

# Evolution of The Bathing Suit

Women's, that is (we could follow men's bathing suits, but would they be as interesting? (!)).

Ah, be still my beating heart! It's been quite a journey, although a rapid one, from 18th century 'bathing gowns' to today's bikini!

Although sea bathing was considered fashionable in the 18th century, it was considered proper to keep the skin white and untouched by the sun. Ladies were known to sew weights into the hems of their bathing gowns to keep the garment from floating up in the water.

The early 1800s marked the beginning of the revolution in swimwear, although it wasn't until mid-century that women's calves saw sunlight (!) By 1910, bathing suits no longer camouflaged the body's contours. By the early 1920s, the predecessor of the one-piece suit made its appearance.





Then came the two-piece,,and then the bikini.

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