

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](#), social media, and the Surfrider Foundation's Blue Water Task Force (BWTF) [website](#). Recreational waters are considered unsafe if Enterococcus levels exceed 104 CFU per 100 milliliters of water (High Bacteria). High levels are often due to heavy rains and extreme high tides. 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 (*). As of summer 2026, we have begun testing at EHSEED gardens.*

LOCATION	ENTERO LEVEL (CFU/100mL)	INDICATION OF
MONTAUK		
Lake Montauk: Harbor*	41	Medium Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Causeway South*	52	Medium Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Lake Drive	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Creek*	3076	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: South Beach*	20	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: West Creek	4884	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones*	10	Low Bacteria
Ditch Plains: East of Jetty	<10	Low Bacteria
Ditch Plains: Swim Area	<10	Low Bacteria
Surfside Place: Beach	10	Low Bacteria
Surfside Place: Outfall Pipe*	/	Unable to Test
Fort Pond: Industrial* (North)	41	Medium Bacteria
Fort Pond: Ramp* (South)	1223	High Bacteria
Fort Pond: East	52	Medium Bacteria
Fort Pond: West	52	Medium Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay at Navy Rd.	<10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Beach	<10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Sunset Beach	<10	Low Bacteria
AMAGANSETT		
Napeague Harbor: East	<10	Low Bacteria
Napeague Harbor: West	41	Medium Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Beach*	<10	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Creek*	10	Low Bacteria
EAST HAMPTON		
Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach	<10	Low Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Landing Lane	63	Medium Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: North	<10	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Maidstone Park South	30	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Head of the Harbor*	20	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Settler's Landing	31	Low Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Ramp	10	Low Bacteria

Enterococcus (CFU/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 Laboratory at the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS) at Stony Brook, monitors Fort Pond for toxic blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria. CCOM delivers samples to the Gobler Lab, which shares bloom occurrences online through the [NYS DEC HAB Notification page](#). Blue-green levels at **25µg/L** and above are an indication of a bloom and trigger toxicity testing.

DATE	LOCATION	BLOOM STATUS	BLUE-GREEN LEVEL (µg/L)	INDICATION OF
1/21/2026	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	0.02	Low Risk
1/21/2026	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	0.01	Low Risk
4/23/2026	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	0.00	Low Risk
4/23/2026	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	0.00	Low Risk
5/26/2026	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	0.1	Low Risk
5/26/2026	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	1.87	Low Risk
6/1/2026	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	1.61	Low Risk
6/1/2026	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	5.73	Low Risk
6/8/2026	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	3.23	Low Risk
6/8/2026	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	7.17	Low Risk
6/22/2026	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	11.75	Medium Risk
6/22/2026	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	12.6	Medium Risk
6/29/2026	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	7.24	Low Risk
6/29/2026	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	15.45	Medium Risk
7/7/2026	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	13.23	Medium Risk
7/7/2026	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	12.77	Medium Risk
7/13/2026	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	9.59	Low Risk
7/13/2026	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	10.15	Medium Risk
7/20/2026	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	14.96	Medium Risk
7/20/2026	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	15.25	Medium Risk
7/27/2026	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	10.08	Medium Risk
7/27/2026	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	7.06	Low Risk
8/3/2026	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	6.61	Low Risk
8/3/2026	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	7.85	Low Risk
8/10/26	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	5.26	Low Risk
8/10/26	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	5.20	Low Risk

HABs results could be delayed for up to 14 days from sampling date.

To see all HABs data and to learn more about CCOM's water quality programs, please visit the website at <https://www.preservemontauk.org/initiatives/water-quality/>