



News Advisory

Danger advisory expanded at Crowley Lake as harmful algal bloom conditions worsen

Visitors should stay out of the water at South Landing Marina and Hilton Creek Drainage

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MONO COUNTY – Visitors to Crowley Lake are advised to stay out of the water at South Landing Marina and Hilton Creek Drainage after testing found exceptionally high toxin levels associated with a harmful algal bloom.

The Danger advisory expands restrictions announced in August, when Hilton Creek Drainage was under a Danger advisory and South Landing Marina was under a lower-level Caution advisory. Both locations are now at Danger, the highest advisory level.

Harmful algal blooms can produce toxins that make people and animals sick and can be especially dangerous to children and dogs. The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board is continuing to monitor conditions at the lake.

Danger – South Landing Marina and Hilton Creek Drainage

- Stay out of the water in the affected areas, 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 from the affected areas.
- Do not drink the water or use it for cooking. Boiling or filtering will not make it safe.

Harmful algal blooms can appear as green, blue-green or brown discoloration, 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 practice [healthy water habits](#) whenever visiting 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.

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.



Current conditions and advisory locations are available on the [California HAB Reports Web Map](#).

To report a suspected harmful algal bloom, submit a **Bloom Report** through the California Harmful Algal Blooms Portal, email CyanoHAB.Reports@waterboards.ca.gov or call the HAB hotline at 1-844-729-6466.

For more information, visit the [California Harmful Algal Blooms Portal](#).



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.
Boiling or filtering will not make the water safe.

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
For local information, contact: