

# Martin Park Beach

## Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What kind of animals are in the water? **Snakes, snails, turtles and fish.**  
Can't you get rid of the snakes and stuff? **No. This is a natural environment and this is their home.**
2. Why do I have to get in the water with my children when they are perfectly safe wearing their flotation aids?  
**This is a safety issue. Unless approved by the Coast Guard no flotation device is safe. This is our policy.**
3. Why can't my child swim with puddle jumpers by himself?  
**They can as long as you are in arms reach of your child at all times.**
4. Can the lifeguard watch my child while I go for a swim? **No. The lifeguard is here to keep everyone safe and must constantly survey the water and beach.**
5. Why can't I bring charcoal and BBQ? **It's a fire hazard.**
6. Why can't I have beer/alcoholic beverages? **This is a family friendly place and our policy is no alcohol.**
7. Why don't you do something about the geese? **At closing time, a small fence is put up to move geese away from the shore. However, this is a natural environment and this is their home.**
8. Do I receive a refund if there is thunder and lightning and you close the beach? **No**
9. Why are the swim lines set there? Can they be moved to make a larger area? **Due to the quick variations in water depth, they cannot be made any larger.**
10. Why can't I swim across the lake at my own risk? **The depth of the water is too deep for our certified lifeguards to rescue. Safety is our top priority.**
11. Why can't we go out beyond the buoys like the other beach? **We provide lifeguards for your safety and the guards are certified to rescue someone in water that is 12' deep. Water beyond the buoys is well over 12' deep.**
12. What are you going to do about it if I swim across the lake in spite of your rules? **The police will be called and your membership may be terminated.**
13. Why are you letting non-residents in to our town beach? **It is required by state law.**
14. Can I bring my own raft to use in the water? **No. Safety is our top priority.**
15. Can my 10-year-old go out on the paddle board? **No. Our policy is 13+ years of age.**
16. Can I bring my dog on the beach? **No 4-legged family members allowed for sanitary reasons.**
17. Can I come to the beach with my dog before it opens to the public? **No one is allowed on the beach when there isn't a lifeguard present.**
18. Why are you telling my child not to throw sand? Don't discipline my child. He's not your child.  
**This is dangerous to other patrons.**
19. How often do you test the quality of the water? **1x; sometimes 2x weekly**
20. Can my child have their birthday party here at the beach? We are not residents or members? **Would you like to become a member? Yes, you can have a party. Please call the Recreation Center 203-431-2755 M-F 8:30am-4:30pm.**