



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**WATER TESTING RESULTS: WEEK OF SEPT 11, 2023**

Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) partners with the Surfrider Foundation Eastern Long Island Chapter and Peconic Baykeeper to monitor East End water bodies for the bacteria enterococcus. CCOM tests locations in Montauk, Amagansett, and East Hampton, processes the water samples in the CCOM office lab and shares the results with the public through press releases and the Surfrider Foundation’s Blue Water Task Force (BWTF) online portal. Entero levels at 104 and above are considered a risk to human health; it is often due to heavy rains, extreme high tides, and/or warm water temperatures. Levels <10 are considered below the detection limit of the test.

LOCATION	ENTERO LEVEL	INDICATION OF
<b>MONTAUK</b>		
Lake Montauk: Harbor*	Not Tested	
Lake Montauk: Causeway South*	Not Tested	
<b>Lake Montauk: Little Reed Pond Creek*</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>Medium Bacteria</b>
Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach*	10	Low Bacteria
<b>Lake Montauk: East Creek*</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
Lake Montauk: South Beach*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: West Creek	Not Tested	
Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones*	Not Tested	
Lake Montauk: Benson Dr. Culvert	Not Tested	
Ditch Plains: East of Jetty	10	Low Bacteria
Surfside Place: Beach	10	Low Bacteria
Surfside Place: Outfall Pipe*	Dry	
<b>Fort Pond: Industrial*</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
Fort Pond: Ramp*	<10	Low Bacteria
<b>Tuthill Pond</b>	<b>&gt;24196</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
<b>LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Tuthill Rd.</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Medium Bacteria</b>
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Navy Rd.	<10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Beach	Not Tested	
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Culvert	Not Tested	
<b>AMAGANSETT</b>		
Napeague Harbor: East	<10	Low Bacteria
Napeague Harbor: West	<10	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Beach*	<10	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Creek*	<10	Low Bacteria
<b>EAST HAMPTON</b>		
Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach	<10	Low Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Shipyard Ramp*	10	Low Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: East of Old Stone Culvert*	Not Tested	
Landing Lane	10	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Folkstone Drive	<10	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Head of the Harbor*	<10	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Settler’s Landing	Not Tested	
Northwest Creek: Ramp	<10	Low Bacteria
<b>Northwest Creek: Culvert</b>	<b>&gt;24196</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>



Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM), in partnership with the Gobler Lab at Stony Brook Southampton, monitors Fort Pond and Big Reed Pond for toxic blue-green algal blooms (cyanobacteria). CCOM delivers samples to the Lab, which shares bloom occurrences online through the NYS DEC HAB Notification page. Blue-green levels at 20ug/L and above are at high risk of a bloom and trigger toxicity testing; DEC considers a concentration of 25ug/L and above as a bloom.

DATE	LOCATION	BLOOM STATUS	BLUE-GREEN LEVEL	INDICATION OF
9/12/2023	Fort Pond: Industrial	No Bloom Present	24.70	High Risk
9/12/2023	Fort Pond: Ramp	Bloom Present	33.11	High Risk

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