

Terry Lake Summer 2026 Newsletter

Safety, lake health, and summer recreation updates for Active TLRA members

Summer is here at Terry Lake. Please enjoy the water, parks, and gathering places with care. This issue highlights current fire restrictions, important lake safety reminders, and updates on lake conditions and recreation improvements.

Safety Reminders

Fire Restrictions

Larimer County fire restrictions for unincorporated areas have been extended through 11:59 p.m. on July 21, 2026.

Open flames and outdoor charcoal, pellet, and wood-fueled stoves, fire pits or grills are **banned** under the current restrictions. Gas or liquid-fueled fires, including grills and camping stoves, are allowed. Please check the county page before planning outdoor activities:

larimer.gov/spotlights/2026/05/27/larimer-county-extends-fire-restrictions

Stay Clear of the Outlet Area

Please do not approach the lake outlet area near the dam. This area is marked by warning buoys. Suction from the outlet can overturn any size watercraft and drag occupants underwater.

Lake Health Watch

Eurasian Milfoil

Eurasian milfoil is an invasive aquatic plant whose presence has increased in Terry Lake over the past few years. This tall plant grows from the lake bottom and can form dense vegetative mats. It can overwinter in damp lakebed areas and spread quickly as lake water warms, so it is expected to increase in the next few years.

TLRA is in communication with LWRC regarding this exotic plant, and is looking into mitigation measures. No treatment method has been confirmed, but options could involve aquatic pesticide treatment, mechanical removal, and/or allowing prolonged periods of dry lakebed to kill the evasive plant.

Blue-Green Algae

Late in the summer, when conditions are favorable, blue-green algae can develop and grow in the lake. It may appear as an iridescent sheen on the lake surface and is most noticeable in calm and protected areas of the lake.

Because this algae can be toxic to people and animals, please avoid contact and keep pets from drinking or playing in affected areas.

Water Safety & Recreation

Personal Flotation Devices

Colorado requires an adequate Personal Flotation Device (PFD) on board your boat, canoe, paddleboard, or other

watercraft for each passenger. To encourage and support PFD use, TLRA has built and will install PFD stations at Terry Point and Gett's Park in June. These stations list preventive measures and offer PFDs for loan. Please use them when on the water and return them when you are done.

Terry Point Swim Raft

Terry Point has replaced its wooden floating swim platform with an inflatable floating swim raft/trampoline. Donations from Terry Point residents and a matching grant from TLRA funded this improvement.

This feature supports safer swim access and recreation for any active Terry Lake member. **Never** motor through a swim area.

Lakeshore Improvements

Trees and Docks

Our current lease prohibits lakeshore improvements. This includes brush or tree clearing and dock or other structure construction on the leased area. If you see a hazardous tree or condition, please alert any board member.

Resources

Rules, Regs, and Other Info

Please visit WWW.TLRA.CO for board member contacts, rules and regulations and other useful information.

Lake Level Outlook

Low Water Conditions

Although the lake is currently full, low snowpack this winter season is expected to make it difficult for LWRC to keep the lake level high as water is released for agricultural use.

Lower water may help with milfoil eradication, but it will affect lake access and may complicate removal of boats this fall. Please watch for falling lake levels and plan ahead for removing your watercraft.

Quick TLRA Member Checklist

- Check current Larimer County fire restrictions before using outdoor grills, firepits, or combustible devices.
- Keep away from the buoy-marked outlet area near the dam.
- Use a PFD for every passenger on boats, canoes, paddleboards, and similar watercraft.
- Avoid blue-green algae, keep pets away from affected water.
- Plan early for watercraft removal as lake levels begin to fall.

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