

LOOK OUT FOR Harmful Algal Blooms



Be Alert!

Water conditions at this location make the water susceptible to harmful algal blooms (HABs). HABs occur when microscopic organisms in a waterbody produce toxins or other harmful compounds that can harm people, pets, or wildlife. In Pennsylvania, HABs are most commonly caused by cyanobacteria.

What to Look For:

HABs can be hard to forecast and detect. HABs can only be identified with water testing, but visual conditions can often indicate a potential HAB.

Before entering the water, check for and avoid areas with:

- Noticeable green, green/blue, blue, brown, gold, or red colors in, on, or near the water's edge
- Algae-like scum, foam, mats, or clumps
- Paint-like streaks

Follow Safe Water Recreation Practices

ALWAYS



WASH WITH SOAP AND WATER IMMEDIATELY
after any contact with untreated water



DO NOT

Ingest untreated water



PEOPLE



PETS

CAUTION

Check water conditions before engaging in or allowing



BOATING



SWIMMING



FISHING



PETS