

RECREATIONAL USE OF THE L.A. RIVER

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The river is a recreational treasure in the midst of a large city, and like urban waterways around the world, it is both easily accessible and easily impacted by humans. The City of L.A., the Council for Watershed Health and Heal the Bay all monitor water quality in the L.A. River. The river can be enjoyed safely by kayakers and other recreational users with appropriate precautions.

"We are grateful to Heal the Bay for their study of water quality in the L.A. River, which supplements the City's ongoing testing program. The group's findings agree with our most recent water quality results, discussed at the Board of Public Works last week, and demonstrate the continued need for strong stewardship of this historic treasure.

At a recent workshop, participants including the City, Heal the Bay and other partners agreed on the need to focus more testing on the River's recreational zones, and to review posted signs and other public messages to make sure that all who use the River know how to enjoy it safely." -- Heather Repenning, Commissioner, Board of Public Works

Recommendations for recreational users include:

- No swimming
- After rain, wait 72 hours before entering recreational zones
- Avoid face-to-hand river water contact
- Wash hands and exposed skin after water contact



Mayor's Office of City Services kayaking the L.A. River (July 2016)