



# PARKER

## COLORADO

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### Parks and Recreation

## H2O'Brien Pool FAQs

### What is the operational season for H2O'Brien?

- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through the Sunday after Douglas County Schools returns.
- Weekends only Mid-August through Labor Day.
- Daily 10am-6pm

### What does it cost to visit H2O'Brien?

- 2 and Under and 62 and over           FREE
- Ages 3-14                                     \$6 Resident/ \$7 Non-Resident
- Ages 15-61                                  \$7 Resident/ \$8 Non-Resident
- We also offer 10/20 visit passes as well as Season Passes. Those can be purchased at H2O'Brien Pool, Parker Recreation Center or Parker Fieldhouse.

### Do I need to register to use H2O'Brien Pool?

- Reservations are not required for open swim; however, you must have an account on our ACTIVENet® system. If you've registered for anything within the Parker Parks and Recreation Department or PACE Center, you likely have an account. Click [here](#) for information on how to create an account.

### What may I bring into the facility?

- Outside food and drink is allowed; however, we do not allow glass or alcoholic beverages.
  - All bags and coolers are subject to search upon entry.
  - H2O'Brien does have a Concession Stand that you can purchase from as well.
- You may bring in your own folding chairs if desired (plenty of seating is provided).

### What are the pools treated with for disinfectant?

- All of our pools are treated with chlorine.

### What are the temperatures of each pool?

- H2O'Brien pool is set to 86 degrees. However, outside pool temperatures are significantly affected by the air temperature and current weather. It is extremely likely that the pool temperature will fluctuate daily throughout the summer.

### What is the depth of H2O'Brien pool?

- The pool ranges from a zero depth entry to a maximum depth of 4 feet in the middle of the lap pool.
- The blue/red slide catch pool is 3 ½ feet deep.

### How long is the lap pool and how many laps =1 mile?

- 25 meters or 82 feet

- 1625 meters or 32 laps (down & back) = 1 mile

### **When is lap swimming available?**

- Monday – Friday 8am-10am in season.

### **Why can't I bring in noodles, floaties or inner tubes?**

- None of these items are U.S. Coast Guard tested and approved for life safety in/around the water. To minimize risk to all visitors, only U.S.C.G. approved flotation devices such as lifejackets or puddle jumpers are allowed inside the aquatics center.
- U.S.C.G. approved devices are available for use inside the center.

### **Why can't I wear a mermaid tail within the pool?**

- Mermaid tails restrict the use of an individual's entire lower body increasing the risk for drowning. Regardless of the swimmer's ability, no mermaid tails shall be allowed in the aquatics center.

### **Why must I be within arm's reach, in the water with my child who is 5 years or younger?**

- Children of this age often do not have the necessary body control to upright themselves in an emergency situation. Drowning happens quickly so it is extremely important that parents and guardians are present close by to remedy any situation that may arise.
- All children 5 years and younger are required to wear a yellow wristband in the water. A parent or guardian associated with the child must also wear a yellow wristband.
  - These are provided at the front desk upon check in.

### **How tall does my child have to be to ride the slides at each facility and Why?**

- 40 Inches tall to ride the yellow slide at the Recreation Center
- 48 Inches tall to ride the red, open body slide at H2O'Brien Pool
- 52 inches tall to ride the blue, covered slide at H2O'Brien Pool

Waterslides are highly regulated attractions and rider heights are determined by the manufacturer at the time of installation. The operator may not disregard these regulations as injury may result. Additionally, no double riders are permitted on any of the Parker Recreation water slides.

### **What happens if we experience severe weather (thunder storms, lightning, etc.) while at H2O'Brien?**

- In the event of severe weather, staff is trained to immediately clear the pool and request that guests seek shelter in doors.
- The national standard for outdoor pool lightning response is to clear the pool for 30 minutes upon the initial crack of thunder or bolt of lightning (no matter the distance). The 30-minute timer will restart upon each consecutive crack of thunder or bolt of lightning.
- No refunds **or rainchecks** are given in the event of a severe weather closing.

### **At what age can my child be at H2O'Brien pool alone?**

- Children aged 10 years and older may be dropped off at the pool without a parent. However, the parent/guardian must sign them in with emergency contact information.

### **Do you offer parties, shade rentals or after hours' rentals at H2O'Brien Pool?**

- Yes. Please email [H2Orentals@parkeronline.org](mailto:H2Orentals@parkeronline.org) to inquire about rentals or visit <http://parkerrec.com/283/H2OBrien-Pool-Rental>

### **Do you allow groups to come to H2O'Brien Pool?**

- Yes, we allow groups, however it is requested that you provide at least 72-hour notice and you must complete the group agreement to receive the group rate. Entry is never guaranteed for groups. Email [H2Orentals@parkeronline.org](mailto:H2Orentals@parkeronline.org) or visit <http://parkerrec.com/283/H2OBrien-Pool-Rental>

**How are your lifeguards trained?**

- All our lifeguards are Starguard Elite certified and undergo extensive training each month in water rescues & CPR/AED, First aid and emergency oxygen usage.

**Are your pools inspected?**

- Yes, each of our aquatic facilities are inspected twice per year by Tri County Health Department.
- Each one of our tall slides (Yellow PRC, Blue & Red-H2O) are inspected and certified yearly by a licensed Colorado Division of Oil & Public Safety inspector.
- Additionally, every morning our Management staff conducts a comprehensive safety check prior to opening the facilities.