

# Different Boats for Different Folks

How you spend your time on the water will determine the type of boat you choose. Like cars and trucks, boats are designed and built for certain uses. Which boat should you use on your day at the lake?



Kayak



Canoe



Pontoon Boat

- **Canoe and kayak** – good for beginners, easy to use and stealthy when sneaking up on wildlife
- **Outboard or jonboat** – takes more practice and skill, but a great way to get quickly to your favorite fishing spots
- **Jet boat** – lots of power and the best way to tow a water skier or tuber, know the safety regulations on towing others

- **Pontoon boat** – a large stable boat great for a relaxing picnic with friends and family when out on the water

There are always options if your family does not have their own boat to take to the lake. You can always borrow one from a friend or rent a boat for a few hours or the day. Some local, county and state parks with lakes will also have boat rentals available in the summertime for visitors. Just make sure you have all the required safety equipment and review the regulations in the *Pennsylvania Boating Handbook* to ensure a safe day out on the water.

Let others know before you leave. A float plan should be filled out and left with a reliable person before you leave on all boating trips. The plan lets others know where you are going, when you expect to return, who is going with you and what emergency measures or rescue organization should be notified in the event you do not return as scheduled.



*Never Boat Alone.  
Always wear your  
life jacket!*

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