

# Algae Advisory

Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria), which can cause illness such as diarrhea, stomach cramps, and eye and skin irritation have been found in this lake in the past.



*If large amounts of scum are visible in the water, it is advisable to take the following precautions:*



Do not swim or water ski in affected areas.



Do not allow children to play in water or near affected areas.



Do not drink the water (boiling or chlorination will not make water safe).



Do not eat unhealthy looking fish from this lake.



Prevent pets or livestock from drinking the water along the shoreline, as this could be fatal to animals.

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## Why is the Water Green?

After hot, dry weather the lake can get covered with a greenish film made of millions of blue-green algae cells. Blue-green algae are naturally occurring, microscopic plants that grow in most Alberta lakes.

If the water at this beach is covered with blue-green algae (cyanobacteria), avoid contact.

If contact occurs, wash with clean water as soon as possible. If you, your children or your animals become sick after contact, call your doctor or veterinarian.

