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## DOH-OKALOOSA ISSUES WATER QUALITY HEALTH ADVISORY

Advisories Issued for Liza Jackson Park, Lincoln Park, and Rocky Bayou State Park



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**FT. WALTON BEACH, Fla.** — The Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County (DOH-Okaloosa) has issued a water quality advisory for the following locations:

Liza Jackson Park 388 Miracle Strip Pkwy SW Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

> Lincoln Park 1217 N Bayshore Dr Valparaiso, FL 32580

Rocky Bayou State Park 4281 E Highway 20 Niceville, FL 32578

Tests completed on March 18, 2024 indicate that the water quality at Liza Jackson Park, Lincoln Park, and Rocky Bayou State Park do not meet the recreational water quality criteria for *Enterococcus* bacteria recommended by the Florida Department of Health.

DOH-Okaloosa advises against any water-related activities at this location due to an increased risk of illness in swimmers. Sampling conducted during regular water quality monitoring showed that the level of bacteria exceeds the level established by state guidelines.

This advisory will continue until bacteria levels are below the accepted health level. Test results are available at FloridaHealth.gov/HealthyBeaches.

For more information call 850-833-9247 visit <a href="www.HealthyOkaloosa.com">www.HealthyOkaloosa.com</a>.

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