



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
WATER TESTING RESULTS: WEEK OF JULY 8, 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*	171	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Causeway South*	10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Little Reed Pond Creek*	63	Med Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach*	74	Med Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Creek*	1,391	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: South Beach*	120	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: West Creek	708	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones*	292	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Benson Dr. Culvert	3,130	High Bacteria
Ditch Plains: East of Jetty	<10	Low Bacteria
Surfside Place: Beach	<10	Low Bacteria
Surfside Place: Outfall Pipe*	1,670	High Bacteria
Fort Pond: Industrial*	373	High Bacteria
Fort Pond: Ramp*	119	High Bacteria
Tuthill Pond	4,569	High Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Tuthill Rd.	<10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Navy Rd.	20	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Beach	10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Culvert	63	Med Bacteria
AMAGANSETT		
Napeague Harbor: East	<10	Low Bacteria
Napeague Harbor: West	<10	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Beach*	169	High Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Creek*	10	Low Bacteria
EAST HAMPTON		
Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach	41	Med Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Shipyard Ramp*	52	Med Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Landing Lane	20	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Folkstone Drive	30	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Head of the Harbor*	146	High Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Settler’s Landing	82	Med Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Ramp	52	Med Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Culvert	183	High 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)



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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
7/8/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	Bloom Present	30.46	High Risk
7/8/2024	Fort Pond: Ramp	No Bloom Present	11.17	Low Risk

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