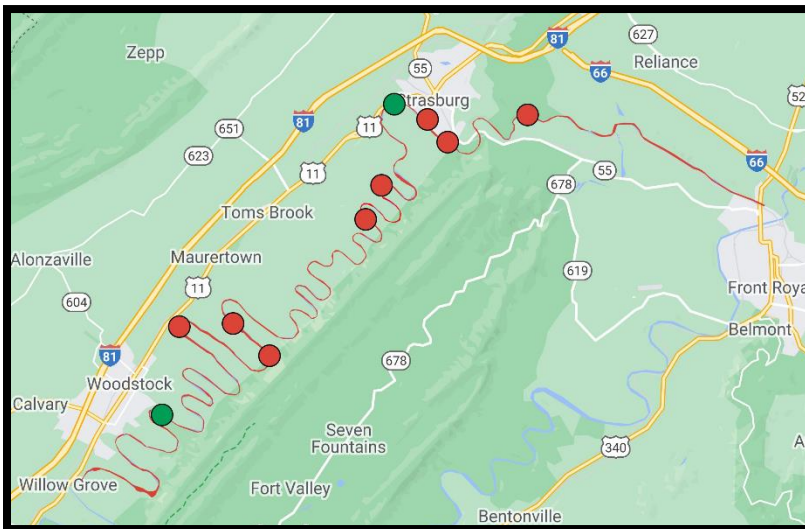


# NF Shenandoah River - Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) Status Report

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**Next Issue: To be determined (check back here for updates)**



- No harmful algal mats detected
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- 🌊 River area under recreational water 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!

The advisory for the North Fork Shenandoah River has been expanded due to the detection of cyanobacteria in algal mats at sites above and below the previous advisory issued from Lower River Road to Strasburg. While cyanobacteria mats at those three locations appeared wide-spread, they are not wide-spread throughout the entire ~53 mile stretch of this advisory. Weather and other environmental factors can cause potentially toxic algal mats to detach from the river floor, float along the surface, and accumulate along shorelines. People and pets should avoid contact and accidental ingestion of algal mats within this area of the river.

The drinking water plants at Woodstock, Strasburg, and Winchester are working with state and county officials to ensure the continued safety of drinking water and will continue to monitor for algal toxins at the plant intake.

## When in Doubt, Stay Out!

**Avoid swimming, wading, or letting your children or pets play in bodies of water that:**

- Smells bad
- Looks discolored
- Contains scum or algal mats are wide-spread along the surface or bottom of the waterbody

## BE AWARE of Harmful Algae Blooms

Water quality is tested to determine if health risks may be present.

During an algae bloom, water may have surface scum, mats, or films with red, green, white streaks, or glops.



**For more information or to report an algae bloom visit [www.SwimHealthyVA.com](http://www.SwimHealthyVA.com)**

**To report a HAB-related illness contact the HAB Hotline at 888-238-6154.**

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