



News Advisory

Harmful algal bloom advisories issued for sections of Crowley Lake

Danger and caution advisories in place depending on location

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MONO COUNTY – Crowley Lake visitors are advised to avoid affected areas after testing confirmed a harmful algal bloom that can make people and animals sick and pose a particular risk to children and dogs.

A Danger advisory is in effect at Hilton Creek Drainage, where people and pets should stay out of the water. A lower-level Caution advisory is in effect at South Landing Marina, where visitors should avoid algae and scum and keep pets out of the water.

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board is monitoring conditions at the lake and has posted advisory signs at affected areas.

Lahontan Water Board staff observed a bloom recently while sampling Crowley Lake as part of statewide pre-Labor Day weekend monitoring. The bloom extended for more than a football field along the shoreline near South Landing. Testing confirmed toxin levels requiring a Caution advisory at South Landing Marina and a Danger advisory at Hilton Creek Drainage.

Danger – Hilton Creek Drainage

- Stay out of the water in the affected area, including on watercraft.
- Do not let pets or other animals enter or drink the water or go near algae or scum.
- Stay away from algae, scum and cloudy or discolored water.
- Do not eat fish or shellfish caught in the affected area.
- Do not drink the water or use it for cooking. Boiling or filtering will not make it safe.

Caution – South Landing Marina

- Swimming is allowed, but stay away from algae and scum in the water.
- Keep children away from algae in the water and along the shore.
- Do not let pets or other animals enter or drink the water or eat algae or scum along the shore.
- If you catch fish, throw away the guts and clean fillets with tap or bottled water before cooking.
- Do not eat shellfish from the affected area.
- Do not drink the water or use it for cooking.



Harmful algal blooms can produce toxins that make people and animals sick. Children and dogs are especially vulnerable because they are more likely to swallow water while swimming or playing.

Harmful algal blooms can appear as green, blue-green or brown discoloration in the water, floating mats or scum, or streaks on the water's surface. Conditions can change quickly as wind and waves move or concentrate a bloom in different areas.

Visitors should follow posted advisory signs and avoid suspicious-looking algae even in areas where signs are not present. Current conditions and advisory locations are available on the [California HAB Reports Web Map](#).

Visitors are encouraged to practice [healthy water habits](#) whenever enjoying California lakes, rivers and streams, including avoiding algae and scum, keeping children and pets away from affected water and washing with clean water after water contact. More information is available on the Water Boards' Healthy Water Habits webpage.

Seek medical or veterinary care immediately if you think a person or animal became sick after contact with a harmful algal bloom. Tell the medical or veterinary professional about the possible exposure. Please also report any potentially HAB-related human or animal illness via the Bloom Report Form.

To report a bloom:

- Submit a Bloom Report through the [California Harmful Algal Blooms Portal](#).
- Email CyanoHAB.Reports@waterboards.ca.gov.
- Call the HABs hotline at 1-844-729-6466.
- Contact your county public health department.

For more information, visit the California Harmful Algal Blooms Portal