

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE
CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
POLICY STATEMENT**

SUBJECT: Designated Areas for No Swimming or Body Contact with Water

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 14, 2025

I. PURPOSE: To specify the designated areas where swimming or body contact with water is not permitted within the boundaries of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District.

II. POLICY

- A. Regulation: Cleveland Metropolitan Park District Regulation Section 543.02(a) states, “[s]wimming is hereby permitted except at areas that are otherwise designated. Users assume all risk of any body contact or other use of the water.”
- B. No Swimming Areas: Based upon factors and elements that pose unsafe hazards and conditions, including but not limited to boat traffic, excessive change in slope, dangerous submerged material/debris, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District designates the following areas where swimming or body contact with water is **not permitted**:

Reservation	Location
Bedford	Viaduct
Brecksville	Chippewa Creek Gorge Falls at Route 82 only.
Euclid Creek	Euclid Creek
Euclid Creek	Wildwood Boat Ramps
Euclid Creek	Wildwood Marina
Euclid Creek	Wildwood Fishing Pier
Euclid Creek	Outside the swimming area at Euclid Beach including the area west of the Pier
Garfield	Mill Creek Falls
Hinckley	Boathouse Boat Docks
Hinckley	Hinckley Lake Dam (excluding the spillway swim area)
Hinckley	Ledge Lake
Lakefront	East 55th Marina
Lakefront	Edgewater Boat Ramps
Lakefront	Edgewater Fishing Pier
Lakefront	Edgewater Marina
Lakefront	Perkins Beach
Lakefront	Gordon Boat Ramps
Lakefront	Whiskey Island Marina & Designated area on eastern part of Wendy Park
Rocky River	Emerald Necklace Boat Ramps

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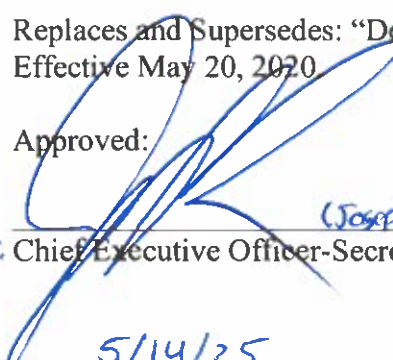
Rocky River	Morley's Ford to 1000ft. Southeast
Rocky River	Emerald Necklace Marina
South Chagrin	Shadow Lake
Zoo	Waterfowl Lake

- C. Safety: In an effort to increase safety in those areas where there is significant public demand for swimming and body contact with water, the Chief Executive Officer is directed to evaluate and, if appropriate, deploy lifeguards in certain locations and utilize a standardized process to monitor water quality. In addition to those locations identified in Paragraph B, from time to time, based upon weather, hazardous conditions, dangerous objects or water quality standards, the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to prohibit swimming or other body contact with water throughout Cleveland Metroparks property.

References: Cleveland Metroparks Park District Regulation 543.02

Replaces and Supersedes: "Designated Areas for No Swimming or Body Contact with Water"
Effective May 20, 2020

Approved:


For: Chief Executive Officer-Secretary (Joseph V. Roszak, COO)

5/14/25
Approval Date


Board of Park Commissioners President

May 2030
Review Date