

## Cyanobacteria Observation Report, 8/17/2021

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Good afternoon,

Visual observations for Cyanobacteria were taken at Sears Park and adjacent property on 8/17 (see attached report and images). Conditions have not improved substantially since the last observation period, and there continues to be an active bloom in the swim area and adjacent property. The water remained cloudy and was green throughout in some (mostly deeper waters), but not all portions of the public swim area. No surface scums, mats or films were present in the public swim area or at the property adjacent to Sears Park.

**The public swim area at Sears Park remains CLOSED for swimming.** Signs warning users of the park have been posted at entry points to the beach area.

Residents should be aware that **conditions favorable to the rapid growth of Cyanobacteria are likely to continue for some time**, and that the presence or absence of a bloom in one part of the lake does not mean a bloom will or will not occur in other parts of the lake. Residents who have private access points to the lake are encouraged to observe the water before contacting the water, and before allowing children or pets to contact the water. Avoid contacting water that has a noxious odor, appears green throughout (sometimes referred to as looking like pea soup), or that has mats, films or scums accumulating on the surface.

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**In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, get vaccinated. If you are not yet fully vaccinated: wear a mask when indoors in public places, maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet, avoid crowds, wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds, stay home if you're sick. For the most current updates and recommendations, visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](https://ct.gov/coronavirus). For general questions, call 2-1-1**

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### Cyanobacteria Observation Report Form

Observer's Name Emily Miller  
Date of Observation 8/17/2021  
Time of Observation 9:15 am  
Name of Waterbody Lake Pocotopaug  
Town East Hampton  
Description of Location Sears Park

**Visual Assessment** (Take and Attach Digital Photos)

Water Clarity (check all that apply):

- Clear
- Cloudy
- Hazy

Water Color (check all that apply):

- Green
- Brown
- Milky white
- Blue-green
- Red
- Clear

Is There a Visible Bloom:  Yes  No  Don't know

If "Yes" Specify Category:  1  2  3

Is There a Visible Scum:  Yes  No  Don't know

**Other Observations:**

Are there people swimming?  Yes  No  Don't know

Are there people boating and jet skiing?  Yes  No  Don't know

Are there people with dogs recreating in the area?  Yes  No  Don't know







