

HELP THE LAKE YOU LOVE

Here are some ways you can protect Otsego Lake

ADOPT A SHORELINE

Otsego County Conservation Association (OCCA), in partnership with the Watershed Supervisory Committee (WSC), Otsego Lake Association (OLA), and the SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station (BFS) have been working with the NY Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) to provide an opportunity for the Community to assist in monitoring for potential Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs).

This partnership is currently seeking community members to survey a small area of the lake a few times a month and report their findings through an online system. This takes as little as 20 minutes to complete, and anyone with visual access to the lake can participate. This is a Community Science Program administered by OCCA. Training will be provided; no prior experience is required. Community Scientists will be asked to do additional monitoring when lake conditions are primed for potential blooms. Reminders and support will be available throughout the program.

Sign up at occainfo.org/otsegolake

HABS NOTIFICATION

This email-based system will inform the public when the weather and lake conditions are primed for potential HABs. When these conditions occur, the Biological Field Station Staff will notify those who signed up at otsegocountyhabs.com. These emails will serve as a heads-up so that the community can be watchful when entering or interacting with the lake.

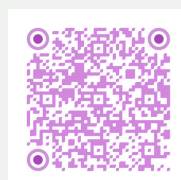
This system is designed as a warning for potential water hazards, but does not change any of the current testing and notification procedures through BFS and the NY DEC.

The field station will continue their diligent monitoring, testing, and reporting per their usual channels. This system is designed to notify the public so they can make informed decisions about how to enjoy the lake.

Sign up to receive these notifications at otsegocountyhabs.com

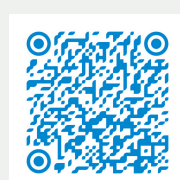
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NOTIFY



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RESOURCES

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Interactive Map of current HABs in NY State:

