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## West kirby closure dates

Posted by bobapcoed - 2009/02/26 19:55

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To those who haven't been lately (or those who live further afield):( it's been posted in the changing room that the marina will be closed 9th March-21st June. The carpark will also be out of bounds as the contractors equipment will be stored there. Reliance Marine confirmed these dates.

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by Ernie - 2009/02/27 15:35

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...what odds now on the windiest spring ever?

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by markh - 2009/02/27 17:52

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Pretty high I guess, loads of wind but no water!!

Any one know if the outer section of the new wall will be similar to the existing wall (rocks placed at the same angle) or a vertical wall? Cant imagine them using a vertical wall for a number of reasons, but you never know! A vertical wall would not be good.

Also, are they just replacing the original 100 year + old section, or the entire wall?

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by Pegleg - 2009/02/28 09:42

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Anymore , ideas, options or considerations for alternatives gratefully received.....

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by RobinH - 2009/02/28 10:21

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got two more but not strictly flat mroe slightly lumpy  
Ainsdale  
Thursdaston- offers more time on the tide than kirby

and

West Kirby Marine Lake bank (holiday weekend) - there filling the lake up for the wilson could try and get a sneaky one in

the wall is going to be raised 6 inches so a bit deeper and less likely to allow to much sand to build up not sure

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by bobapcoed - 2009/02/28 12:59

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Just thinking about the raising of the wall by 6 inches. Will this effect the replenishment from high tides. If it does the marina could effectively be "landlocked" thus encouraging the growth of blue/green algae, and what about the poor fish, stuck there FOREVER, never seeing their kids again. More seriously the temperature change would take on that of a lake and not a river.

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by RobinH - 2009/03/01 11:05

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although the wall will be 6" higher refilling of the lake will fill through over the wall, and the use of the better working slushers/sloushers (how ever thats spelt) which will operate even on the smaller tides

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by boehm - 2009/03/06 10:51

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Is West Kirby still open Sunday 8th March??

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by RobinH - 2009/03/06 15:48

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yes it is,

and on another note the draining of the lake won't happen until next weekend and the contractors won't mind people using the lake but they won't be able to park in the car park but don't tell anyone shhhhhhhhhhhh

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by braundi - 2009/03/06 21:51

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hi,

Not been on here for a while as I've had a car that couldn't take either a roof rack or a tow bar... very silly, but I'm back now... only to find that the westkirby lake won't be available till the summer! So... is crosby lake open again after its closure, and is it as good?

Thanks

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by OPH - 2009/03/07 14:57

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Hi does anyone have official confirmation that the lake will be sailable Monday, albeit the north end car park will be closed.

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Confirmation from either the lake wardens, Wirral BC, or the Contractor's themselves.  
As soon as the contractors are on site, their insurance will kick in, any accidents on site will be their responsibility. The Site defined as the lake the wall and the car parks.

Although they cannot stop sailing on the estuary, they can however enforce their right to stop any activities on site including sailing on the lake, in order to minimise risks.

cheers  
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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by stu - 2009/03/19 19:55

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New Brighton Marine Lake. Its also perfect for catching the infamous Mersey Brown Trout.

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by Micky\_Taker - 2009/03/19 20:04

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Is that anything to do with New Penny River Mersey  
That's Shiny Bright Briny S.....

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by mike2dogs - 2009/03/21 12:26

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I'm told Leasowes is good for 2/3 hours either side of a high tide and with winds from SW thru to NE. Also car parking is good as you can see your car from beach easily.  
Also I was told about the superb changing facilities, apparently there's a 'cottage'( I haven't found it yet), that's used by the locals, somewhere in the dunes.:ohmy:

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by Pegleg - 2009/03/22 18:22

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Another alternative worth considerin is Shotwick Lake. I've asked Bert to post a reveiw which I've written, which will hopefully be posted soon. In the mean time check out the website if you want to know more.  
<http://www.shotwicksailing.org>

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by Strontiumdog - 2009/03/22 23:44

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bobapcoed wrote:

the marina will be closed 9th March-21st June.

Interesting this... Is the 21st of June the day that the lake is scheduled to be all filled up and ready to go?

Question: What public projects do you know of that are completed within budget and on time?

I shall watch from afar and see what happens.

(Cynical? Moi? :whistle: )

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by Ernie - 2009/03/25 16:27

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Anybody noticed that according to the webcam - the lake is full again !!!!!

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by paul burgess - 2009/03/25 17:03

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yep the lake is full and will remain so till after the high tide , when they will open the sluice gates and empty it again . Just had a chat with Simon in the wardens office and there's no way he is going to let any one use the lake, he's even planning on getting extra staff in over the weekend to man the ribs so they can kick us off, So it the sea or nothing

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by stu - 2009/03/25 18:08

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Sounds like the "try and sail faster than the rib" challenge has been made!

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by gopher68 - 2009/03/25 20:58

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Is crosby open again ? If so does anyone know how much for a day ticket and do you have to show an insurance policy.

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by kenmorton - 2009/03/26 13:33

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Is the lake open again? Just looking on the webcam there's a lot of water in there.

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

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Posted by TwoFish - 2009/03/26 14:32

9m tide? Presumably they can't stop that from coming in over the wall. How big is the plug hole?

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**Re:West kirby closure dates**

Posted by TimH - 2009/03/26 14:42

Gopher. I read that Crosby will be open in August and there was mention of free sailing as long as you have 3rd party insurance! It seems every sodding location is either closed or has no water!

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**Re:West kirby closure dates**

Posted by AndyP - 2009/03/26 18:26

Has anybody sailed Froyd Bay or Dinas Dinlle recently. Is it any good?

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**Re:West kirby closure dates**

Posted by Pegleg - 2009/03/28 17:32

I sailed the Ffloyd about 3 weeks ago and I started sailing it again last year when there were a a North Easters blowing and there was nowhere else to sail. I posted location report on the is site, which will give you a few details, if you need them. The main thing is to sail it 2 hours either side of high tide as the lagoon is too shallow after that. Personally I think its much better in the northerly directions as the water is less choppy. B)

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**Re:West kirby closure dates**

Posted by Pegleg - 2009/03/28 17:34

Re Crosby, I had a chat to the Park Ranger last week. He advised that you can sail the lake no problem and that there wouldn't be a charge until the new sailing club house is opened which he thought would be sometime in April. Hope this helps

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**Re:West kirby closure dates**

Posted by gopher68 - 2009/03/29 09:52

Thanks, I'll give it a try.:)

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**Re:West kirby closure dates**

Posted by gemsibley - 2009/06/12 13:22

Hi all,

I may have missed it, but is the lake still on for being re-opened on the 22nd of June!??

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by Pegleg - 2009/06/13 06:37

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The lake will not be opening on 22 June but will be open some time in July (hopefully). The delay has been caused because the original contractor went bust.

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by OPH - 2009/06/22 14:04

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LATEST NEWS: Please note that the lake will be closed for essential repairs to the lake wall from Monday 9th March until Thursday 23rd July 2009.

[http://www.wirral.gov.uk/LGCL/100009/200087/644/content\\_0000948.html](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/LGCL/100009/200087/644/content_0000948.html)

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by !aj! - 2009/06/22 15:55

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I wonder how much a licence will cost for the rest of the year? They surely can't charge full whack!

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by Catapult\_Dave - 2009/06/24 13:48

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B&!!\$cks, I was looking forward to getting sailing again  
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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by markh - 2009/06/24 18:48

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I dont think they'v said as yet, but I'd guess it would be half the cost of a normal 12-month licence, plus a £10 or so???

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by buddha - 2009/07/01 19:10

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by buddha - 2009/07/01 19:11

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by Marmite - 2009/07/01 22:17

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Its supposed to open again on the 23rd, the first big tide after the work is completed is needed to refill the lake, but don't hold your breath as it looks to still need a lot of work.

Steve

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### Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by Shawn - 2009/07/02 07:20

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I'm still putting my money on July 2010....

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### Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by AndyP - 2009/07/02 12:41

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why has it take so long to fill in a few holes?

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### Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by Shawn - 2009/07/03 08:46

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Is there actually any work going on there? I keep looking at the webcam & never see any sign of life, and the lake still appears to be a mud filled hole, with the same jetties, railings etc...?

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### Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by markh - 2009/07/04 00:36

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I was thinkin that too, all I've seen on the wecam is seagulls & tumble weed. Must be scoffing bacon butties in the portacabin

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### Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by Marmite - 2009/07/06 10:12

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One thing I have noticed is how much they have dredged out of the the lake around the jetties and the edges. Its going to be at least 6' deep so best get my light wind waterstarts nailed.

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### Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by RobinH - 2009/07/06 20:09

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23rd sign gone up today

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### Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by PaulC - 2009/07/07 13:39

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When the lake reopens will it be the same as before i.e. pay and park next to the lake with the rigging area between the jetties? Or will work start on any new developments straight away?  
I've signed the petition against the hotel development propaosals and lack of parking facilities, does anybody know what's happening with that?

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## Re:West kirby closure dates

Posted by cleggy - 2009/07/07 15:49

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Same as before. The plans have not been agreed for the hotel and sailing school.

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