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MDC'S LAKE MCDONOUGH BOAT LAUNCH TO OPEN
Beach area will remain closed for swimming for the season

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(HARTFORD, CT) – The Metropolitan District (MDC) announced today that it will open the boat launch at Lake McDonough on Monday, July 6 for the season. Lake McDonough, located off Route 219 in Barkhamsted, has been closed for boating and swimming as part of the operational response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The boat launch will operate with the following protocols:

- MDC requires social distancing and face coverings for using boat launch
- Boat launch open daily, 10AM-8PM
- Cost is $20 per boat launch (launch fee includes parking)
- No new launches after 5:00PM and all boats shall be docked by 7:30PM
- Boaters may launch private boats only - No MDC boat rentals
- No fishing tournaments and associated activities (weigh-ins etc.)
- No drinking fountain access
- Parking lot access is only open for boat launch patrons – no other non-boating access

The Lake McDonough beach recreation area will remain closed for swimming for the remainder of the season. MDC is following protocol set by the Governor and the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) in May to keep inland beaches closed for swimming.

While the MDC regrets any inconvenience this will cause, this action is necessary to ensure the safety and security of all of our staff and recreation area users. For more information on boating rules and regulations at Lake McDonough, visit: https://themdc.org/recreation-areas/lake-mcdonough.

About MDC: The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, wastewater treatment and other services to its member towns: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, the District supplies treated water to portions of Glastonbury, South Windsor, Farmington, East Granby and Portland.

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