

Survey Results: Lake Ann Park

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These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

466

Total Participants

454 of 696 initially invited (65%)
12 others
Margin of error: ± 5%

Applied Filter:
Locals only

Participants for filter:
418

Response Time (hours)



Started:
Dec 6, 2023 11:06am CST

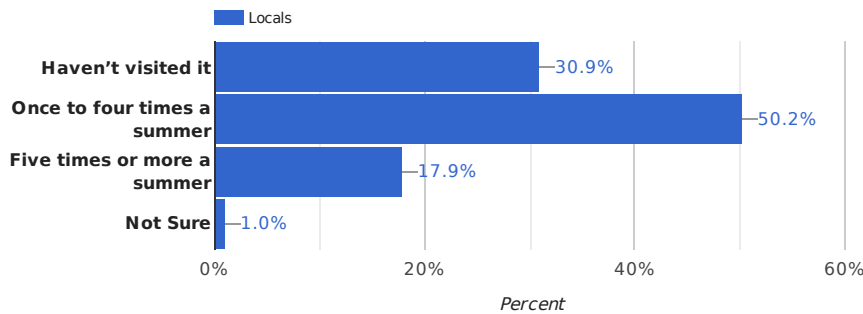
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Dec 8, 2023 11:07am CST

Target Participants:
All Chanhassen

Q1 In the last few years, about how often have you or your family visited the Lake Ann Park swimming beach?

(418 responses by)

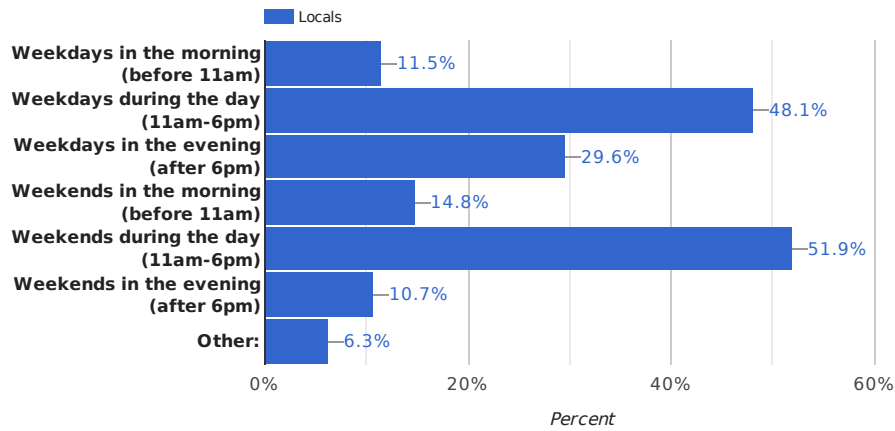
Options	Locals (418)
Haven't visited it	30.9% (129)
Once to four times a summer	50.2% (210)
Five times or more a summer	17.9% (75)
Not Sure	1.0% (4)



Q2 When have you typically visited Lake Ann Park swimming beach? (You can choose up to THREE, if any)

(270 responses by)

Options	Locals (270)
Weekdays in the morning (before 11am)	11.5% (31)
Weekdays during the day (11am-6pm)	48.1% (130)
Weekdays in the evening (after 6pm)	29.6% (80)
Weekends in the morning (before 11am)	14.8% (40)
Weekends during the day (11am-6pm)	51.9% (140)
Weekends in the evening (after 6pm)	10.7% (29)
Other:	6.3% (17)



walk area 25 spend kids young month
 swing swim park july
 take varies visit random gone
 bit lake beach ann specific
 fourth use never really
 years ballfields almost time remember
 chan lived

None

We visit Lake Ann Park many times a month, but not to swim.

Do not visit the beach

Don't visit the swimming beach

Really can't remember the times, we just swing in as we have a bit of time, to take a walk.

I've lived in Chan for 25 years, I have never gone to the Lake Ann Park swimming beach.

Varies

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Do not use

Have never been to the beach.

None

Never

don't visit the beach, spend almost all the time at the ballfields or park when kids were young

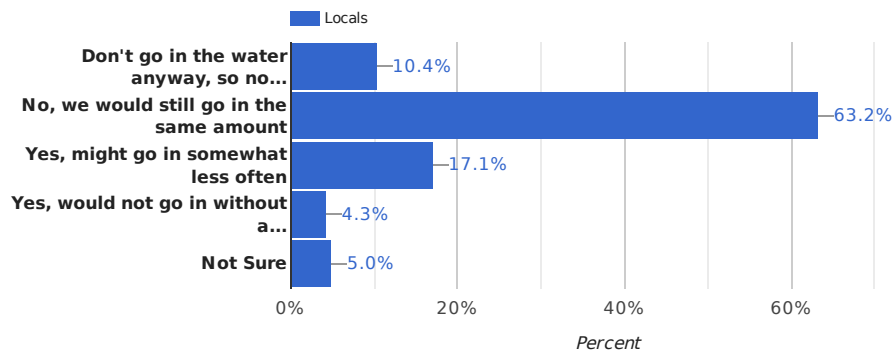
No specific time

Do not visit the beach area

Q3 If there were no lifeguards present at the Lake Ann Park swimming beach, would that change whether you or your family go in the water?

(280 responses by)

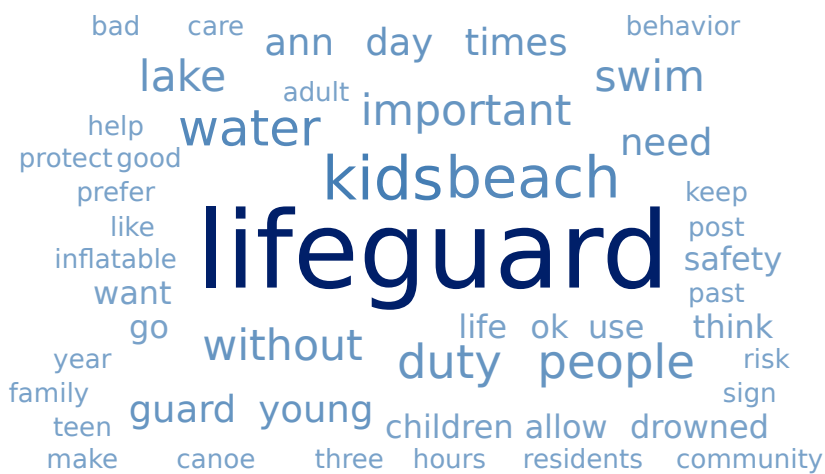
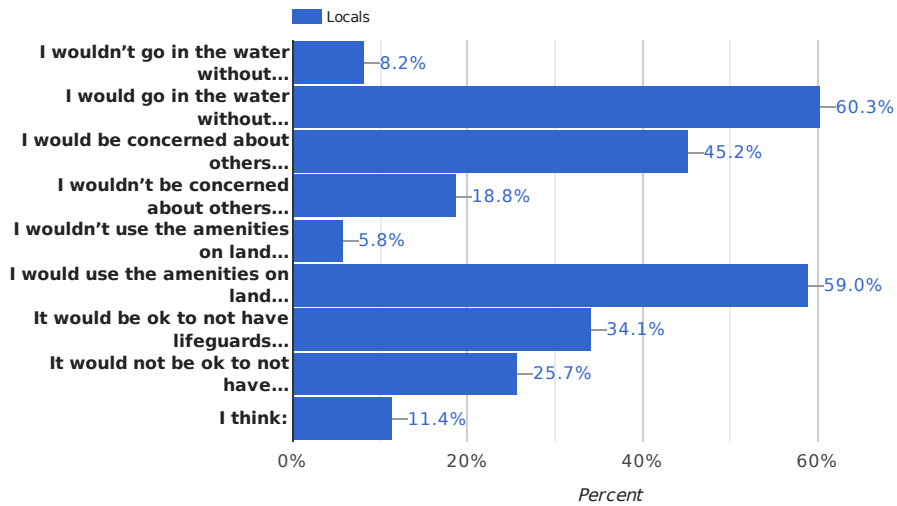
Options	Locals (280)
Don't go in the water anyway, so no difference	10.4% (29)
No, we would still go in the same amount	63.2% (177)
Yes, might go in somewhat less often	17.1% (48)
Yes, would not go in without a lifeguard there	4.3% (12)
Not Sure	5.0% (14)



Q4 Which of the following are TRUE for you, if any? (Choose all that apply, if any)

(378 responses by)

Options	Locals (378)
I wouldn't go in the water without lifeguards on duty	8.2% (31)
I would go in the water without lifeguards on duty	60.3% (228)
I would be concerned about others going in without lifeguards on duty	45.2% (171)
I wouldn't be concerned about others going in without lifeguards on duty	18.8% (71)
I wouldn't use the amenities on land there (beach, watercraft rentals, playground, picnic tables) without lifeguards on duty	5.8% (22)
I would use the amenities on land there (beach, watercraft rentals, playground, picnic tables) without lifeguards on duty	59.0% (223)
It would be ok to not have lifeguards at the beach	34.1% (129)
It would not be ok to not have lifeguards at the beach	25.7% (97)
I think:	11.4% (43)



I'd paddle on the water w/o lifeguards but as an EMT I want lifeguards on duty as much as possible

Peak times in the summer should have a lifeguard.

I'm OK with no lifeguards if it means keeping access to the beach and amenities.

There should be lifeguards at the beach during core days/times. What does Minnewashta Park do?

We need lifeguards!

They should at least have lifeguards during the lake ann camp since there is an increase of kids.

Lifeguards deter people from doing potentially dangerous activities.

I feel lifeguards also help curb bad behavior. Inflatableables go in the water when they leave.

It would be a tragedy for the community if Lake Ann was associated with a fatal drowning.

When I had little kids I really felt safer with guards on duty.

Lifeguards are important

I don't have an opinion about beach safety at Lake Anne with or without lifeguards.

as long as there is a sign reminding people they are swimming at their own risk, i think it's fine.

Lifeguards help to keep order at the beach, they are a presents of authority.

There should be lifeguards at some set times, especially on the weekend.

I would go in the water but only waist deep, would not go further or allow children any further

We should be a community that cares about the welfare of its residents

I would be unlikely to allow my teenagers to swim without me there if no lifeguards on duty.

From what I remember its not in very good condition

It's a bad idea if we care about residents and visitors. Too many drownings

If my kids were younger I would definitely want a lifeguard on duty

Have never been to the beach.

If my kids were young I would not take them without lifeguards, but ok as adults

As an adult I would be ok without lifeguards but I would prefer to bring my kids to a place with ki

For the safety if young kids, a life guard is important.

I'd still like the presence of security walk the

There are a lot of older kids that may want to use the beach equipment that having a lifeguard thee

Limited lifeguards on duty with the schedule well posted.

The lifeguards provide an extra level of protection.

watercraft shld require a waiver of liability b/c they are used far away from lifeguard

Must post clear signs stating no lifeguards on the beach....

Would there be some type of supervision? I'm thinking behaviors of teens

Have not several people drowned in Lake Ann over the past years? That lake has a sketchy history.

Lifeguards are needed when water craft rentals are available

People can decide their risk and act accordingly. Having one makes it simpler for young families.

Life Guards are important

My son was a lifeguard at LA Beach and saved three kids that fell out of their canoe. Its a good id

Past encounters with lifeguards with my small children had not been pleasant. I would not miss them

Just hire another lifeguard for longer hours and thru Labor Day.

Too many kids are there in groups of friends without parents and lifeguards would be important

I think there should be lifeguards, though it doesn't hamper my personal intent to swim

Add an inflatable course like shady oak!

I wouldn't go in the water due to the quality of the water

Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about Lake Ann Park or having lifeguards there?

(88 responses by)

chanhassen put parent nice go important
 necessary children think family safe
 great adult park beach young cut help
 city guard water life lifeguard safety
 lot without visit kids use lake keep feel
 public people love ann like area
 see swimmers swim summer also need good

There should be lifeguards if there is swimmmig

For the majority of families in and around Chanhassen, I'm guessing lifeguards would be a big plus. I am widowed, 67, and only visit Lake Ann when family is in town which is infrequent.

Great if you can get them, if not, people should be responsible for themselves and their kids.

Safety should always be a top priority and lifeguards save lives.

With the amount of families and kids who use the beach, it would feel unsafe to not have life guards

You should not restrict use of the beach/park if lifeguards are absent.

Prefer lifeguards as precaution for water situations, but also to help maintain a "supervisor" presence.

Beyond swimming...we LOVE this park! So well-kept, great for paddle sports, walking on trails or in woods!

Is there some now?

My children learned to swim with floaties on their arms, and using small blown up rings. They learned at Minnewashta Beach before there were lifeguards there. It was more fun than not being able to use the floaties.

While our family visits and utilizes Lake Ann without lifeguards it makes sense generally to have lifeguards during peak times with lots of smaller kids present. Noon to six. I think this covers a lot of people and when there are lots of folks that's when things are more likely to happen. Rental craft is not as important re lifeguards. I don't feel I'm being watched and so the lifeguards are unlikely to notice trouble to call it in.

My kids can barely swim, so we would never allow them in the water without us. But when we are there with them, we rarely put ourselves in a dangerous position.

The geese have ruined that swim area

I am fine with not having lifeguards at Lake Ann. Just post that no lifeguards are on duty.

When my children were small, it would have been important to me to have lifeguards on duty.

Lifeguards provide for a safer experience. However, it is the parents' primary responsibility to monitor their children or grandchildren (in my case). They also enforce park regulations to make the park experience safe and pleasant for all people.

Can we change the name of the park to "Prince Park at Lake Ann"??????

If you're making budget cuts, do it elsewhere. Public safety is important.

For myself, I don't care. But for families with young children, and groups (,I go there with a large group), it is very helpful.

I prefer life guards but would still use the area if none present.

We need lifeguards. Please encourage our Chanhassen boys and girls swim team to get their lifeguard and WSI certification. It is a wonderful summer job that needs good strong swimmers that enjoy the water, the outdoors and children Too many parents or other "responsible " adults do not watch their children at all while they are at Lake Ann. They sit on the beach chat with companions, sit on their phones or otherwise not pay attention to the children in the water who may or may not be able

to swim. Likewise, we want to be able to enjoy the beach without feeling like we should watch out for other people's children. Chanhassen has a lovely park. We should be putting the splash pad here and not in the city hall area. Our park is a treasure for young and old alike.

It show's Chanhassen cares.

They are needed during lake ann camp to give parents comfort in sending their children.

Lake Ann needs lifeguards. It shouldn't even be questioned.

I don't use the beach now but will soon as my grandchild gets older. The beach must have a lifeguard or security officer because there are always people who are irresponsible or disrespectful of others.

Get rid of the mulch in the playground area It gets dragged over to the beach

With so many families with small children swimming it would not be a safe environment if there were no life guards.

With the increase in kayaking and paddleboarding, and decrease in boat use, there arent enough spots by the boat launch for regular vehicles and too many reserved for trailers.

There should be lifeguards on duty when there are children in the water.

We use the trails around the lake also that are accessible.

Chanhassen is fortunate to have a number of beautiful parks with nice public amenities. I think supervision is necessary for public safety and the protection of our public property.

Lifeguard presence could have positive impact on behavior, but it would be hard to measure

Get rid of the lifeguards at lake Ann and move them to the city pool...oh wait, Chanhassen refuses to have one of those

Overall, Lake Ann is a great facility.

Wishing rentals were open later in the summer months- closes at 6pm and I like to rent paddleboards, but often only get 45 mins.

I think it's great that Chanhassen has a beach that has lifeguards on duty for those families who are not secure swimmers.

Too many "safety breaks", and they are too long. We have cut our visit short there because of them, or decided on a different beach altogether.

Why would you not have lifeguards at a public beach? Not only a liability issue but it provides summer jobs. Cost? I'm sure the city could cut back somewhere and find the funds. Families deserve a safe beach.

I think it is critically important to have lifeguards at Lake Ann Park beach.

I would not be in favor of a public beach without a lifeguard present.

I think lifeguards are very important when young children are swimming.

It is nice to have because they enforce rules if there are unsupervised teens, sometimes summer groups (camps) with kids use it and good to have extra eyes on everything. It is nice to have someone there during busy times, but isn't necessary during slow times.

No lifeguards are needed. Parents should parent.

Nope

I'd definitely prefer lifeguards for Lake Ann Park on the weekend. Especially with having younger kids that aren't fully capable swimmers yet. If lifeguards need to be cut during the week days, I would be okay with it.

Lifeguards are needed on afternoons/early evenings.

Lifeguards are necessary to protect against unsafe or undesired (rowdy, unruly) behavior. My family and I are comfortable using without but I think it's worth the cost to have it staffed with a lifeguard. At minimum, it should be the same level of oversight as other smaller nearby lakes (which have lifeguards), else it would devolve.

Good survey

My children are older and good swimmers. I would feel differently if they were younger, but lifeguards are a good safety measure and would be better for all people at the beach.

I can't even imagine why you are asking this. This is a popular park/lake with lots of little kids. I think the lifeguards are absolutely needed. I am an adult and I mostly SUP at the lake so I'm not concerned about myself but I am worried about the kids in the community. Do NOT remove the lifeguards.

I think because of the large amount of families with young children swimming in Lake Ann, Lifeguards are important. They help not only with safety, but people following rules and behaving.

No

Why take away lifeguards? Can we not afford to employ 17-18 year olds for 3 months? There are too many deaths at nearby lakes from people who can't swim. Bad idea for residents and visitors to Chanhassen.

I would like to see progress on building out the walking trails in the woods which will be of great benefit to residents

I think there should be paid lifeguards at Lake Ann. Too many people over estimate their swimming abilities and too many parents do not accompany their children in to the water, no matter how shallow..

Please think of ways to keep the parking lots safer from theft. The parking lots are not at all visible from the playground or beach.

We love Lake Ann. We rent canoes and Kayaks and will go to the beach. My kids are grown now but when they were young I would have wanted there to be lifeguards. Or if they were going with friends I would not want to have them go without lifeguards

Although it's challenging to find and finance life guards it's the safest way to protect swimmers as well as those using the other water activities.

I see parents that are distracted by their phones or in conversations with their friends. I think having a life guard on duty would help keep the littles safe.

We are ok without, but it is a nice employment opportunity for young people

I love sitting in my car and gazing at the lake while I sip coffee.

I think that having lifeguards on duty is generally better, but I don't see it as a deal breaker. I don't have kids though, and I would think that parent's opinions matter more here.

It is a great service to our community to have a beach, lifeguard and concessions in our local park!

Because Chan has so many young family's, it would a really good idea to have a lifeguard on duty during peak usage.

For youth who go the beach in summer (biking, running, etc) I would hope there would be lifeguards! I wouldn't let me small children (in years to come) go to the beach without an adult if there were no lifeguards.

Finish the trail around the lake!

Geese poop is out of control and is a deterrent to one of my kids wanting to go into the beach. How do we clean up/control better?

I am fine with my family. I would be concerned for others without parental supervision getting in a situation that puts the community responsible for trying to help

I'm ok without lifeguards, but young families with kids should have them. They can't cost very much to have. Cut \$ elsewhere and have lifeguards.

I like there being some type of supervision. Without supervision, I see it turning into a big party and people not taking care of the space (trash, disrespectful language/behaviors, etc...)

Lifeguards are important for this beach.

My opinion is that I would rather not have the lifeguards at the beach. As a parent, I'm monitoring my children already so it's not needed.

Lifeguards are important for any swimming beach or pool.

Although I have the beach by the Round House Park to visit, I feel if you put a life guard at one park beach, will you do that for all the beaches? Also it might be hard to staff! Would this also put liability on the City if something happens with a life guard on duty? If there was a life guard provided previously, and the beach is well used, I could support continuing the service.

I think it's a great community resource with lifeguards.

Economically, I would not open the concessions unless there were athletic events it would draw people to those concessions. I would also consider soliciting vendors to operate concessions contiguous to the athletic fields. The size and application of the existing facilities may not be economically sound. The winter months draw a bigger crowd. Maybe would be a good idea just to keep it open during the winter. Leave the smaller concession opportunities for athletics to local vendors.

Another time, a raccoon got on the beach, and was scaring the mothers and kids. Everyone was running. My son was able to deter and finally remove. Everyone on the beach clapped for him and the other guard.

Yeah, stop cutting corners, or even considering it. What you are asking is if as a society, we're willing to die by 1000 cuts, while the billionaire next door hires private lifeguards for their children.

Is there a reason not to have Lifeguards?

I believe lifeguards are essential, though posted shorter hours maybe acceptable to the general residents. Especially with all the families that use or may consider using Lake Anne Park, that have young children or grandchildren we should offer lifeguards.

Have heard from Friends about hardcore illegal drugs being sold and used by teenagers at this park. Was told not to let my kids go to this park alone.

They need lifeguards. There are too many little kids running around to not the have safety of lifeguards

Assuming accurate activity logs have been kept to report incidents over recent years, I would suggest making a data driven decision. If the amount of incidents resulting in a positive outcome due to the intervention of a lifeguard are high, there should be strong consideration for a replacement. If not, we can probably go without them. Plenty of other TC swimming lakes/beaches don't have them.

I am an infrequent visitor, more often visiting the beach in the fall/spring as part of a hike. I think lifeguards create a sense of community and safety and contribute to the beach being accessible to a wider range of people. It is inclusive.

The city should have Lifeguards on Duty..

I think it is up to the adults to watch their kids. If there are kids there without adult supervision then it is their responsibility to stay safe. I do however think that the beach needs a staff member there for in case of any unexpected emergencies or questions people have.

You absolutely need lifeguards there. Most similar set ups in the area (Eden prairie, Chaska) have them. I know it's really hard to find help, but I've noticed we have a lot of new to swimming people moving to this area. It's a risk.

As long as the swimming area is designated by buoys or ropes, it would be fine. We use Lake Minnewashta beach, usually before or after the life guards are on duty. Never a problem.

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