

## Current Status of BPRW Recreational Waters

Park	Status	Last Updated	Note
North Shore Natural Area	●	Sep 2 2024 12:10PM	Open
Leddy Beach North	●	Sep 19 2024 11:16AM	Open
Leddy Beach South	●	Sep 19 2024 11:16AM	Open
North Beach North	●	Sep 20 2024 1:04PM	Open
North Beach South	●	Sep 20 2024 1:04PM	Open
Texaco Beach	●	Sep 20 2024 1:04PM	Open
Blanchard Beach North	●	Sep 13 2024 1:02PM	Open
Blanchard Beach South	●	Sep 13 2024 1:02PM	Open
Oakledge Cove	●	Sep 14 2024 11:28AM	Open
Blodgett Water Access Point	●	Sep 2 2024 12:56PM	Open

Swimming areas managed by BPRW are monitored for E-coli and Cyanobacteria (Blue-green Algae).

### Status meanings:

**OPEN** - The area meets criteria suitable for swimming

**ALERT** - The area is experiencing a category 2 Cyanobacteria Bloom

**CLOSED** - The area has exceeded the criteria making it unsuitable for swimming

### Categories of Cyanobacteria blooms:

- Category 1: Generally safe; little to no cyanobacteria (BGA) present.
- Category 2: Cyanobacteria (BGA) is present in low to moderate amounts; we use standardized advisory/warning signs in this situation. Children and pets who are most vulnerable to stay out.
- Category 3: Indicates cyanobacteria (BGA) is present in moderate to high amounts and therefore the beach is closed to swimming until the bloom dissipates and water is safe for recreation.

BPRW samples for e-coli which is an "indicator" bacteria. It is called an indicator because while it may not cause sickness itself, its presence could reflect the possible presence of other sickness causing organisms. We sample twice a week, and as needed if we receive high or errant test results.

### Definition of Beach & Access Areas

Municipal Beaches: (Oakledge Cove, Blanchard, Texaco, North & Leddy)

These sites are monitored daily by seasonal and full-time staff during Beach Season (Memorial Day – Labor Day). Daily monitoring for Cyanobacteria occurs, as well as twice a week E. Coli testing. The conditions are updated daily for these sites.

Access Areas: (Blodgett & North Shore)

These public access areas are monitored for cyanobacteria by seasonal or full-time staff periodically throughout the week, but not checked on a daily basis. The results of these checks will be reflected in the Swim Water Results Grid above. These sites are not tested for E.Coli, therefore will not reflect E.Coli results.