

Moore Lake Beach & Park Beach Opens Mid-June (No lifeguards will be on duty.)

Hours

The City of Fridley operates a public swimming beach at Moore Lake Park located at 5890 Central Avenue N.E. The beach is scheduled to be open mid-June through mid-August. The beach will be open from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. with **no lifeguards** on duty. The City of Fridley will close Moore Lake Beach whenever dangerous swimming conditions exist. No person shall be permitted in the water during the periods when the swimming area is declared closed.

Park Rules

- Parking is allowed in parking lots only -- no cars allowed on park land.
- Dogs or pets are not allowed at the beach.
- Rental permits are issued for the picnic shelters. Be aware that if you use a shelter without reserving it, you may be required to move.
- Alcohol is not allowed at any City park, including Moore Lake Beach.
- Park closing time is 10:00 p.m.
- Be aware that the City places certain restrictions on noise and other disruptive behavior.
- Tobacco use is prohibited in all City parks.

Park Shelter Permits

The City of Fridley Parks & Recreation Department issues park facility permits to Fridley residents or organizations wishing to use the picnic shelters at Moore Lake Park & Beach. Rental fees are \$33 for residents and \$60 for non-residents (not including tax). A \$30 refundable damage/clean-up deposit is also required. Reservations for picnic areas do not grant exclusive use of the park. For further information, please call 763-572-3570.

Please Do Not Feed the Waterfowl

On city-owned park land, feeding waterfowl such as ducks, geese, gulls or swans is now a misdemeanor due to health and safety reasons - especially at Moore Lake Beach which has had to be closed on occasion due to high e.coli bacterial contamination.

In surface waters, the presence of these bacteria is attributed to fecal contamination, and one well known cause is geese. Infections start when you swallow tiny amounts of this contaminated water. Feeding the waterfowl encourages them to linger in large groups around the beach creating an unsightly and unsanitary location, and again, sometimes requiring the beach to be closed on some of the hottest days of the summer due to the fecal count in the water.

There is also concern for the waterfowl's safety and wellbeing. Typical foods given to waterfowl by the public include bread, popcorn, and potato chips. This type of food does not hold the natural nutrients that birds need, and birds can become malnourished resulting in sickness or death. Also, if birds become dependent on this source of food, they begin to trust in people, making the birds vulnerable. Although most people have good intentions, others have been known to approach the birds and inflict damage. One goose was found in the park system with an arrow shot through its beak, and we know of incidents where people had sharpened sticks and stabbed some birds, while others have clubbed birds with sticks.

So for the health and safety of our residents, and the health and safety of the waterfowl - **PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE WATERFOWL.**



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