City of Chico – Sycamore Pool Water Quality Testing (2026)

Summary

This document provides weekly 2026 water quality testing results for Sycamore Pool. Measurements of E. coli values taken upstream (east) and downstream (west at dam).

Water Safety Information

All lakes, streams, and creeks may contain bacteria, including E. coli.
E. coli is a naturally occurring bacteria found in the intestines of people and animals. While many strains are harmless, some can cause illness.

Water quality conditions can change quickly, so it is important to take precautions.

Healthy Water Habits

- Do not swallow water.
- Wash hands after water contact.
- Shower or towel dry after swimming.
- Do not swim if you are sick.
- Avoid swimming with open cuts or sores.

Test Results Table

An asterisk (*) indicates results are preliminary and will be updated when the official report is finalized.

For additional information on how to interpret these results, please refer to the Sycamore Pool Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on our website.

Sample Date	Upstream E. Coli	Downstream E. Coli
1/6/26	28	32
2/3/26	86	79
3/3/26	39	84
4/7/26	133	111
5/5/26	205	291
5/12/26	153	248
5/19/26	148	205
5/26/26	111	150
6/2/26	162	114
6/9/26	116	248
6/17/26	276	147
6/23/26	99	128
6/26/26	128	196
6/29/26	99	228
6/30/26	93	119
7/1/26	140	140
7/2/26	91	105
7/6/26	51	214
7/7/26	101	86
7/8/26	192	133
7/9/26	179	225
7/10/26	225	166
7/13/26	261	167
7/14/26	187	133
7/15/26	308	248
7/16/26	140	135
7/17/26	236	285
7/20/26	167	186
7/21/26	93	172
7/22/26	120	155
7/23/26	111	135
7/24/26	145	157
7/27/26	214	161
7/28/26	64	77
7/29/26	72	119
7/30/26	166	214
7/31/26	74	248
8/3/26	365	172
8/4/26	129	165
8/5/26	517	166
8/6/26	125	160
8/7/26	104	99
8/10/26	115	205
8/11/26	82	133
8/12/26	687†	91
8/13/26	86	127
8/14/26	127	167
8/17/26	71	82
8/18/26	115	104
8/19/26	96	93
8/20/26	125	108
8/21/26	93	99
8/24/26	122	272
8/25/26	81	68
8/26/26	83	186
8/28/26	133	118
8/31/26	82	99
9/1/26	91	84
9/2/26	104	57
9/3/26	99	93
9/4/26	326	228
9/8/26	75	58
9/9/26	132	166
9/10/26	410	157
9/11/26	126	133
9/14/26	122	99
9/22/26	83	68
9/29/26	96	111
10/6/26	155	248
10/16/26	115	135
10/20/2026	105	141
10/27/26	66*	88*

† The August 12 upstream sample was collected from an eddy above Sycamore Pool, not from within the pool, and may not represent water quality conditions in the pool.