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Weekly Benzie and Leelanau Beach Report – **UPDATED**

All non-bolded levels shown are from sampling conducted on July 26, 2023, **bolded** level shown reflects the July 27, 2023, resample results for Beulah Beach – Crystal Lake
 Reported July 28, 2023.

<u>Beach</u>	<u>This week's sample results E. coli count per 100ml</u>	<u>30 day Geometric Mean</u>	<u>Water Quality Index</u>
Frankfort Beach	23		Level 1
Beulah Beach Crystal	102		Level 1
Empire Beach	148		Level 1
Greilickville Harbor Park	11		Level 1
Northport Marina	37		Level 1
South Bar Lake	17		Level 1
Suttons Bay Marina	4		Level 1
Suttons Bay Park	21		Level 1

<u>Water Quality Index</u>		<u>E. coli/100ml (Single Event)</u>	<u>E. Coli/100ml (30 day geo-mean)</u>
Level 1	E. coli levels meet EGLE swimming standards for full body contact	0-300	0-130
Level 2	E. coli levels meet EGLE standards for wading, fishing, and boating. contact above the waist not advised.	300-1000	130-1000*
Level 3	E. coli levels exceed EGLE standards, no body contact advised	>1000	>1000
Level 4	Health Alert. E. coli levels and/or known gross contamination of beach waters. Avoid contact with beach waters.		

Note: Beach samples are routinely collected once a week. Therefore E. coli levels may not meet EGLE standards between sampling days. E. coli levels are more apt to increase after a storm.

* If beach samples contain more than 130 E. coli/100ml, as a 30 day geometric mean, a notice for that beach will be set at the water quality index of 2 and will remain until the 30-day geometric mean is below 130 E. coli per 100ml.