

## Bacteria Monitoring Streamside Cheatsheet

Cooler Contents (\*Freeze the Ice Pack!)

- Ice pack (Freeze it!)
- Clear, sealed e. Coli bottle
- Sample labels & tape
- Thermometer (DO NOT leave in cooler with ice)
- pH strips
- Volunteer Monitor Field Sheet & Recreational Survey Data Sheet
- Chain of Custody Sheet
- Gloves, pens, and markers!

Test	How?	
Air Temp	<ol> <li>Measure air temp first before water temp!</li> <li>In shade, wait 3 mins</li> <li>Record result on Monitor Field Sheet</li> </ol>	
Water Temp	Submerge, wait <b>3 mins</b> Record result on Monitor Field Sheet	
рН	<ol> <li>Verify the strip is not discolored!</li> <li>Dip strip upstream 60 secs</li> <li>Remove, wait 2 mins</li> <li>Record result on Monitor Field Sheet</li> </ol>	
Bacteria Sample	<ol> <li>Label top of bottle cap with site name and date</li> <li>Walk upstream to the sample location. Do not stir sediment where you will collect the sample.</li> <li>Uncap but DO NOT rinse the bottle, it has a powder preservative.</li> <li>Find a deep spot and wade in if possible.</li> <li>Scoop the container upstream into the water up to 6" if possible. Fill to 100ml line.</li> <li>Cap the bottle &amp; label it (site, date, initials). Tape the label.</li> <li>Place it in the cooler with an ice pack.</li> </ol>	



## **Testing Sites**

We monitor bacteria bi-weekly from June through mid-Sep at three(3) sites along Cabin John Creek (see below).

CJ-1: FoCJC WQM Site 1 - CJ Local Park	Cabin John Creek	Cabin John Local Park (MacArthur Blvd): Site is at the picnic table by the creek at the first trail down to the creek.  38°58'29.5"N 77°08'58.9"W Site 1 Map Location
CJ-2: FoCJC WQM Site 2 - Locust Grove Nature Center	Cabin John Creek	Locust Grove Nature Center:  Take the trail at the nature center over their footbridge to the left at the stairs. Walk down the steps to the creek trail and then turn right onto the CJ Trail to the first bench overlooking the creek before the big sycamore tree.  39°01'32.6"N 77°09'29.2"W  Site 2 Map Location
CJ-3: FoCJC WQM Site 3 - Goya Dr	Cabin John Creek	Goya Drive: Take the CJ Trail at the end of Goya Dr then your second left down to the creek. This is a popular crossover to the other side for mountain bikers so move upstream a little so you don't get disturbed.  39°03'05.5"N 77°09'19.4"W Site 3 Map Location

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