

Delighted to hear you are interested in swimming in Clevedon Marine Lake.

You can turn up to swim at any time, as the lake is big enough to accommodate multiple users. There are occasions when you should not swim but these are few and will be shown on the Lake Calendar on our web site.

There is no fee for individual swimmers but we need funds to maintain the lake, so it would be great if you joined our lottery or became a member of Marlens. Also, no changing room, so you have to leave your clothes on the side of the lake. We plan to change this but it will take time.

Swimmers generally enter the water at the outer corner near the Salthouse pub, and swim along the outer wall where the water is deepest (over 2m at the Wains Hill end and round the island; shelving towards the pier).

There is a public toilet behind the amusement arcade. You need 20p.

There is a cold water shower on the community boat store near the children's splash pools.

Safety considerations:

Take a buddy, either swimming with you or watching from the side, in case of problems. There is no lifeguard but there are throwing rings on the upper promenade.

The water is tested from time to time by the [Environment Agency](#), and is declared safe for bathing. This test is at Clevedon beach a few metres north of the lake and should be representative of the water which fills the lake on high tides.

If there are sailing boats on the lake, bear in mind that these are beginners and may not be fully in control of the boat. Swimmers should keep to the island end of the lake for their own safety.

The lake is deep along the outer wall but is shallow enough to stand up in over much of its area. In particular it is only one metre deep all round the edge, so it is dangerous to jump or dive in from the side.

Wear footgear when paddling. Beware of possible broken glass on the side and on the bottom. We do our best to clear it but it takes only one shard to ruin your day!

Do NOT swim when the sea is over the outer wall, which happens at the top of high spring tides (tides over 13.2 metres at Avonmouth / 11.7 metres at Weston Super Mare if you have a tide table).

Other Swimmers:

There is a big community of people who swim in the marine lake throughout the year at times they find convenient. You'll meet them sooner or later.

You will also find a regular gathering of open water swimmers at the beach near the pier who meet at high tide all year round – see the “cave” under the road for their swimming times. When the tide times are inconvenient they sometimes swim in the marine lake instead.

Please phone or email me if you need any further information.

Yours

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