

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

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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) | Beach status | Status Reason | Cat |
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| Allegany | | | | | |
| Allegany SP (Quaker Lake) | 9/4/2018 | = 80 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Allegany SP (Red House) | 9/4/2018 | < 10 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |

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| Allegheny | | | | | |
| Lake Erie SP (LE-1) | 9/4/2018 | = 32 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Long Point SP (Allegheny) | 9/4/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Central | | | | | |
| Bowman Lake SP | 9/4/2018 | = 1 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Chenango Valley SP | 9/4/2018 | = 13.2 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Delta Lake SP | 9/18/2018 | < 10 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Gilbert Lake SP | 9/4/2018 | = 3.1 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Glimmerglass SP | 9/4/2018 | = 36.4 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Green Lakes SP - Center Swim Area | 9/11/2018 | = 80 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Green Lakes SP - East Swim Area | 9/11/2018 | = 40 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Green Lakes SP - West Swim Area | 9/11/2018 | = 130 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Oquaga Creek SP | 9/4/2018 | = 17.3 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Sandy Island Beach SP | 9/4/2018 | < 10 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Selkirk Shores SP (2) | 9/4/2018 | = 70 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Selkirk Shores SP Beach | 9/4/2018 | = 50 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Verona Beach SP | 9/4/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Verona Beach SP | 9/4/2018 | = 110 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Finger Lakes | | | | | |
| Buttermilk Falls SP (Falls Swim Area) | 9/10/2018 | = 525 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Cayuga Lake SP | 9/4/2018 | = 0 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Fair Haven Beach SP Channel | 9/4/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Fair Haven Beach SP East Beach | 9/4/2018 | = 110 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Fair Haven Beach SP West Beach (Main) | 9/4/2018 | = 120 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Fillmore Glen SP | 9/5/2018 | = 33 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Keuka Lake SP | 9/4/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Long Point SP (Finger Lakes) | 9/5/2018 | < 5 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Robert H. Treman SP | 9/16/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Sampson SP | 9/4/2018 | = 10 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Sampson SP | 9/4/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Seneca Lake SP | 9/4/2018 | = 15 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Seneca Lake SP | 9/4/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Stony Brook SP (Adult) | 9/4/2018 | = 335 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |

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| Finger Lakes | | | | | |
| Stony Brook SP (Kiddy) | 9/4/2018 | = 305 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Taughannock Falls SP | 9/10/2018 | = 115 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Genesee | | | | | |
| Darien Lake SP | 9/6/2018 | < 10 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Hamlin Beach (H3) | 9/7/2018 | = 91 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Hamlin Beach (H3A) | 9/7/2018 | = 96 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Hamlin Beach (H4A) | 9/7/2018 | = 42 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Long Island | | | | | |
| Heckscher SP: Overlook (East) Beach | 9/4/2018 | = 31 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Heckscher SP: West Beach | 9/4/2018 | < 1 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Hither Hills SP | 9/16/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Jones Beach SP Central-Central Mall | 9/18/2018 | = 4 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Jones Beach SP Central-Field 2 | 9/18/2018 | = 11 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Jones Beach SP Central-Field 6 | 9/18/2018 | = 6 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Jones Beach SP Zach's Bay | 9/6/2018 | < 1 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Orient Beach SP | 9/6/2018 | = 12 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Robert Moses SP (Field 2) | 9/16/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Robert Moses SP (Field 3) | 9/5/2018 | < 1 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Robert Moses SP (Field 4) | 9/5/2018 | = 10 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Robert Moses SP (Field 5) | 9/16/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Sunken Meadow SP | 9/17/2018 | = 10 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Sunken Meadow SP-East | 9/17/2018 | < 1 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Wildwood SP | 9/4/2018 | < 1 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Niagara | | | | | |
| Beaver Island SP | 9/5/2018 | = 130 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Evangola SP | 9/5/2018 | = 10 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Wilson-Tuscarora SP | 9/5/2018 | = 30 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Palisades | | | | | |
| Harriman SP: Lake Tiorati (Chair 2) | 9/4/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Harriman SP: Lake Tiorati (Head Chair) | 9/4/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Harriman SP: Lake Welch (Chair 0) | 9/4/2018 | = 93.2 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Harriman SP: Lake Welch (Chair 08) | 9/11/2018 | = 8.6 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Harriman SP: Lake Welch (Chair 17) | 9/4/2018 | = 56.5 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |

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| Palisades | | | | | |
| Harriman SP: Sebago Lake (Cabins) | 9/4/2018 | < 1 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Minnewaska SPP: Lake Awosting | 9/11/2018 | = 52.8 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Minnewaska SPP: Lake Minnewaska | 9/11/2018 | = 44.1 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Saratoga-Capital District | | | | | |
| Cherry Plain SP | 9/4/2018 | = 47.3 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Grafton Lakes SP | 9/4/2018 | = 31.7 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Moreau Lake SP | 9/4/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Thacher (Thompson's Lake) SP | 9/4/2018 | = 1 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Taconic | | | | | |
| Clarence Fahnestock SP | 9/5/2018 | = 8.6 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Lake Taghkanic SP | 9/4/2018 | = 4.1 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Taconic SP: Copake Falls (Kiddy) | 9/4/2018 | = 10.9 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Taconic SP: Copake Falls (Ore Pit) | 9/4/2018 | = 33.1 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Taconic SP: Rudd Pond | 9/4/2018 | = 12.1 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Thousand Islands | | | | | |
| Cedar Point SP | 9/4/2018 | = 28 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Coles Creek SP | 9/4/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Cumberland Bay SP | 9/4/2018 | = 56 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Grass Point SP | 9/4/2018 | = 8 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Higley Flow SP | 9/4/2018 | = 32 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Jacques Cartier SP | 8/29/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Kring Point SP | 8/27/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Macomb Reservation SP | 9/4/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Point Au Roche SP | 9/4/2018 | = 24 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Robert Moses SP (Thousand Islands) | 9/4/2018 | = 20 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Southwick Beach SP | 9/4/2018 | = 40 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Wellesley Island | 9/4/2018 | < 4 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Westcott Beach SP (M1 - Main) | 9/4/2018 | = 20 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |
| Westcott Beach SP (M2 - Kiddy) | 9/4/2018 | = 48 | Closed | Closed for end of season | 2 |
| Whetstone Gulf SP | 8/19/2018 | = | Closed | Closed for end of season | 1 |

For Woodlawn Beach status and model prediction results see: <http://ny.water.usgs.gov/maps/nowcast/?state=NY>