

ENTEROCOCCUS BACTERIA

Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) monitors East End water bodies for Enterococcus bacteria. CCOM tests 30 locations in Montauk, Amagansett, and East Hampton, processes the water samples in the CCOM office lab, and shares the results with the public through email, the [CCOM website](#), social media, and the Blue Water Task Force (BWTF) [website](#). Recreational waters are considered unsafe if Enterococcus levels exceed 104 CFU per 100 milliliters of water. High bacteria 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 began testing at EHSEED gardens.*

LOCATION	ENTERO LEVEL (CFU/100mL)	INDICATION OF
MONTAUK		
Lake Montauk: Harbor*	10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Causeway South*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Lake Drive	31	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Creek*	712	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: South Beach*	262	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: West Creek	341	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones*	96	Medium 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*	1046	High Bacteria
Fort Pond: Industrial* (North)	41	Medium Bacteria
Fort Pond: Ramp* (South)	52	Medium Bacteria
Fort Pond: East	75	Medium Bacteria
Fort Pond: West	10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay at Navy Rd.	<10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Beach	20	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Sunset Beach	<10	Low Bacteria
AMAGANSETT		
Napeague Harbor: East	<10	Low Bacteria
Napeague Harbor: West	20	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Beach*	259	High Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Creek*	402	High Bacteria
EAST HAMPTON		
Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach	20	Low Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Landing Lane	259	High Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: North	10	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Maidstone Park South	52	Medium Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Head of the Harbor*	243	High 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 water 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
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
8/17/26	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	6.91	Low Risk
8/17/26	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	6.48	Low Risk
8/24/26	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	5.72	Low Risk
8/24/26	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	4.46	Low Risk
8/31/26	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	3.69	Low Risk
8/31/26	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	4.48	Low Risk
10/1/26	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	11.06	Medium Risk
10/1/26	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	10.56	Medium Risk

Weekly HABs testing has concluded for the summer. Testing may occur on an ad hoc basis in the off-season.

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/>