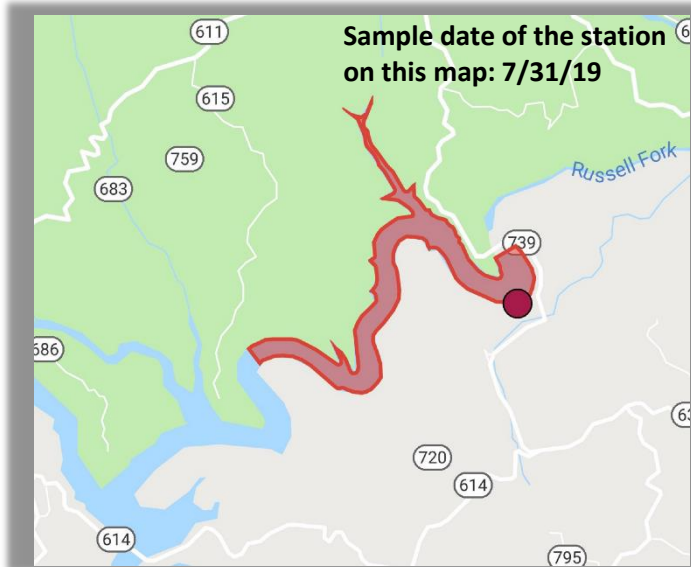


# John W. Flannagan Reservoir - Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) Report

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- Harmful algae (cyanobacteria) concentrations exceed safe swimming levels.
- Harmful algae (cyanobacteria) concentrations are below safe swimming levels.
- 📍 Lake area under swimming advisory

## Helpful Tip!

Visit [www.SwimHealthyVa.com](http://www.SwimHealthyVa.com) and click on the Harmful Algae Bloom Map to review sample results near you! Expand the map using the symbol in the upper right hand map title bar, then click on the magnifying glass. You can search my location name or address!

## Frequently asked questions about cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) blooms:

### ***What do I do if I am exposed to the bloom?***

Rinse affected areas thoroughly with fresh clean water. People and pets should not drink or swim in areas with an algae bloom. If you believe you are experiencing an illness after contact with a bloom, please contact your health care provider and report the HAB-related illness to the HAB Hotline 888-238-6154.

### ***Can I consume fish filets which I have cleaned from fish caught from the swimming advisory area?***

Fish caught from the bloom area may be consumed if the fish filets are properly cleaned, skinned, the carcass and guts discarded, and filets are cooked to proper temperature. Thoroughly clean all surfaces, including hands, used to prepare the filets.

### ***Flannagan Reservoir is a drinking water source. Is the water safe to drink?***

There is no evidence of impacts to drinking water at this time. The water treatment plant has adjusted the treatment protocol and increased monitoring. Never drink raw, untreated water from any natural body of water.

**For more information on current swimming advisories or to report an algae bloom visit:**

**[www.SwimHealthyVA.com](http://www.SwimHealthyVA.com)**

**To report a HAB-related illness contact the toll-free HAB Hotline: 888-238-6154**

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## BE AWARE of Harmful Algae Blooms

**When in Doubt, stay Out!** Algae may produce scum on the water surface and water may discolored like below. Avoid swimming in water that smells, has a scum or where dead fish are present. Report blooms using the online HAB form using the website link on the left.

