |
| Issues and Remarks | | | |
| <p>The park consists of two units: North Beach and East Beach. The North Beach Unit is adjacent to the Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The North Beach Unit occasionally fills to capacity in the summer months causing delays for entry. The North Beach Unit has 78 individual picnic units. The East Beach Unit has 4 individual picnic units.</p> | | | |