Latest Beach Results: Thursday, September 22, 2022

For the most up-to-date beach status, call the park before you go!*

Beach water quality and New York State Parks

Water quality at State Park beaches is sampled at least once a week for bacterial indicators of impaired water quality.

- Freshwater samples are analyzed for Escherichia coli (E.coli). A result equal to or above 235 E.coli colonies/100 ml represents an exceedance of the state standard. (All regions except Long Island.)
- Ocean (saltwater) samples are analyzed for enterococcus. A result equal to or above 104 enterococci colonies/100 ml represents an exceedance of the state standard. (Applies to Long Island region only.)

Results are available the day after the samples are taken because it takes time to culture the bacteria in order to obtain an accurate estimate of their abundance. Beaches are posted and the public is notified 18-24 hours after an elevated concentration of bacteria occurs.

The causes of elevated bacteria counts are not always clear. They may be related to land uses in the watershed; to stormwater runoff from parking lots or from the beaches themselves, which might contain human or animal feces, decaying plant or animal material, naturally occurring sand or soil bacteria; or to other factors.

State Park beaches are closed when there is a known or anticipated risk to public health or safety. Closure decisions are based upon monitoring results in combination with other factors that influence water quality, like water conditions (sewage overflows, cold temperatures, or high waves), environmental conditions (thunderstorms, strong winds), and historical data. This historical data on the frequency of exceedances and the drop-off rates of indicator bacteria from beaches statewide has been used to assign beaches to one of two categories.

- •Category 1: Beaches with low rates of exceedance, satisfactory resample results within 24 hours, and/or wet sampling results. If these beaches are subject to an exceedance, they are immediately resampled. If other water quality factors are satisfactory at the time of resampling, the beach will remain open and the closure decision will be deferred until the resample results are obtained. The beaches are closed following an exceedance if other water quality factors (such as current weather or beach water conditions) are not satisfactory.
- •Category 2: Beaches without sufficient resampling data or with unsatisfactory resampling data. At these beaches, an exceedance leads to resampling and an automatic and immediate closure, along with posting a notification of exceedance and alerting appropriate media outlets.

Common reasons for beach closures, roughly in order of frequency, include:

- •Exceedance Bacterial indicator levels exceed the state standard
- •Predicted exceedance: model A model based on environmental conditions predicts that water quality is poor
- Predicted exceedance: rainfall Because of recent heavy rain, it is predicted that water quality is poor
- High waves Waves or rough conditions
- •Turbidity Cloudy water that could prevent lifeguards from being able to see swimmers
- •No lifeguard When lifeguards are not available, beaches are closed
- •Closed for end of season Beach closed for the season
- •Cold water Temperatures below 50°F

*Find contact information for State Parks on our website: https://parks.ny.gov/parks/
Short term changes in beach status (such as a temporary closure during the day) are not provided here. Call the park for current status.

	Date sampled	Results (col/per 100 ml)	Operations	Beach status	Status Reason	Cat
Allegany Allegany SP (Quaker Lake)	9/12/2022 =	= 10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Allegany SP (Red House)	9/12/2022 =	= 10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2

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Allegany		•	,				
Long Point SP (Allegany)	9/6/2022	=	2	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Central							
Chenango Valley SP	9/6/2022	=	101.7	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Delta Lake SP	9/14/2022	=	1240	Off - Season	Off - Season	Exceedance	1
Gilbert Lake SP	9/6/2022	=	86	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Glimmerglass SP	9/6/2022	=	7.2	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Green Lakes SP - Center Swim Area	9/14/2022	<	10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Green Lakes SP - East Swim Area	9/14/2022	=	20	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Green Lakes SP - West Swim Area	9/14/2022	=	20	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Sandy Island Beach SP	9/6/2022	<	10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Selkirk Shores SP (2)	9/6/2022	=	30	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Selkirk Shores SP Beach	9/6/2022	=	140	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Verona Beach SP	9/13/2022	=	1320	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Finger Lakes							
Buttermilk Falls SP (Falls Swim Area)	9/12/2022	=	53	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Cayuga Lake SP	9/6/2022	=	735	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Fair Haven Beach SP West Beach (Main)	9/6/2022	<	10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Fillmore Glen SP	9/6/2022	=	105	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Robert H. Treman SP	9/12/2022	=	85	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Sampson SP	9/12/2022	<	5	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Stony Brook SP (Adult)	9/6/2022	=	102	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Stony Brook SP (Kiddy)	9/6/2022	=	96	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Taughannock Falls SP	9/6/2022	<	5	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Genesee							
Darien Lake SP	9/7/2022	=	20	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1

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Genesee							
Hamlin Beach (H3)	9/8/2022	=	3	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Hamlin Beach (H3A)	9/8/2022	=	4	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Hamlin Beach (H4A)	9/8/2022	=	16	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Long Island							
Heckscher SP: Overlook (East) Beach	9/6/2022	=	10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Heckscher SP: West Beach	9/6/2022	=	10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Hither Hills SP	9/19/2022	<	10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Jones Beach SP Central-Central Mall	9/20/2022	=	1	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Jones Beach SP Central-Field 2	9/20/2022	=	2	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Jones Beach SP Central-Field 6	9/20/2022	=	1	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Jones Beach SP Zach's Bay	9/8/2022	=	13	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Orient Beach SP	9/6/2022	=	16	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Robert Moses SP (Field 2)	9/20/2022	=	10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Robert Moses SP (Field 3)	9/20/2022	<	10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Robert Moses SP (Field 4)	8/24/2022	<	10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Robert Moses SP (Field 5)	9/20/2022	<	10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Sunken Meadow SP	9/20/2022	<	10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Sunken Meadow SP-East	9/20/2022	=	10	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Wildwood SP	9/20/2022	=	75	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Niagara							
Beaver Island SP	9/12/2022	=	100	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Evangola SP	9/7/2022	=	20	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Palisades							
Harriman SP: Lake Tiorati (Chair 2)	9/6/2022	=	10.9	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Harriman SP: Lake Tiorati (Head Chair) 9/6/2022	=	6.3	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1

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Palisades						
Harriman SP: Lake Welch (Chair 0)	9/6/2022 =	= 167.4	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Harriman SP: Lake Welch (Chair 08)	9/6/2022 =	= 13.5	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Harriman SP: Lake Welch (Chair 17)	9/6/2022 =	= 21.8	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Harriman SP: Sebago Lake (Cabins)	9/6/2022 =	5.2	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Minnewaska SPP: Lake Awosting	9/12/2022 =	= 14.8	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Minnewaska SPP: Lake Minnewaska	9/12/2022 =	= 10.9	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Saratoga-Capital District						
Grafton Lakes SP	9/7/2022 =	= 16	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Moreau Lake SP	9/14/2022 <	2	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Thacher (Thompson's Lake) SP	9/6/2022 =	4.1	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Taconic						
Lake Taghkanic SP	9/6/2022 =	= 49.5	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Taconic SP: Copake Falls (Kiddy)	8/23/2022 =	= 1	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Taconic SP: Copake Falls (Ore Pit)	8/23/2022 <	1	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Taconic SP: Rudd Pond	9/6/2022 =	= 13.1	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Thousand Islands						
Cedar Point SP	9/6/2022 =	= 4	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Coles Creek SP	8/23/2022 =	= 112	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Cumberland Bay SP	9/6/2022 =	= 20	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Grass Point SP	9/6/2022 =	= 4	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Higley Flow SP	9/6/2022 <	4	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Jacques Cartier SP	8/23/2022 =	= 60	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Point Au Roche SP	9/6/2022 <	4	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Robert Moses SP (Thousand Islands)	8/23/2022 =	= 16	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Southwick Beach SP	9/6/2022 =	= 16	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2

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Thousand Islands						
Wellesley Island	9/6/2022 =	= 128	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Westcott Beach SP (M1 - Main)	9/6/2022 =	= 4	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1
Westcott Beach SP (M2 - Kiddy)	9/6/2022 =	= 4	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	2
Whetstone Gulf SP	8/23/2022 =	= 96	Off - Season	Off - Season	Closed for end of season	1

For Woodlawn Beach status and model prediction results see: https://pa.water.usgs.gov/apps/nowcast