



HIDDEN DANGERS DEADLY OUTCOMES



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ABANDONED QUARRY DANGERS

SPREAD AWARENESS • STAY OUT • STAY ALIVE

THESE SIGNS ARE TO KEEP YOU ALIVE - NOT RUIN YOUR FUN!

Abandoned quarries look inviting from the surface, but many don't realize the dangers of these abandoned gravel mining pits. They fill with underground, cold spring water and become a deceptive swimming hole. These spots attract many swimmers, hikers, bikers and party-goers just searching for a day of fun.

Drowning is the leading cause of death in abandoned quarries, predominantly males from age 12 to 32, however, these deadly waters do not discriminate. It does not matter how strong of a swimmer or age. Hundreds of accidental deaths occur in the US and across the globe. Learn of the many hidden dangers.

“Quarry Death... Tragic Accident”

**DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC.
KNOW THE RISKS.
STAY OUT OF THE WATER.**



COLD WATER SHOCK



**QUARRY WATER
IS STONE COLD AND
CAN KILL**

STAY SAFE STAY OUT

WARNING COLD WATER SHOCK

OCCURS WHEN THE BODY IS
SUDDENLY SUBMERGED IN **COLD**
(QUARRY) WATER BELOW 59°F
(15°C) CAUSING **BODY CRAMPS**
LIMITING THE ABILITY TO SWIM
TO SAFETY AND IT ALSO
RESTRICTS BREATHING. WHEN
GASPING FOR AIR, LUNGS FILL
WITH WATER AND YOU CAN
DROWN IN MINUTES.



DANGER

DEEP WATER

DEEPER THE WATER,
COLDER THE TEMPERATURE

- RISK OF -

- COLD WATER SHOCK
- MUSCLE WEAKNESS
- DISABLING CRAMPS
- HYPOTHERMIA
- DROWNING



STAY OUT



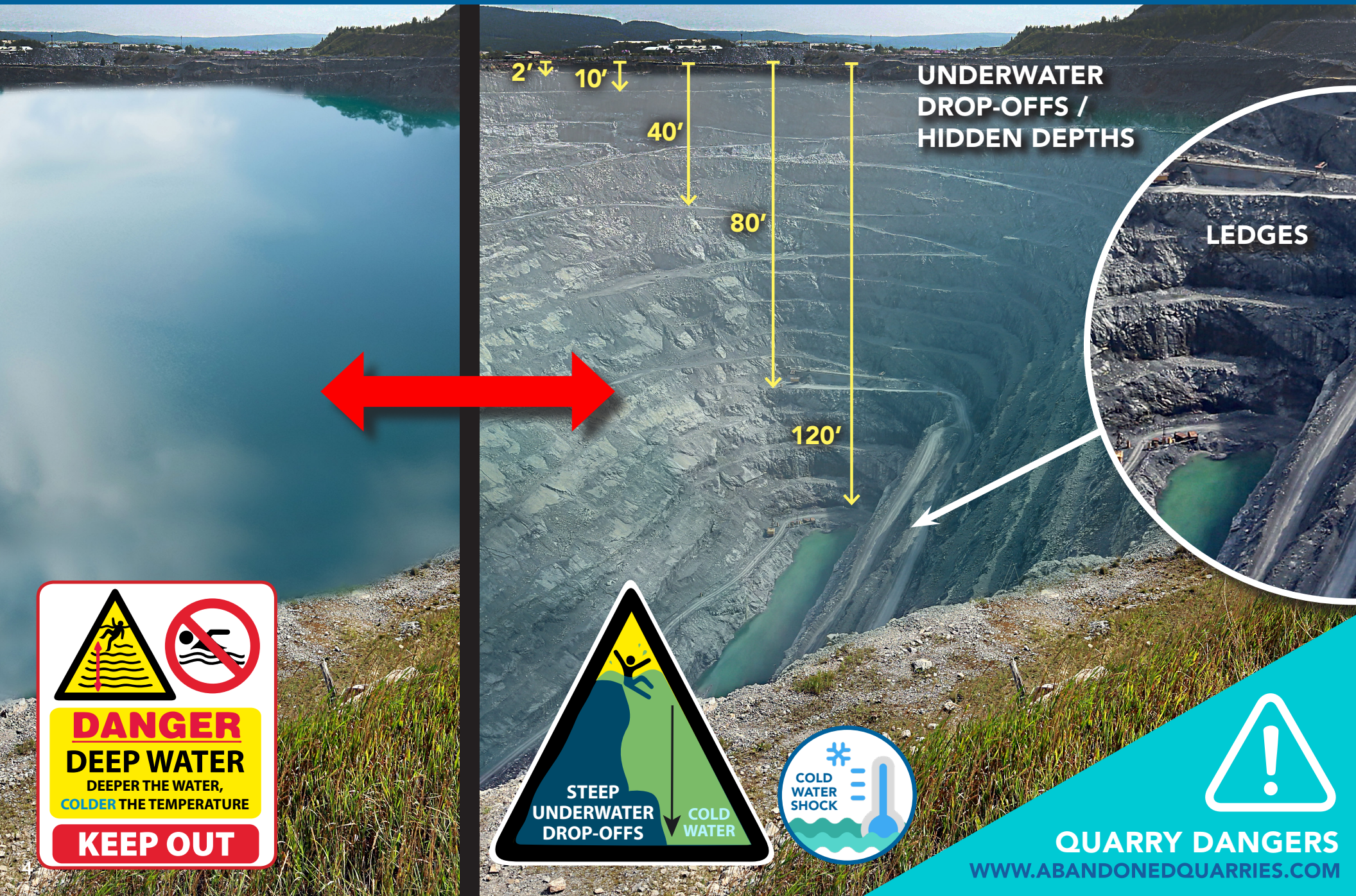
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STEEP UNDERWATER DROP-OFFS

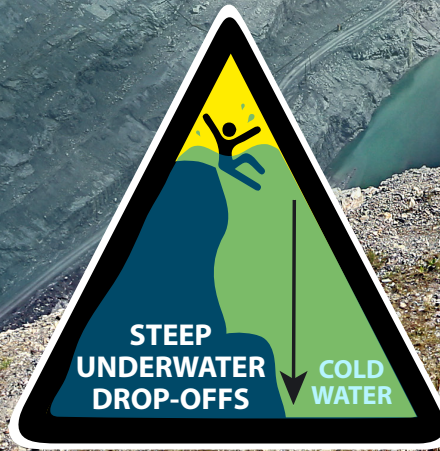
A DROP-OFF OR LEDGE IS AN ABRUPT DOWNWARD SLOPE HIDDEN BELOW THE WATER.

Ledges were created during excavation. If standing in shallow water, in just a few inches you could slip hundreds of feet down into deep water.



UNDERWATER
DROP-OFFS /
HIDDEN DEPTHS

LEDGES



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UNDERWATER HAZARDS

WARNING!

STAY OUT OF WATER

- SHARP ROCKS/STONES
- JAGGED EDGES
- HIGH WALLS NO EXIT

RISK OF
INJURY OR DEATH

SUBMERGED ROCKS

JAGGED
ROCKS

DANGEROUS RUSTED
METAL, WIRES & PIPES
LEFT AFTER MINING

SUBMERGED
ABANDONED
MACHINERY

WARNING!

NO SWIMMING

POLLUTED WATER KNOWN
TO CONTAIN:

CAR WRECKS
DEAD ANIMALS
EXCREMENT
GARBAGE

ABANDONED VEHICLE GRAVEYARD
GAS & OIL CONTAMINANTS

POISONOUS/
TOXIC ALGAE

SUBMERGED CRUMBLING MINING
STRUCTURES & MATERIALS



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ABANDONED HAZARDS

**ABANDONED EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS & MORE -
LEFT AFTER MINE CLOSURE, COVERED WITH WATER**



**A LOOK UNDER
THE WATER**



**OUT OF SIGHT
UNDER SEEMINGLY
PRISTINE WATER**



**WATER PUMPS ARE SHUT DOWN AND NO LONGER PUMP OUT WATER.
QUARRIES FILL FROM COLD, UNDERGROUND SPRINGS.**

HAZARDS LEFT UNDERWATER FROM MINES: RUSTING EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY,
VEHICLES, GARBAGE, TOXIC MATERIALS, EXPOSED QUARRY MINERALS, ETC.
ALL CONTAMINATING THE QUARRY & INCREASING RISK OF INJURY

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HELP NOT READILY AVAILABLE



NO LIFEGUARD

**REMOTE, HARD TO
REACH LOCATIONS
EXTENDS EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TIME**



**HELIVAC CAN BE THE
FASTEST WAY IN OR OUT FOR
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES IN THESE
REMOTE LOCATIONS**



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DIVING, JUMPING, HIGH LEDGES





DANGER
CLIFF EDGE
DANGEROUS ROCKS
UNDERWATER HAZARDS
NO DIVING
NO JUMPING
NO SWIMMING



DANGER
DEEP WATER
DEEPER THE WATER,
COLDER THE TEMPERATURE



WARNING
LOOSE SAND & GRAVEL
CRUMBLING CLIFF EDGES
FALLING HAZARD
HIGH QUARRY WALLS
DIFFICULT TO EXIT
FROM WATER

KEEP OUT



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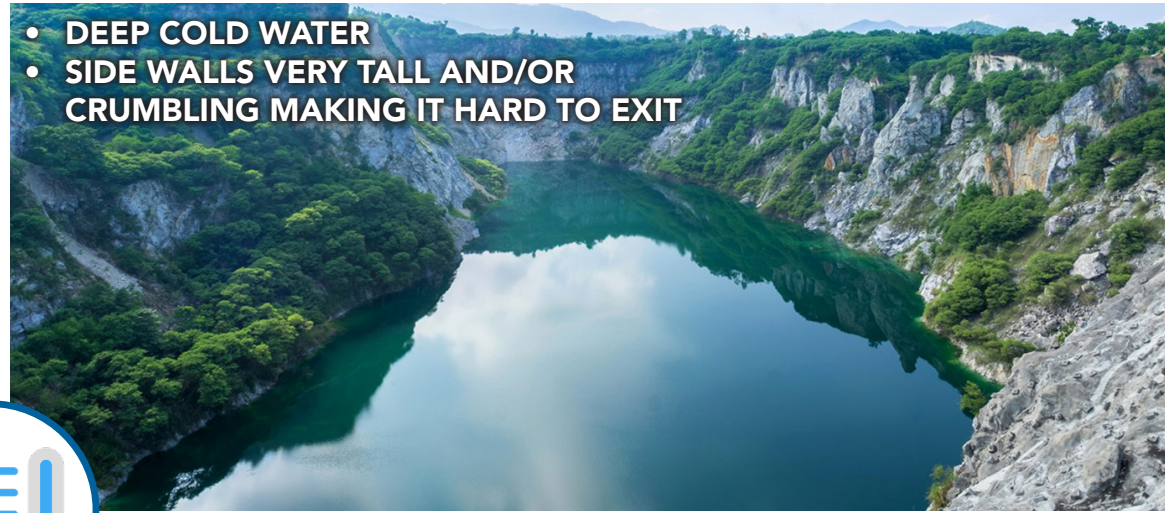
DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

BEAUTIFUL, TROPICAL BLUE-GREEN, INVITING WATERS HIDING SUBMERGED HAZARDS:
CAR WRECKS, MACHINERY, DEAD ANIMALS, EXCREMENT, GARBAGE, ROCKS

LOOKS LIKE NATURAL LAKES BUT THEY ARE MAN-MADE QUARRIES



- DEEP COLD WATER
- SIDE WALLS VERY TALL AND/OR CRUMBLING MAKING IT HARD TO EXIT



WARNING

DO NOT ENTER WATER DUE
TO HIGH pH LEVELS.

RISK OF:

SKIN AND EYE IRRITATIONS
STOMACH PROBLEMS
FUNGAL INFECTIONS
RASHES

STAY OUT

QUARRY WATER GETS ITS BLUE AND TURQUOISE
APPEARANCE DUE TO TOXIC CHEMICAL POLLUTION



TOXIC QUARRY WATER TESTING

THIS QUARRY HAS TOXIC pH LEVELS -
MEASURING A HIGH pH11.3 LEVEL
JUST LESS THAN BLEACH AT pH12.6.

THE HIGH LEVEL DOES NOT LET
ALGAE GROW, KEEPING
THE VIBRANT BLUE AND
GREEN COLORS
EVEN IF
POLLUTED



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DANGERS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

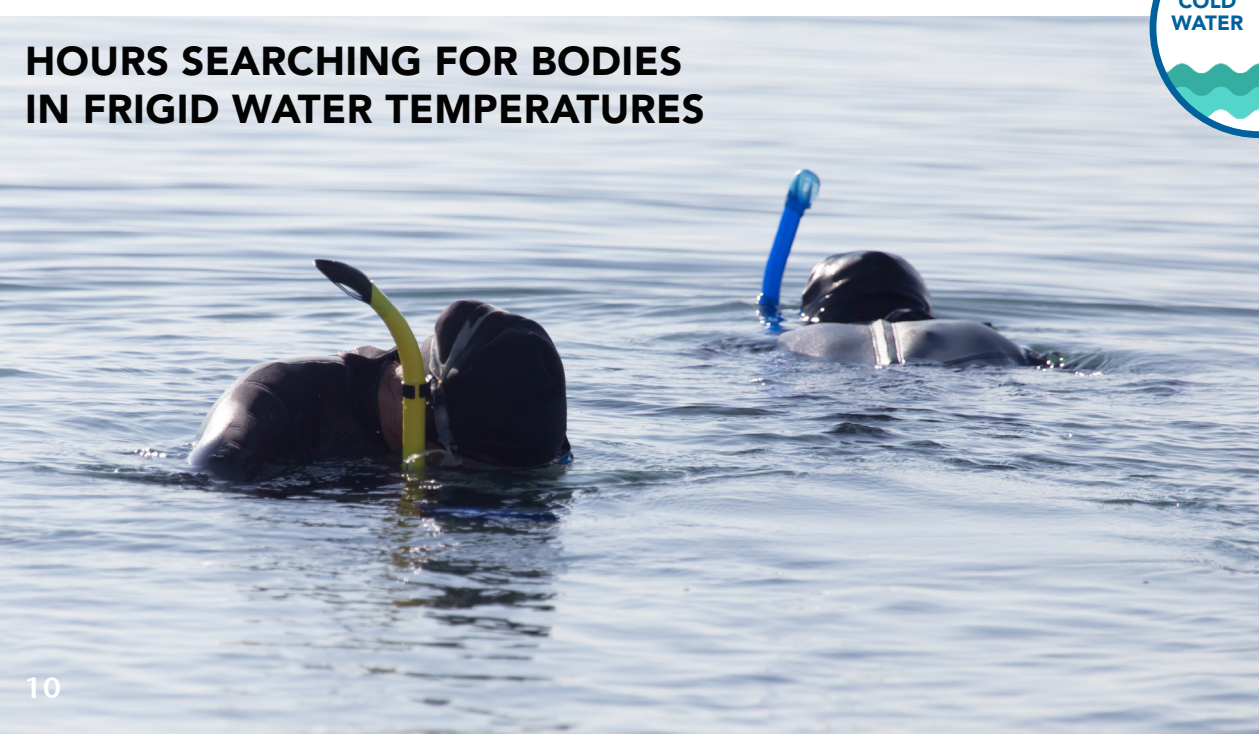
SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS RISK THEIR LIVES



DIFFICULT NIGHT & AIR RESCUES



HOURS SEARCHING FOR BODIES
IN FRIGID WATER TEMPERATURES



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QUICKSAND



WARNING

Landslide
on cliff edge



- FALL FROM HEIGHTS
- SLIDE INTO THE COLD WATER
- TRAPPED UNDER VEHICLE



WARNING

Loose
Rocks



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BIKES • MOTORBIKES



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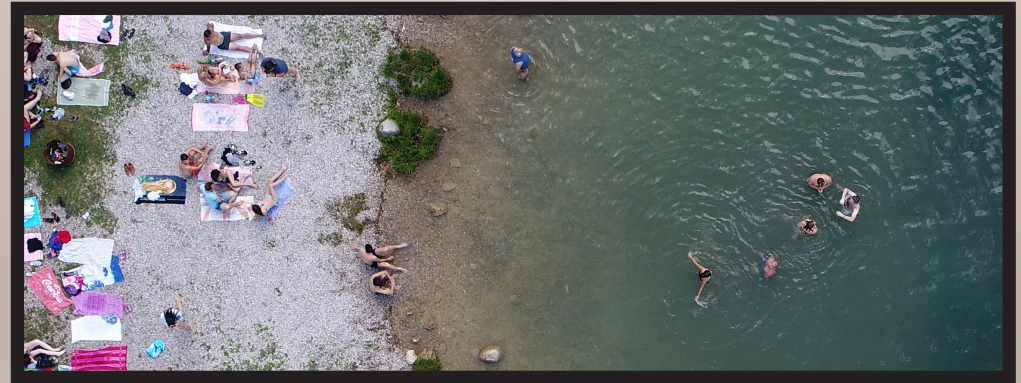
WALKING • HIKING • SELFIES

- EXTREME **SELFIE DEATHS** ON THE RISE EACH YEAR IN QUEST FOR THE PERFECT SHOT FOR SOCIAL MEDIA, NO MATTER WHAT THE RISK
- DROWNING AND FALLING FROM HEIGHTS ARE AMONG THE TOP REASONS



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PARTIES - ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION



CAUTION:

- ALCOHOL IMPAIRS JUDGMENT AND COORDINATION IMPAIRING ABILITY TO SWIM
- DANGER OF FALLING OR INJURY IN AND OUT OF THE WATER ARE AMPLIFIED WHILE IMPAIRED
- DRINKING ALCOHOL ACCELERATES HYPOTHERMIA IN COLD WATER

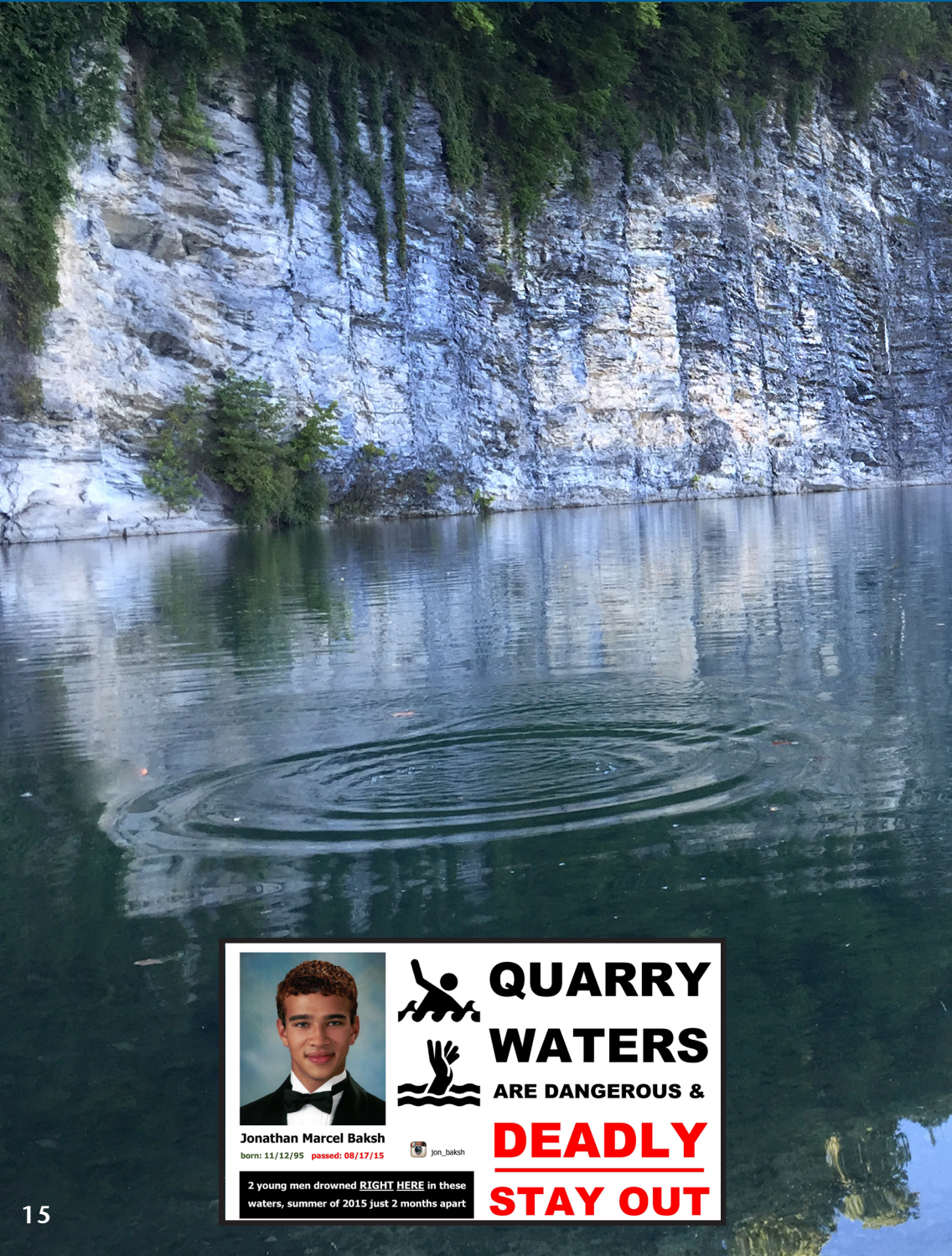


- TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
- TRASH AND EXCREMENT LEFT AFTER GATHERINGS
- EMERGENCY HELP NOT QUICKLY AVAILABLE



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This photo was taken at the abandoned quarry just days after it **claimed the life of my 19-year-old son**, Jonathan from **Cold Water Shock**. He was an excellent swimmer, but was unaware of the dangers abandoned quarries posed when he traveled out of state to go swimming with his friends. Quarry safety programs were not taught at his schools and quarry danger was not common knowledge in our community.

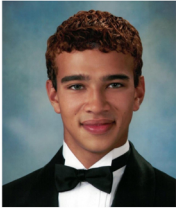
This quarry information is intended to educate the public about the dangers of abandoned quarries. Too many lives are lost each year because **people are unaware of what a quarry really is** and of the life-threatening dangers hidden under and around these open waters.

I lost my son, but perhaps this information can save a family of this devastation. Please take the time to share this information. Look at the photos. Have a discussion. Make sure your family knows the dangers.

~ Sally (Jonathan's mom)

PLEASE SPREAD AWARENESS SO THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN TO SOMEONE YOU KNOW.





**QUARRY
WATERS**
ARE DANGEROUS &
DEADLY
STAY OUT

Jonathan Marcel Baksh
born: 11/12/95 passed: 08/17/15
 jon_baksh

2 young men drowned **RIGHT HERE** in these waters, summer of 2015 just 2 months apart

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PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE DETAILS OF EACH OF THESE DANGERS.
SHARE THE INFORMATION TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY - POSSIBLY SAVE A LIFE.

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