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### LAKE RONKONKOMA

#### Algae in water leads to advisory

Suffolk County health officials have advised visitors to refrain from wading or swimming in Lake Ronkonkoma at Brookhaven Park, where a localized blue-green algae bloom has been confirmed.

“Contact with surface water that appears discolored should be avoided,” officials said in a news release. Children and pets should also be kept away from the area.

Blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria and which naturally forms in low numbers in lakes and streams, “can become abundant” and toxic, according to the Tuesday release.

Contact can result in symptoms “such as nausea, vomiting or diarrhea; skin, eye or throat irritation, allergic reactions or breathing difficulties,” in which case medical attention should be sought, officials said.

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