



Environmental Initiatives

The Management of Boats & Bikes knows how lucky we are to operate a business in a place as beautiful as Bald Eagle State Park. We know how much our customers value the diverse wildlife in the park, and we all enjoy the great fishing and bird-watching opportunities available at the park. It is important to Boats & Bikes to operate in a safe manner, and to do our part to minimize our impact on the local and global environment.

Starting in 2013, Boats & Bikes began several initiatives to reduce our environmental impact:

Upgrading our engines- Boats & Bikes has completed the replacement of all of our boat engines with quiet new 4-stroke engines. 4-stroke engines have many advantages over our former older 2-cycle engines. Customers will experience a much quieter, more reliable rental. Additionally, the new engines not only use less fuel, but burn the fuel that they do use much more cleanly, without the smoke associated with 2-cycle oil.

Increasing recycling efforts- Boats & Bikes has added additional recycling containers at our upper and lower buildings, and encouraging both staff and customers to recycle beverage containers, cardboard, and waste oil. We are happy to take your recyclables for you following your rental or your visit to the pavilion or snack bar areas.

Purchasing Carbon Offsets- Boats & Bikes believes that our first responsibility is to do what we can to reduce the impact of our operations. However, we cannot reduce our environmental impact completely. To address remaining emissions associated with our operations, Boats & Bikes has purchased carbon offsets to cover our 2012-2016 seasons, and has committed to offset our 2017 operations as well. Boats & Bikes is not just offsetting our rental boat fuel use- we have also accounted for all of our fuel dock sales, and fuel used in our company vehicle. We purchased offsets from a locally-based company, ClimeCo Corporation (www.climeco.com). The purchases we made in 2012-2014 supported emission reduction projects at dairy farms in southern New York, and our 2015-2016 purchases were generated at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority through their landfill methane capture project.

So whether you are a rental customer, a boat owner purchasing fuel at Boats & Bikes, or a casual visitor to the park, Boats & Bikes is committed to improving your experience and protecting the park for future generations.

We welcome other ideas to reduce the environmental impact from our operations specifically, or other general park operations. If you have an idea, let us know at reservations@boatsandbikesetc.com

See you this season!