

blue green algae?

dodge it

Stay clear of living things near the shoreline & in the water like

mosquitoes & algae blooms.

Enjoy Florida's waters—know when to swim it, shore it or dodge it.

Blue green algae are organisms naturally found in all types of water—large concentrations are called blooms. Blooms can form a thick mat that can be foamy, scummy and give off a bad odor.

Don't swallow, swim, wade, use personal watercrafts, water ski or boat in waters where there are blooms.

Blooms can cause ear, eye and skin reactions, and hay fever and flu-like symptoms [diarrhea]. Wash your skin and clothing with soap and water if you touch blooms, or discolored or smelly water. See your doctor if you have symptoms.

Waters where there are blooms are not safe for animals.

Don't cook or clean dishes with water contaminated by blooms. Boiling water will not eliminate chemicals.

Fillets from healthy fish caught in freshwater lakes experiencing blooms are safe to eat. The Florida Department of Health recommends that fish are not harvested from areas near or in the bloom.

