

## **Irishtown park lake closed to recreation**

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The City of Moncton is cautioning park users that the lake at the Irishtown Nature Park is now closed to water recreation. Pet owners must also keep their dogs out of the water and not let them drink the water because some of the bays in the park have green-coloured algae floating to the surface. The growth of algae blooms has been a problem in the former reservoir for the last several summers, and the city has a weekly water quality-monitoring program to keep an eye on it.

The City of Moncton is advising the public that the algae is concentrated and samples are being sent for confirmation of non-toxic species.

In past years, the bloom has never been found to include any of the toxic algae species, but that is no guarantee the conditions that enable non-toxic species to thrive won't do the same for dangerous types.

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