

Lake Watch Swim Alert



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Lake Watch Annual Meeting
February 18, 2024

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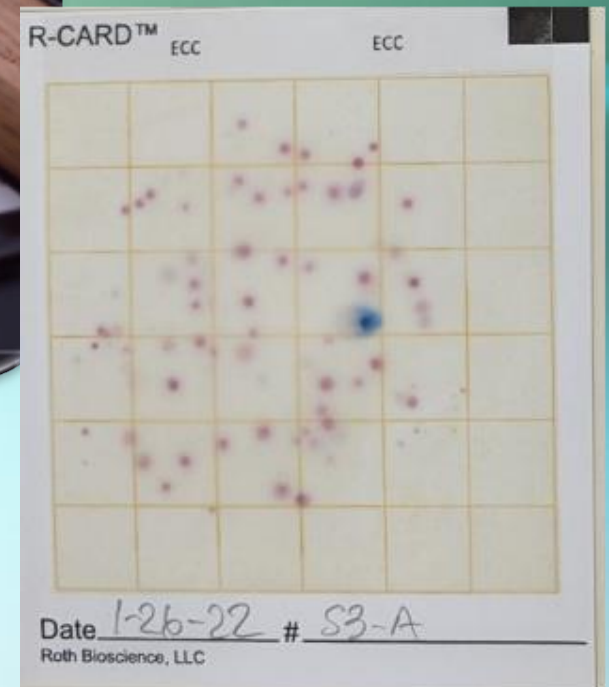
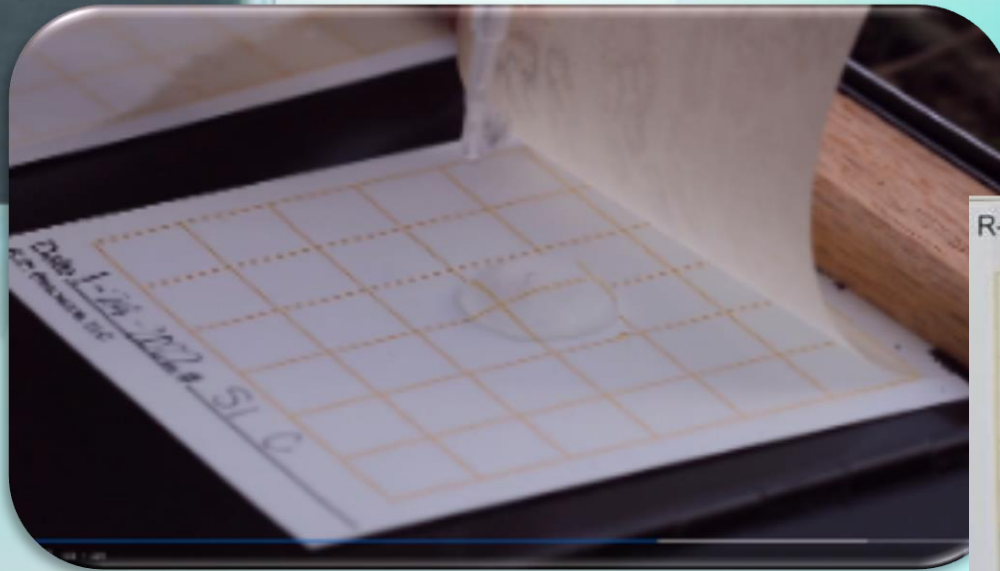
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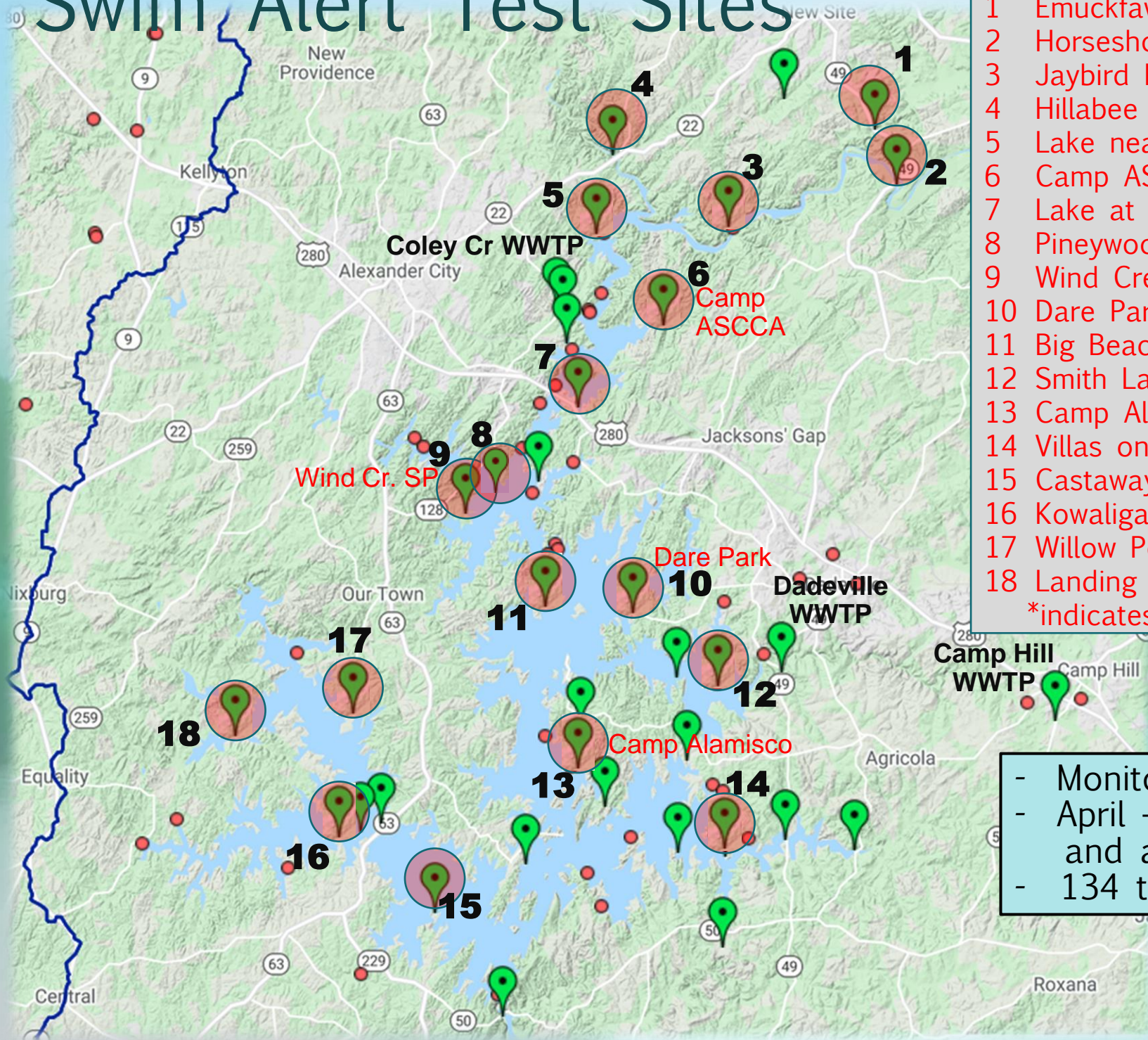
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AWW Bacteriological Test
using R-cards



Swim Alert Test Sites



- 1 Emuckfaw Creek
 - 2 Horseshoe Bend
 - 3 Jaybird Landing
 - 4 Hillabee Creek
 - 5 Lake near Andrew Jackson
 - 6 Camp ASCCA*
 - 7 Lake at Hwy 280
 - 8 Pineywood Island Beach*
 - 9 Wind Creek State Park*
 - 10 Dare Park Beach*
 - 11 Big Beach*
 - 12 Smith Landing
 - 13 Camp Alamisco*
 - 14 Villas on Harbor Pier*
 - 15 Castaway Island*
 - 16 Kowaliga Restaurant Beach*
 - 17 Willow Point Beach*
 - 18 Landing at Parker Creek*
- *indicates swim beach

- Monitored monthly
- April – October
and after rain events
- 134 tests in 2023

Swim Alert

Lake Watch of Lake Martin

Protecting the Cleanest Lake in Alabama

LAKE WATCH SWIM ALERT - have fun and stay safe!

With 880 miles of shoreline and more than 40,000 surface acres, Lake Martin is the cleanest and most beautiful lake in Alabama and was designated by the state as the first (and only) "Treasured Alabama Lake."

Lake Watch is dedicated to preserving and improving the water quality of Lake Martin and surrounding waters. Lake Watch takes a proactive approach to protecting and enhancing the water quality of Lake Martin by working with governmental and non-governmental organizations within the Tallapoosa River Basin and throughout the state on water quality issues.

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The News:**

[Surprising results
\(from AU Microbial
Source Tracking
Study\) \(October,
2022\)](#)

[E. coli prompts call
for swim alert](#)



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A vertical image with a soft, misty, green-toned landscape. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the surrounding environment. To the left, a steep, forested hillside rises from the water's edge. The background features more distant, hazy hills under a pale sky. The overall atmosphere is serene and ethereal. The text 'SWIM ALERT' is overlaid in the upper half of the image in a bold, dark teal font.

SWIM ALERT

Lake Watch of Lake Martin Swim ...

Sites on this map are swimming areas in the Lake Martin Watershed that are regularly tested for E. coli bacteria during the water-recreation season. [more](#)

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☒ Swim Alert Sites

Individual styles

- Big Beach
- Camp Alamisco Swim Beach
- Camp ASCCA
- Castaway Island Beach
- Dare Park Beach
- Emuckfaw Creek
- Hillabee Creek at Hwy 22 Bri...
- Horseshoe Bend
- Jaybird Landing
- Kowaliga Restaurant Beach
- Lake Martin above Hwy 280 ...
- Lake Martin near Andrew Ja...
- Smith Landing
- The Landing at Parker Creek ...
- Villas on the Harbor Pier
- Willow Point Country Club B...
- Wind Creek State Park Swim ...
- Pineywood Island Beach

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Hillabee Creek at Hwy 22 Bridge

Click here for swimming status: <https://www.theswimguide.org/beach/10322>;

Click here for historical data: <https://web.auburn.edu/aww/charts/DG/plotBac.aspx?Sitecode=07001013&siteID=787&ct=14>

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Hillabee Creek at Hwy 22 Bridge

Alexander City, Alabama

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Water Quality

About

Source Info

Historical Water Quality ⓘ

Passed water quality tests 60-98% of the time

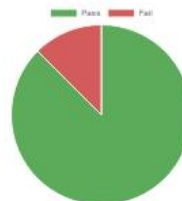
This status is based on the latest sample, take on October 16th, 2023 Lake Watch of Lake Martin updates the status of this beach as soon as test results become available. These results were posted to Swim Guide on October 17th at 6:31 PM.

Monitoring Frequency:

Hillabee Creek at Hwy 22 Bridge is sampled Monthly from April 1st to October 31st

Water Quality Graph:

☒ Pie Chart ☐ Bar Chart





Interval:


Yearly

Time Period:

2023

Water Quality Symbols Defined

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Green means the beach's most recent test results met water quality standards



Red means the beach's most recent test results failed to meet water quality standards



Grey means water quality information for the beach is too old (more than one year old) to be considered current, or that info is unavailable or unreliable.

Historical Status

When swimming season is over, or when a beach's water quality data has not been updated on the normal schedule (e.g., weekly), it goes into historical status. This means that rather than displaying out-of-date data, it displays the beach's average water quality for that year.



Green means the beach passed water quality tests 95% of the time or more



Yellow means the beach passed water quality tests 60–95% of the time



Red means the beach failed water quality tests 40% of the time or more

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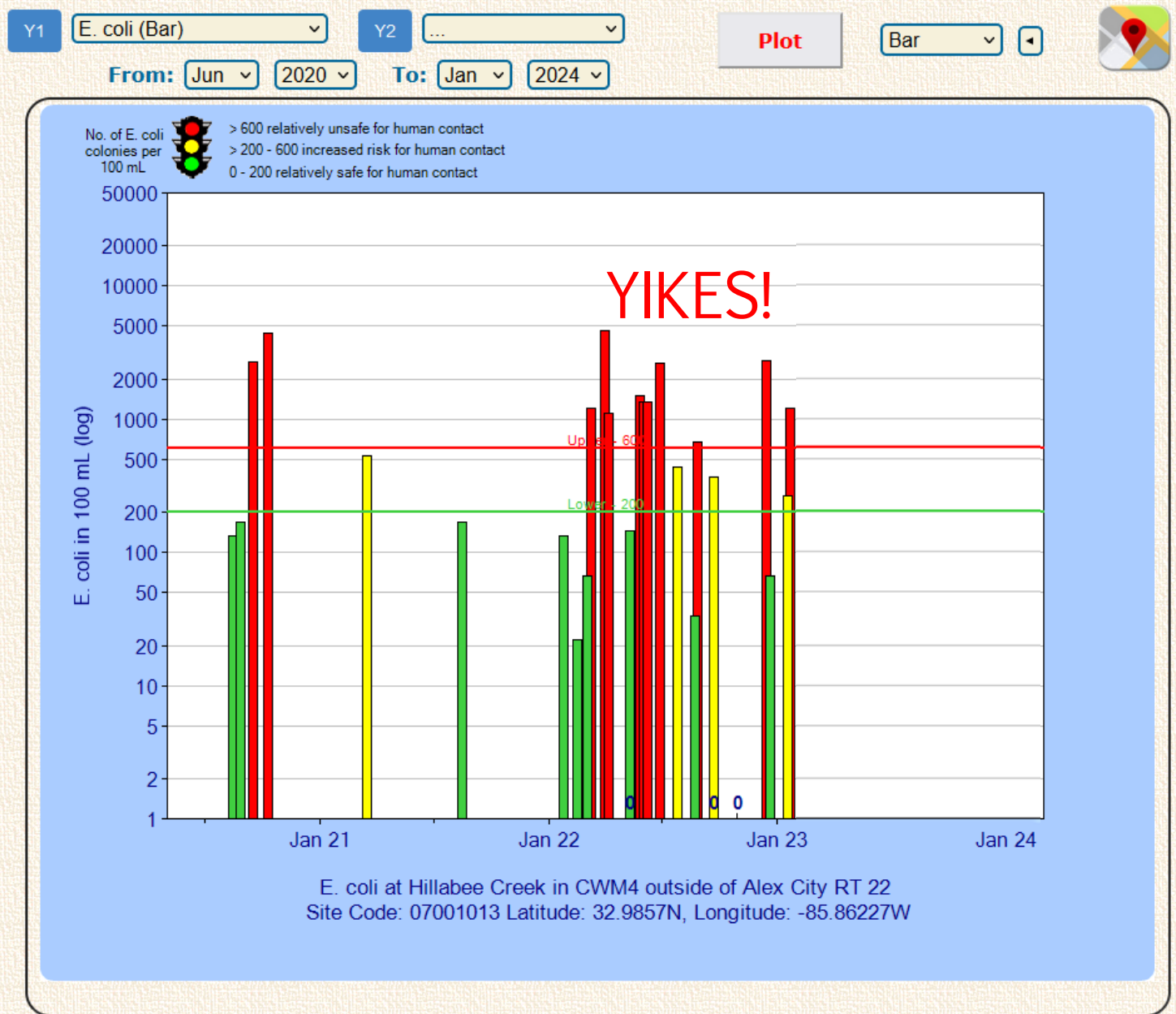
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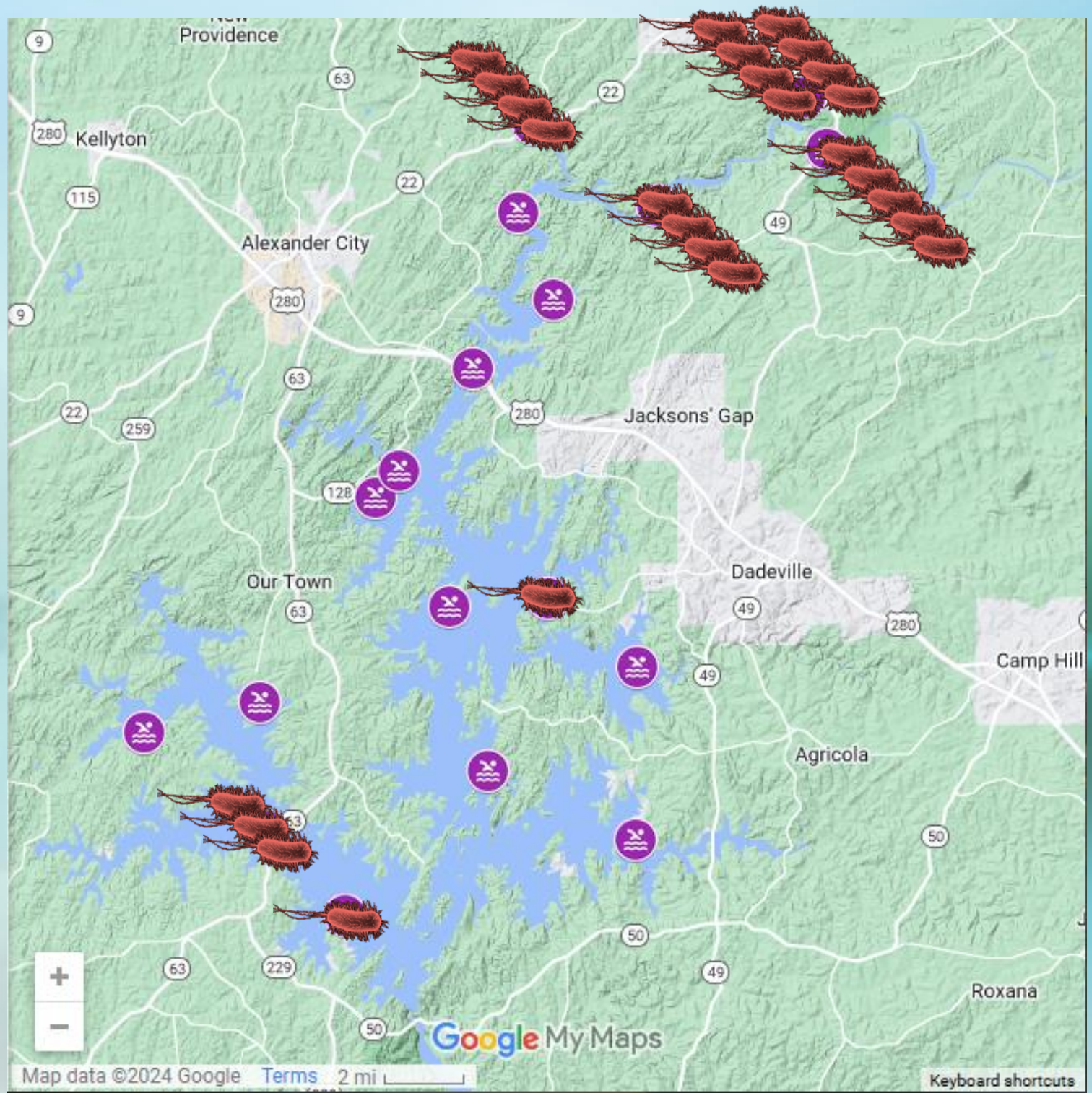
AWW Database (2020-1/2203)



AWW Database (2020-1/2024)



Number of
readings with
high *E. coli* -
2023



Lake Watch of Lake Martin Swim Alert – Summary (2023)

- ❖ Swim Alert sites tested for *E. coli* monthly and after rain events (April-Oct)
- ❖ Go to Lake Watch Swim Alert webpage for latest test results
www.lakewatch.org/swim-alert
- ❖ Lake Martin tested clean the vast majority of the time – *E.coli* detected **at only 3 sites on the lake (once at Dare Park Beach, once at Castaway Island Beach, and 3 times at Kowaliga Restaurant Beach)**
- ❖ Contamination* was mostly confined to the lake headwaters and two streams:
 - Horseshoe Bend NM Park: **5/11 tests, or 45% of tests were contaminated**
 - Jaybird Landing: **4/13 tests, or 31% of tests were contaminated**
 - Emuckfaw Creek: **8/14 tests, or 57% were contaminated**
 - Hillabee Creek: **4/12 tests, or 33% were contaminated**



Check out the Swim Alert & let us know what you think!



Ps. – have fun and be safe!