Dont dip in Fairy Lake with out safety call

Check before you cool off in Fairy Lake this long holiday weekend – yesterday's (Wednesday's) Halton's beach water quality report listed the Old Beach in Prospect Park as unsafe for swimming and water play levels of 67, but they jumped to 435, and then dropped to a still unacceptable 158 last week.

Residents and visitors to Halton's beaches can help keep the bacteria counts low by:



UNSAFE FOR SWIMMING

Due to high bacteria levels which may pose a health risk

because of high bacterial counts.

If you plan to spend a day at one of Halton's beaches, dial 311 or visit www.halton. ca/beaches to check beach water quality first. "Halton has over 25 kilometres of waterfront and recreational beaches at parks throughout the region," said Gary Carr, Regional Chair in the press release Wednesday, urging people to check for water quality when making plans.

The waters at Halton's beaches are tested by Halton's Health Department to determine if it is acceptable for swimming and for other recreational water activities. Swimming in water with a high bacterial count could result in eye, ear, nose or throat infections, or gastrointestinal or stomach illnesses.

So far this summer, the Old Beach has been closed twice when Ecoli results exceeded the provincial standard of 100-Ecoli per 100-millilitres of water. The first test of the season released June 4 found

- Not feeding animals or birds
- Observing local "stoop and scoop" by-laws and always pick up their pet's waste
- Practicing pollution-free boating by disposing of human waste properly
- Keeping private sewage disposal systems in good working order

For more information on beach water monitoring, please dial 311 or visit www. halton.ca/beaches.



FANTASTIC DEALS: Volunteers Connie Hoult (left) and Marilyn Grossi were very busy on Saturday at the Dr. Dougan Centre for Mental Health Promotion garage/bake sale, held in front of the Acton Town Hall Centre. – Ted Tyler photo





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