

SPECIAL LAKE REPORT 9/7/2018 by Mike Backus

Rain – rain go away come back another YEAR!

Rain Amounts

My digital rain gauge shows the Lake area got at least 17” of rain between 8/19/18 and 9/7/18.

Lake Level

Using my measuring device the Lake level has increased 20.5” from 8/19/18 to 9/7/18. The increase is more than the rain fall because of the massive run-off during the multiple heavy down pours. I, like many others, have 11” of water on my pier deck as of 9/7/18.

NO WAKE

The Town of Jackson has issued a NO WAKE policy for Jordan Lake until further notice. NO WAKE is defined as speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steering control.

My Recommendation

Assume the Lake level will drop only a minor amount before Winter. We lost only 6” of Lake level during the entire hot summer with irrigation going full force in the area. It is going to take a LONG time to lose 20”! We can also expect shoreline damage as the ice grows during¹he winter. Be prepared.

Tornado Damage

On August 28, 2018 tornadoes or straight line winds hit the area. From west of Hwy B all the way east to I-39, thousands of trees are down and other damage can be seen. Significant power outages also took place during that time.
