



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
WATER TESTING RESULTS: WEEK OF AUGUST 26, 2024

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. High levels are often due to heavy rains, extreme high tides, and/or warm water temperatures. Levels <10 are considered below the detection limit of the test. *Intensive monitoring and/or remediation projects are planned or in place at the locations marked with an asterisk (*).*

LOCATION	ENTERO LEVEL	INDICATION OF
MONTAUK		
Lake Montauk: Harbor*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Causeway South*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Little Reed Pond Creek*	110	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach*	10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Creek*	717	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: South Beach*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: West Creek	31	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones*	52	Med Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Benson Dr. Culvert	1,726	High Bacteria
Ditch Plains: East of Jetty	<10	Low Bacteria
Surfside Place: Beach	<10	Low Bacteria
Surfside Place: Outfall Pipe*	Unable to test	/
Fort Pond: Industrial*	10	Low Bacteria
Fort Pond: Ramp*	<10	Low Bacteria
Tuthill Pond	20	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Tuthill Rd.	41	Med Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Navy Rd.	<10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Beach	<10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Culvert	262	High Bacteria
AMAGANSETT		
Napeague Harbor: East	20	Low Bacteria
Napeague Harbor: West	<10	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Beach*	<10	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Creek*	31	Low Bacteria
EAST HAMPTON		
Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach	161	High Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Shipyard Ramp*	<10	Low Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Landing Lane	41	Med 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	20	Low Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Ramp	<10	Low Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Culvert	62	Med Bacteria

Enterococcus (MPN/100mL) - Based on water quality standards set by New York State Department of Health
Low Bacteria (0 - 35); Medium Bacteria (36 - 104); High Bacteria (> 104)



HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

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
7/29/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	23.25 ug/L	High Risk
7/29/2024	Fort Pond: Ramp	Bloom Present	25.42 25 ug/L	High Risk
8/5/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	20.74 ug/L	High Risk
8/5/2024	Fort Pond: Ramp	Bloom Present	34.98 25 ug/L	High Risk
8/12/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	Bloom Present	29.66 ug/L	High Risk
8/12/2024	Fort Pond: Ramp	Bloom Present	43.63 ug/L*	High Risk
8/19/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	22.22 ug/L	High Risk
8/19/2024	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	21.7 ug/L	High Risk
8/26/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	TBD	16.6 ug/L	Medium Risk
8/26/2024	Fort Pond: Ramp	Bloom Present	30.9 ug/L	High Risk

*Exact results could be delayed for up to 14 days.

To learn more about CCOM's water quality programs, please visit the website at

<https://www.preservemontauk.org/media/water-testing-results/>