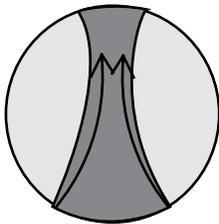
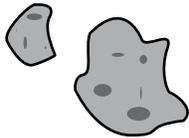




Water Safety



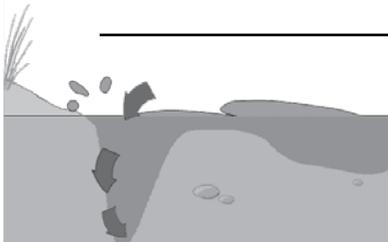
Rip Currents. Stay out of the water when there are high breaking waves. If caught in a rip current, swim parallel to the shore or float until you are free of the current, then swim back to the shore. Call for help if you see a struggling swimmer. When possible, swim in view of lifeguards. For water closures, call the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center at 219-926-7561 extension 225.



Water Quality. Stay out of water that looks dirty. Swimming in such water can cause vomiting, diarrhea, skin rashes, respiratory infections, and more. Do not go into the water when warning signs are posted. For water conditions, call the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center.



Inflatables. Do not use inflatables when the wind is blowing away from the shore. Otherwise, winds can blow swimmers on inflatables far out into the lake. If swimmers get too far out, they may have trouble swimming back to shore.



Drop-offs and sandbars. Do not step into places where you cannot see the lake bottom. Sandbars may drop off suddenly, leaving swimmers unexpectedly in water over their heads. Hidden rocks and shallow water make diving into Lake Michigan hazardous.



Beach Safety. Wear sandals or shoes to protect your feet from broken glass and 120 °F (48.8 °C) sand on hot days.

In case of an emergency, call 1-800-PARK-TIP.