

Current Status of Vermont State Parks Recreational Water

NOTE: Swim water testing only occurs during the [normal park operating season](#) or September 30th whichever comes first.

Region	Park	Water Body	Status	Note
Northwest	Burton Island Marina Beach	Lake Champlain	●	Open
Northwest	Kill Kare	Lake Champlain	●	Open
Northwest	Grand Isle	Lake Champlain	●	Open
Northwest	Knight Point	Lake Champlain	●	Open
Northwest	Lake Carmi Camper Beach "A"	Lake Carmi	●	Closed Category 3 BGA level
Northwest	Lake Carmi Camper Beach "B"	Lake Carmi	●	Closed Category 3 BGA level
Northwest	Lake Carmi Day Area	Lake Carmi	●	Closed Category 3 BGA level
Northwest	Niquette Bay	Lake Champlain	●	Open
Northwest	Niquette Bay Calm Cove	Lake Champlain	●	Open
Northwest	North Hero	Lake Champlain	●	Open
Northwest	Sand Bar Beach (Center)	Lake Champlain	●	Open
Northwest	Sand Bar Beach (West/Left)	Lake Champlain	●	Open
Northwest	Sand Bar Beach (East/Right)	Lake Champlain	●	Open
Northwest	Alburg Dunes (Center)	Lake Champlain	●	Open
Northwest	Alburg Dunes (East/Left)	Lake Champlain	●	Open
Northwest	Alburg Dunes (West/Right)	Lake Champlain	●	Open
Northeast	Boulder Beach	Lake Groton	●	Open
Northeast	Brighton Camper Beach	Spectacle Pond	●	Open
Northeast	Brighton Day Use Beach	Island Pond	●	Open
Northeast	Crystal Lake	Crystal Lake	●	Open
Northeast	Elmore	Lake Elmore	●	Open
Northeast	Little River Camper Beach "A"	Waterbury Reservoir	●	Open
Northeast	Little River Camper Beach "B"	Waterbury Reservoir	●	Open
Northeast	Maidstone Camper Beach "A"	Maidstone Lake	●	Open
Northeast	Maidstone Camper Beach "B"	Maidstone Lake	●	Open
Northeast	Maidstone Day Use Beach	Maidstone Lake	●	Open
Northeast	Ricker Pond	Ricker Pond	●	Open
Northeast	Stillwater	Lake Groton	●	Open
Northeast	Waterbury Center	Waterbury Reservoir	●	Open
Southeast	Camp Plymouth	Echo Lake	●	Closed E-Coli levels too high
Southeast	Silver Lake	Silver Lake (Barnard)	●	Open
Southwest	Bomoseen Day Area	Lake Bomoseen	●	Open
Southwest	Branbury	Lake Dunmore	●	Open
Southwest	Emerald Lake	Emerald Lake	●	Open
Southwest	Half Moon	Half Moon Pond	●	Open
Southwest	Kingsland Bay Dock	Lake Champlain	●	Alert Category 2 BGA level
Southwest	Lake St. Catherine Camper	Lake St. Catherine	●	Open
Southwest	Lake St. Catherine Day Area	Lake St. Catherine	●	Open
Southwest	Shaftsbury	Lake Shaftsbury	●	Open
Southwest	Woodford Camper Beach	Adams Reservoir	●	Open
Southwest	Woodford Day Area	Adams Reservoir	●	Open

Common swim areas in managed Vermont State Parks are monitored for E-coli and Blue Green Algae

Status meanings:

OPEN - The area meets criteria suitable for swimming.

ALERT - The area is experiencing a category 2 Blue Green Algae Bloom.

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

Categories of Blue Green Algae Bloom:

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 confirmed free of toxins.

Vermont State Parks 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.