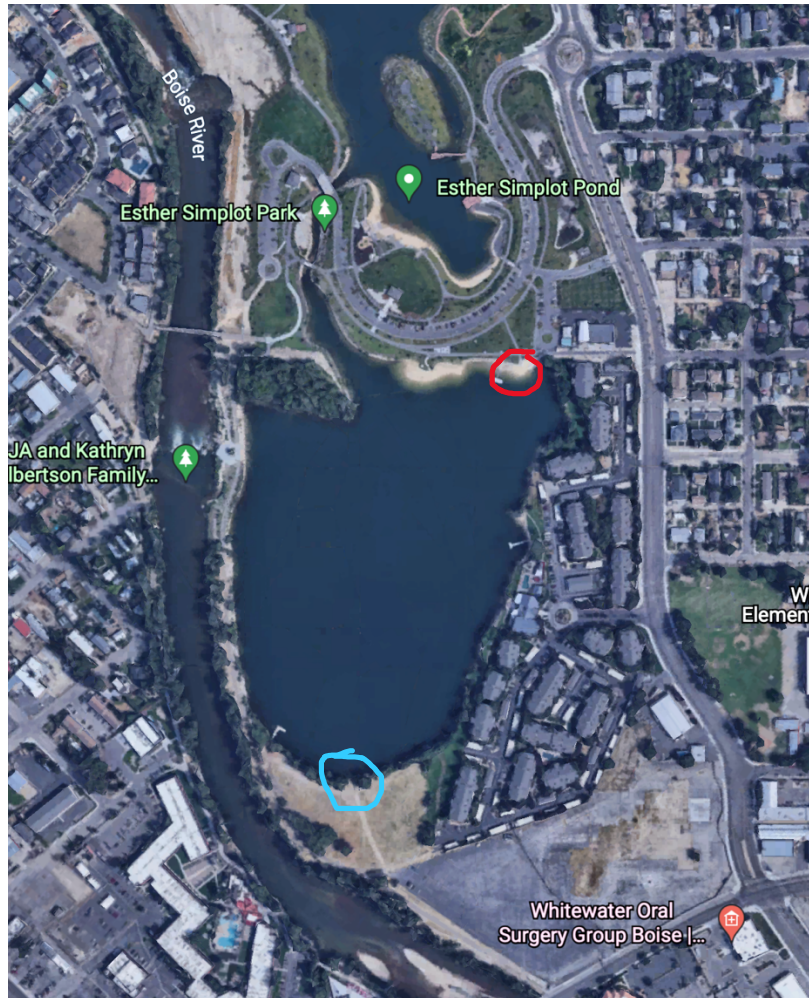


Quinn's Pond – Boise, ID

Next to Idaho River Sports at 601 N Whitewater Park Blvd, Boise, ID 83702

First Choice: South Stairs – Blue circle [BLUE CIRCLE IS OFF MAIN ST.](#)

Second Choice: North Swim Beach – Red circle



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Facilities

- Restrooms at north swim beach, none at south stairs
- Cell phones work well
- No drinking water

Things you need to bring to dive at Quinn's Pond

- Snacks and water
- In the winter, bring both halves of a 7 mm wetsuit, in the summer, bring half.
- A hood and gloves
- About 8 lbs of extra weight
- A good flashlight
- Bring two full tanks
- Dry clothes

Some notes about Quinns:

There's a significant amount of silt on the bottom of the pond. This is very easy to kick up and will immediately reduce visibility to zero around your fins. You likely won't notice this until you turn around.

- What to do about it – keep your fins up in the air and your head downwards. Kick with softer kicks and go slower.
- If visibility does go to zero and you can't find your way, make a normal ascent and re-orient yourself and then descend again.

There's a lot of rebar in the water on the northeast side. (in the picture, it's to the right of the red circle)

- Be careful, go slow. Look forward, up and down, side to side as you swim through here so you don't hit the rebar.
- Use a flashlight.
- Keep a closer eye on your buddy.

There's a rock shelf around the entire edge of the pond.

- Dive along the shelf if you're a newer diver. There's less stuff to kick up.

There are some large catfish in the pond. They like to startle you.

There are chains attached to docks and there are some ropes in the water.

- Be aware of your surroundings so you don't get caught in them.

There's a nice sandy bottom just Northwest of the blue circle near one of the aerators.

- It's a good place to practice skills and search patterns.

There are lots of things that get lost in the pond.

- If you find something labeled with someone's name, return it to them.
- If you find technology that still works (watch/phone) attempt to find the owner. (ask John to help if you need help)

Quinn's does closer periodically for e-Coli or an Algae that can make you sick.

- Check for signs before you enter the water.

If you see sheets or bunches of Algae on the bottom, leave it alone and try not to stir it up with your fins.

Simplot pond (right next to Quinn's is also occasionally worth diving, but it is a bit more scuzzy than Quinn's. Many of the same notes apply to Simplot pond.