



Water Testing of Weiss Lake 10/2/17



Thanks to a grant of \$2000 arranged by Alabama Power Shoreline Management, Save Weiss Lake has started a Bacterial Water Testing Program of Weiss Lake. Here's the details.

On Sept. 20th MaryAnn Walker, Darren Walker and Tom Taylor collected 20 bottles of lake water (4 at each location) from 5 sites on Weiss Lake. The 5 sites are; Leesburg by the bridge. Yellow River, across from Chestnut Bay, Cedar Bluff by the bridge, Spring and Cowan Creeks near the Belle, and up the Coosa River. The 20 bottles were then driven to Leeds AL. to Guardian Systems, they had to be there within 6 hours of collection. Guardian Systems will conduct the following test:

Nitrate/Nitrite
Phosphate
Total Coliform, E. Coli
Fecal Coliform

Guardian System will send us a report of the testing and it will be posted, Good, Bad or Indifferent, in a new Section to be created on our Web Page www.saveweisslake.org. Water Quality. These tests cost \$500 each time we do them.

Now this is not the best time of year to be conducting these tests, due to water temperature but we wanted to get the process organized and run through a trial run. We plan on doing tests in Early Summer, Mid Summer and Late Summer, in 2018. We may make adjustments to timing and locations as we move forward.

Save Weiss Lake will use the grant we received to pay for the 4 tests we will conduct, and will share the test results with Weiss Lake Improvement Association. Going forward we will split the cost with WLIA.

This is a major effort for us and we welcome the cooperation from WLIA and Alabama Power Shoreline Management for helping us make it happen.