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### Okaloosa County Saltwater Beach Monitoring Results For October 8, 2012

The Okaloosa County Health Department conducts weekly saltwater beach water quality monitoring at 13 sites through the Healthy Beaches Program. The water samples are analyzed for enteric bacteria (enterococci) that normally inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals and which may cause human disease, infections, or rashes. The presence of enteric bacteria is an indication of fecal pollution, which may come from stormwater runoff, pets and wildlife, and human sewage.

Site	Name	City	Enterococci	Water Quality
SP-1	<a href="#">Liza Jackson Park</a>	Ft Walton Beach	Pass	Pass
SP-2	<a href="#">Garniers Park</a>	Ft Walton Beach	Fail	Fail
SP-3	<a href="#">Marler Park</a>	Okaloosa Island	Fail	Fail
SP-4	<a href="#">Wayside Park</a>	Okaloosa Island	Pass	Pass
SP-5	<a href="#">Poguito Park</a>	Shalimar	Fail	Fail
SP-6	<a href="#">Gulf Islands National Seashore</a>	Okaloosa Island	Fail	Fail
SP-7	<a href="#">East Pass</a>	Okaloosa Island	Pass	Pass
SP-8	<a href="#">Lincoln Park</a>	Valparaiso	Fail	Fail
SP-9	<a href="#">Henderson Beach</a>	Destin	Fail	Fail
SP-10	<a href="#">Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park</a>	Niceville	Fail	Fail
SP-11	<a href="#">James Lee Park</a>	Destin	Pass	Pass
SP-13	<a href="#">Emerald Promenade</a>	Okaloosa Island	Fail	Fail
SP-14	<a href="#">Clement E Taylor Park</a>	Destin	Fail	Fail

Water quality classifications are based upon the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) recommended standard for enterococci of greater than or equal to 104 colony forming units per 100 milliliters of marine water.

Advisories have been issued for **Garniers Park** of Fort Walton Beach, **Marler Park, Gulf Islands National Seashore**, and **Emerald Promenade** of Okaloosa Island, **Poquito Park** of Shalimar, **Henderson Park** and **Clement E. Taylor Park** of Destin, **Lincoln Park** of Valparaiso, and for **Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park** of Niceville -- based on the enterococci standard recommended by the EPA. This should be considered a potential health risk to the bathing public.

If you have questions, contact the Okaloosa County Health Department at (850) 833-9247 or (850) 689-7859. You can also visit [HealthyOkaloosa.com](http://HealthyOkaloosa.com), and click the "Healthy Beaches" link to be taken to a list of Okaloosa County's Healthy Beaches sites and maps.

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