

NEWS RELEASE

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Westwood Lake closed for swimming until further notice

Public instructed to stay out of the water

Summary

Island Health has informed the City of Nanaimo that the E.Coli count at Westwood Lake exceeds the allowable limit and swimming is not recommended due to poor water quality. A follow-up test will occur Friday, August 10 with results expected to be received on Saturday, Aug 11.

The Hawaiian Holidaze event scheduled at Westwood Lake Friday, August 10 has been cancelled.

Strategic Link: N/A

Key Points

- Effective immediately, swimming at Westwood Lake is closed to the public.
- Park users are instructed to remain out of the water until further notice.
- For updated information on water conditions at Westwood Lake, please visit the City's website at www.Nanaimo.ca, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or read Island Health's Beach Report.
- Westwood Lake Park remains open for hiking and walking.

Quotes

"It is important that we keep swimmers safe, so until the levels drop to an allowable limit, we encourage the community to use alternative water recreation areas such as the water parks and the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, until further notice."

Damon Johnston
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Quick Facts

- To find alternative places to swim, use the City's "Park Search" tool on our website.
- Hawaiian Holidaze, the August 10 Aquatic Event at Westwood Lake has been cancelled.

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