

Gippsland Lakes Algae Update

8 June 2022

Algae are a naturally occurring organism present in all waterways. The Gippsland Lakes contain many different types of algae at varying levels as part of the natural environment and balance of the Lakes system.

Weather conditions, nutrient levels, salinity and water flows all affect the levels of algae and can contribute to the formation of algal blooms on the Lakes.

Warmer weather conditions are likely to lead to a natural increase in the abundance and variety of algae and other organisms in the Lakes.

This week's tests indicate the following levels of algae:

Location	Species	Algae levels	Toxin Producer	Recreational alert (No contact with Water)	Seafood Advisory
Lake Victoria	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	<p>Do not eat shellfish such as mussels, crabs or prawns from the Gippsland Lakes and from McLoughlins Beach through to Marlo.</p> <p>A Gut and Gill Advisory is in place for Fish</p> <p>Check the VicEmergency app for the latest information</p>
Lake King	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Lakes Entrance North Arm Inlet	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Wattle Point	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Paynesville	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Eagle Point	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Metung	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Raymond Island	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Newlands Arm	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Bullock Island	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Ocean Grange	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Duck Arm	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Bancroft Bay	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Kalimna	Nodularia	Low	Yes	No	

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Nungurner	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Barrier Landing	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Hollands Landing	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	
Boole Poole	Nodularia spumigena	Low	Yes	No	

If an algal bloom develops on the Gippsland Lakes, information will be available on this website and through local outlets, including local media and Visitor Information Centres and circulated to tourism operators. It will also be posted on the DELWP Gippsland Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/DELWPGippsland/>