

Starting the Bio Log

A note on starting a simple public observation log for one glass vessel of lake water and tracking what changes over time.

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I started a bio log with one glass vessel of water from a local lake.

This is not a controlled experiment. It is a simple record of what happens over time.

The idea is straightforward. Take something real, leave it alone, and observe what changes.

In this case, just water collected from a nearby lake and placed in a glass.

Getting the water was simple. Still something I had to go and do.

Now the log starts.



The starting state: one glass vessel of local lake water before the visible changes begin.

Each entry tracks the same six factors: water clarity, visible life, smell intensity, surface activity, sediment or bottom change, and color shift.

The scores are not scientific measurements. They are consistent observations on a simple scale.

No lab conditions. No isolation. No attempt at precision.

The point is to keep a visible record as things change.

The raw log lives on GitHub, where every entry is recorded with scores, notes, events, and image references.

This site will not mirror every entry. It will only publish updates when something becomes visible, changes, or is worth showing.

This was also the first time an article here could not rely on text alone.

Images are part of the record now.

github.com/DennisHedegreen/bio-log (<https://github.com/DennisHedegreen/bio-log>).

— Dennis Hedegreen

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