Martin Park Beach Frequently Asked Questions

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 floatation 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.

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15) Can I bring my own raft to use in the water?  No.  Safety is our top priority.

16) Can my 10-year-old go out on the paddle board?  No.  Our policy is 13+ years of age.

17) Can I bring my dog on the beach?  No 4-legged family members allowed for sanitary reasons.

18) 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.

19) Do you have a concession stand and who is it?  Natural Scoop.  They sell all natural ice cream products, snacks and drinks.

20) 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.

21) How often do you test the quality of the water?  1x; sometimes 2x weekly.

22) 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.