



News Advisory

Danger warning issued at Bridgeport Reservoir after tests confirm harmful algal bloom

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SACRAMENTO –The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board is urging visitors to stay out of the water at Bridgeport Reservoir in Mono County after tests confirmed the lake is being impacted by harmful algal blooms (HABs). Two different advisories have been posted – “[WARNING](#)” at the RV Park and “[DANGER](#)” at the Old Marina Boat Ramp -- to alert everyone of the elevated risk. Visitors to the reservoir are encouraged to follow the below guidance until further notice.

Warning ([RV Park](#))

- No swimming
- Do not let pets and other animals go into the water, drink the water or eat scum on the shore.
- Stay away from scum and cloudy or discolored water.
- Do not use this water for drinking or cooking. Boiling or filtering will not make the water safe.
- For fish caught here, throw away guts and clean fillets with tap water or bottled water before cooking.

Danger ([Old Marina Boat Ramp](#) and [Dam](#))

- Stay out of the water until further notice, including watercraft.
- Do not let pets and other animals drink or go into the water, or go near the scum.
- Stay away from scum, and cloudy or discolored water.
- Do not eat fish from this water.
- Do not use this water for drinking or cooking. Boiling or filtering will not make the water safe.

Walker River Irrigation District, a regional partner that assists with monitoring, noticed visual observations of a potential bloom while sampling during the Labor Day Pre-Holiday Assessment at Bridgeport Reservoir. Water testing confirmed toxins were present at levels that exceed the warning and danger level threshold in samples collected from the RV Park, Old Marina Boat Ramp, dam area on August 11th.

Note that cyanobacteria, a group of organisms that form harmful algal blooms, can produce potent toxins. Health risks are associated with HABs as they produce dermatotoxins that can cause skin inflammation, as well as gastrointestinal distress,



headaches, agitation and weakness, or abnormal breathing if HAB material is swallowed while swimming. Dogs and children are most susceptible to exposure because of their smaller body size, increased potential to swallow water while swimming, and tendency to stay in the water longer. If you suspect exposure, wash your children and dog immediately.

The bloom in the lake appears suspended on the water's surface. In some areas of the lake, the bloom may concentrate and form a film or scum on the water surface. The color of the water may also appear discolored as bright or dark green.

The Water Boards will provide regular updates to inform the community when postings are removed on the [California HAB Reports Web Map](#).

The Water Boards recommend that people practice [healthy water habits](#) while enjoying the outdoors this summer at your local lake, river or stream.

For more information about HABs, please visit:

[California Harmful Algal Blooms Portal](#)

California Department of Public Health [Resource Page](#)

WARNING

Toxins from algae in this water can harm people and kill animals

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|  No swimming. |  Do not let pets or other animals go into or drink the water, or go near the scum. |
|  Stay away from scum, and cloudy or discolored water. |  Do not eat shellfish from this water. |
|  Do not use this water for drinking or cooking. Boiling or filtering will not make the water safe. |  For fish caught here, throw away guts and clean fillets with tap water or bottled water before cooking. |

For people, the toxins can cause:

- Skin rashes, eye irritation
- Diarrhea, vomiting

For animals, the toxins can cause:

- Diarrhea, vomiting
- Convulsions and death

Call your doctor or veterinarian if you or your pet get sick after going in the water.

For information on harmful algae, go to mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/cyanohab_network

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DANGER

Toxins from algae in this water can harm people and kill animals



**Stay out of the water until further notice.
Do not touch scum in the water or on shore.**



Do not let pets or other animals drink or go into the water or go near the scum.



Do not eat fish or shellfish from this water.



Do not use this water for drinking or cooking.
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