Brewster Cyanobacteria Monitoring Update for the Week of August 17, 2026

	Pond	Sample Location	Observation or Sampling Date	Below MA DPH criteria for safe recreation?	Is a Recreational Advisory Posted?
1	Bakers Pond	Trail off Old Owl Pond Road	August 17	Acceptable	No
2	Blueberry Pond	Blueberry Pond Drive Association Beach	August 18	Acceptable	No
3	Canoe Pond	Private home on Canoe Pond Drive	August 19	Acceptable	No
4	Cobbs Pond	Access alley on Channel Way	August 17	Acceptable	No
5	Elbow Pond	Private home off Slough Road	August 17	Acceptable	No
6	Greenland Pond	Asso. Beach at end of Janelle's Way	August 19	Acceptable	No
7	Griffiths Pond	Private home on Griffiths Pond Road	August 18	Acceptable	No
8	Long Pond	Town Beach on Crowell's Bog Road	August 18	Acceptable	No
9	Lower Mill Pond	Path to pond off Mill Pond Drive	August 18	Acceptable	No
10	Myricks Pond	Private home on Barberry Lane	August 17	Acceptable	No
11	Owl Pond	Asso. landing at end of Cypress Lane	August 19	Acceptable	No
12	Pine Pond	Private home on Pine Pond Road	August 19	Acceptable	No
13	Schoolhouse Pond	Town Landing off Route 6A	August 18	Acceptable	No
14	Seymour Pond	Beachwood Drive – Association Beach	August 19	Acceptable	No
15	Sheep Pond	Fisherman's Landing Beach	August 19	Acceptable	No
16	Slough Pond	Town landing on Slough Road	August 17	Acceptable	No
17	Smalls Pond	Cahoon Road Beach	August 17	Acceptable	No
18	Upper Mill Pond	Boat at deepest point in pond	August 18	Acceptable	No
19	Walkers Pond	Boat at deepest point in pond	August 18	Not Acceptable	Yes

1. This report includes observations and sampling by the BPC Citizen Science team from their bi-weekly observation program, as well as observations by the Brewster Health Department or others.
2. Any observations by BPC or other observers suggesting the presence of a cyanobacteria bloom are reported to the Brewster Health Department, with photographs and specific locations. The APCC lab also receives and analyzes BPC water samples and communicates results to the Health Department.
3. **The Brewster Health Department quickly visits any pond with observations or tests that show potential concerns. Based on their visual observations and data received, they decide whether a pond is acceptable for recreation or a "Recreational Advisory" notice should be posted, following Massachusetts Department of Public Health criteria.**
4. Advisories are only posted at public beaches or landings or at pond association beaches where access has been granted. The Brewster Health Department does not do observations or post advisories at private homes or locations that are not used for public access. Private access ponds are included above for information purposes.