



## 2026 Secchi Disk Program Survey 1-2-3 App Instructions

2026 Secchi Disk Survey Link:

<https://survey123.arcgis.app/?itemID=cc2e5d9731974481bc02fb079280ce38>

QR Code:



*Welcome to the Secchi Disk program! Thanks for your assistance this year. Once again, we will be using a Survey 1-2-3 program to collect our data. Each year, we need to update the survey - so **please be sure to use this new link moving forward.***

### **\*Please Note these 2026 Survey Changes:\***

- There are no longer drop downs for inputting your email address or name.
- In the past surveys, coordinates would populate when a location was selected. This will no longer occur. Please make sure your location is active on your phone so that your coordinates can be found when answering the location question. Instructions to do this are found below in this document.

### **Program Guidelines:**

In order for us to have consistent and accurate data on water clarity to compare from year to year, we are in need of weekly reports starting as early as **Sunday, May 3rd and if possible through the first week of October (22 weeks)**. It is helpful to have data through October to see how water clarity correlates with the HAB season.

If you are not able to collect data on certain weeks, please contact CLWA staff so we can possibly arrange coverage for your area. We are hoping participants can complete at least 75% of the 22 scheduled weeks of the program, about 16 reports throughout the season.

## **PART 1: ACCESSING THE SECCHI DISK SURVEY**

**Option 1: Survey 123 Mobile app *\*preferred method***

If you previously installed the Survey 123 Field App in your phone's app store, scan the QR code above using your mobile device or click on the link above. You will be prompted to **"Open in field app"** (see figure 1). After doing that once, the 2026 survey will then be stored in the app for you (See figure 2).

Figure 1.

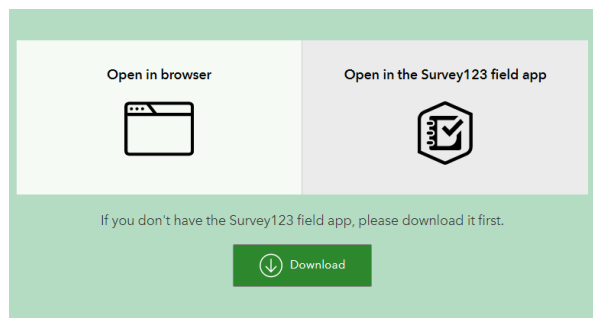
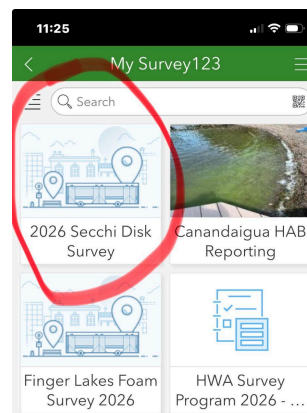


Figure 2. Screenshot of survey in field app.



**\*Please note: When you use the Survey 123 app, a screen may pop up asking if you want to sign in. Click "Continue without signing in". You do not need to create an account.\***

**\*\* Once you have the 2026 survey loaded, please delete the old 2025 survey to ensure you do not fill out the wrong form. \*\***

How to delete the old survey:

- In the Survey123 app, Click on the survey you want to delete (in this case, 2025 Secchi Disk Survey)
- Navigate to the three lines in the top right corner
- Click "delete survey"

### Option 2: Access the survey on your desktop computer

*There are two other methods for using the survey, both within a browser. This is not the preferred method.*

- **Bookmark in your browser.** You can click on the survey link from your PC and select "open in browser". You can then bookmark the survey in a browser of your choice.
- **Access the survey on the CLWA website.** Visit <https://www.canandaigualakeassoc.org/water-quality/secchi-disk-program/> and navigate to "Volunteer Resources" to find the survey.

## PART 2: COMPLETING THE SURVEY

The 2026 survey is similar to previous years. Just a couple reminders on the survey:

- **An option to upload a photo.** Photos are not required, but sometimes people like to send us images of blooms, foam, or fish kills.

- You can add a photo you have previously saved on your computer or device by clicking the “Press here to choose file”.
- Or, you can take a photo with your device by hitting the camera icon. This allows you to take a “live” photo and upload it.
- **Temperature at Depth Program Data Entry:** Some of our secchi disk volunteers are participating in the temperature at depth project to record temperatures at various water depths. The last question of the survey will ask “Do you have depth temperature data to enter?”.
  - If you are not part of this project, you will select “no” and submit your survey.
  - If you are one of the volunteers participating in the project, you will select “yes” and another part of the survey will pop up to record your temperatures at varying depths.

### PART 3. ADDING COORDINATES VIA MAP FEATURE

Select your location description and record the coordinates where you took your reading. Follow the instructions below to do so.

To set a pin on the map to record your coordinates, please follow these steps:

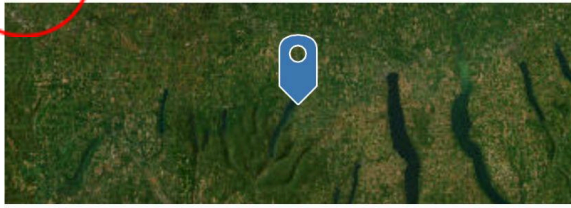
- From the Mobile Field App:

If your location is set, you can click on the circle with the hash marks in the top left hand corner on the map in the survey. You can also click on the map and push the same circle that is now located on the right hand side.

- Another option to find your location is to move the map with one finger until the location you want is in the crosshair “+”. Release your finger on your desired location and you will see a blue pin appear.
- Tap the check mark on the bottom right (it appears in a green bar across the bottom of the app) to set your location. This sets the location and brings you back to the survey to complete.

Coordinates where you took your reading: \*

📍 42°48'N 77°16'W ± 4.7 m

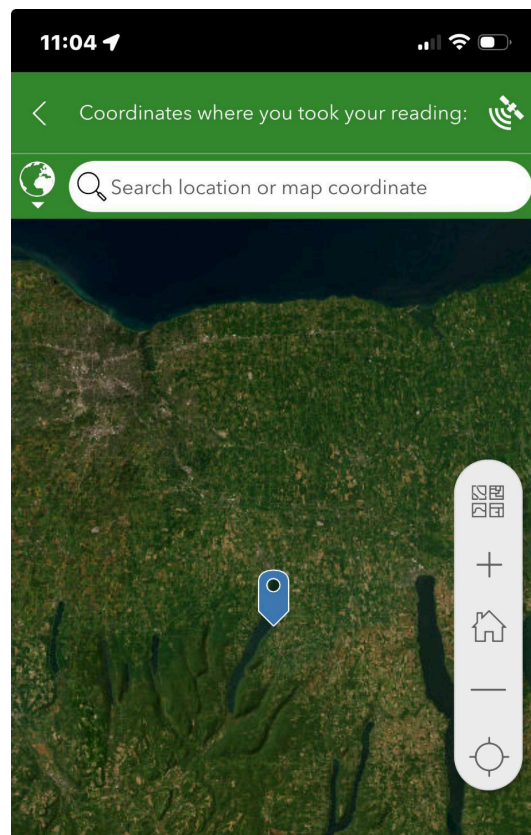


Date and time where you took your reading: \*

📅 Date

🕒 Time

Disk lowered until it disappears (m) : \*



○ From Desktop / Laptop in a browser:

- Click on the map with your cursor. Drag the map to your desired location. You can also move the map by zooming in and out using the + and - button on the left.
- Once you found the location you want, click on that location to set the pin (blue point). Once it is set, move on to the next survey question.



From both mobile and computer, you can also type in the address of the nearest location and then adjust the map from there. The map can take some getting used to so don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance.

***Thank you for your continued support and assistance in this valuable program!***