

## News release

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### **Health advisory lifted for Dorena Reservoir** *Reduced blue-green algae levels confirmed*

A health advisory for Dorena Reservoir, located six miles east of Cottage Grove in Lane County, was lifted today by the Oregon Health Authority. The advisory was issued July 31 due to high levels of blue-green algae found in the lake in the area of Bake Stewart Park.

Water monitoring has confirmed the blue-green algae cells present in the lake are below the health advisory guidelines for both individual and combined cell counts and for all cyanotoxins produced.

Oregon health officials advise people who recreate in Oregon water bodies to always be alert to signs of algae blooms. People and their pets should avoid contact if the water is foamy, scummy, thick like paint, pea-green, blue-green or brownish red in color, or if a mat of algae is visible in the water.

For local information contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Willamette Valley Recreation Office at 541-942-5631. For health information contact the [Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance \(HABS\) program](#) at 971-673-0400. Also contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767.

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