

**“Clean water is up to you,
because we don’t know any better”**

Our water, it starts clean. Why doesn't it stay that way sometimes? Fecal material (yes....poop!)

Sources at Whiskeytown:

Babies & Diapers:

Babies don't know any better ... and loaded diapers are a serious problem. Children with regular diapers are not allowed in Whiskeytown Lake or park streams.

We're serious

- Special swim diapers are the only ones allowed in the water and these diapers must be clean (please check frequently). Check with the life guards or the concession stands to purchase one.

Dogs:

Dogs are not allowed at Brandy Creek Beach, Oak Bottom Beach, East Beach or Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area. Dogs must be on a leash in other places.

We're serious

- Dogs are not allowed at any swim beach (\$75 fine).
- Dogs **MUST** always be on a leash at Whiskeytown, if not, we will give you a ticket (\$50).
- Pick up after your dog, if you don't (\$75 fine).

Geese:

Although they may be “natural,” Canada Geese at beach areas can cause the water in this man-made lake to become polluted – because people feed them.

We're serious

- Don't feed the geese.
- We will give you a ticket (\$250).
- We may be forced to destroy the geese.

Fact is - most natural bodies of water will have some fecal material - as awful as that sounds, it is normal and usually won't hurt us. It comes from animals, birds - even fish!


Higher concentrations are a problem because they can make us sick. The problem comes from the bacteria and viruses that are associated with the fecal material, including that from babies, dogs and geese.

When there is too much bacteria in the water, we can get sick - and it can be serious!

What can we do?

We need to reduce as many of the sources of pollution as we can to keep Whiskeytown Lake clean. It's up to you.

Please do your part



Part of the wonder of national parks is their beauty and the wildlife that live within them. Please respect our parks and keep them wild and clean.