CCOM
CONCERNED CITIZENS OF MONTAUK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
WATER TESTING RESULTS PROVIDED BY CCOM: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2026

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 (MPN/100mL)	INDICATION OF
MONTAUK		
Lake Montauk: Harbor*	20	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Causeway South*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Lake Drive	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Creek*	31	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: South Beach*	20	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: West Creek	98	Medium 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*	**231**	**High Bacteria**
Fort Pond: Industrial* (North)	<10	Low Bacteria
Fort Pond: Ramp* (South)	<10	Low Bacteria
Fort Pond: East	10	Low Bacteria
Fort Pond: West	10	Low 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	<10	Low 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	74	Medium Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: North	<10	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Maidstone Park South	30	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Head of the Harbor*	75	Medium 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)**

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HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM (HAB) DATA
HABs WATER TESTING RESULTS: THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2026

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/