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MILL CREEK PARK SWIM BEACH AREA REOPENS

FORT WORTH, Texas –The Mill Creek Park swim beach on Sam Rayburn Reservoir was reopened yesterday, according to Corps officials after being closed due to high bacteria levels in the water.

Water quality testing for E. Coli levels at the designated swim beach showed high levels of the bacteria during the week of June 7, which lead to the beach closure.

“The visitors to our swim beach areas can be comforted knowing the water quality is actively monitored and actions are taken to assure public safety when necessary,” said Col. Richard J. Muraski, Jr., commander of the Corps’ Fort Worth District.

As a public safety measure the U.S Army Corps of Engineers conducts weekly water quality monitoring of all the Corps operated swim beach areas.

Lake Sam Rayburn’s other swim beach areas at Ebenezer, Hanks Creek and San Augustine Park were all within normal levels and remained open during the Mill Creek swim beach closure.

As a rule the U.S Army Corps of Engineers has set public safety as its foremost priority and will take action to assure visitors enjoy a safe recreational experience.

“Our agency wants our visitors to be safe and enjoy their recreational experience so that the visitors may return and enjoy the reservoirs and its parks for years to come,” said Mark Dearborn, Lake Sam Rayburn park ranger.

Questions regarding Lake Sam Rayburn swim beach areas and water quality monitoring should be directed to the Sam Rayburn Project Office at 409-384-5716.

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