

Current Status of BPRW Recreational Waters

Park	Status	Last Updated	Note
North Shore Natural Area	●	Jul 13 2024 11:26AM	Open
Leddy Beach North	●	Jul 13 2024 11:56AM	Open
Leddy Beach South	●	Jul 13 2024 11:56AM	Open
North Beach North	●	Jul 13 2024 10:47AM	Open
North Beach South	●	Jul 13 2024 10:48AM	Open
Texaco Beach	●	Jul 13 2024 10:48AM	Open
Blanchard Beach North	●	Jul 13 2024 10:11AM	Closed E-Coli levels too high
Blanchard Beach South	●	Jul 13 2024 10:38AM	Closed E-Coli levels too high
Oakledge Cove	●	Jul 13 2024 1:29PM	Open
Blodgett Water Access Point	●	Jul 13 2024 1:19PM	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.