

LAKE FACTS AS OF AUGUST 23, 2025 by Mike Backus

Rain

The 2025 season has been both dry and wet. To date the area has had 21.46" of rain compared to 25.52" at this time in 2024. In April we got 2.18" of rain; 2.15" in May; 6.2" in June; 6.7" in July and 4.16" in August.

Lake Level

Since March 31st, the lake level hit a high of +1.5" on June 17th and a low of -2" on August 16th. Currently the lake is back at the March 31st starting level. Both the high and low are below an average seasonal change.

Lake Area Wildlife

Most of us heard about the bear sightings in early Spring and hope it has left the area. Bald Eagles continue to be seen looking over the lake for meals. On July 11th I observed a lone Pelican checking out our lake but it has since left. Many of our residents are not happy with the offspring of geese this year. Chasing them by watercraft is not legal and carries a significant fine.

Water Clarity

It has been a good season so far. The lake clarity and temperature has been monitored 12 times thus far. Our best clarity was 24 feet on May 5th and the worst was 13 feet on August 21st.

Water Temps

It has been a great season for swimming as the water temps reached a high of 83 degrees during late July and early August. Surface temp was 74 degrees on August 21st.

Chemical Testing

Samples of our lake water were sent to Madison for Chlorophyll and Phosphorus analysis in June and July. The August samples will be sent before the end of the month. I am still waiting for the test results but I don't expect any surprises in the results.

Boating Safety

A large number of lakes have experienced boating accidents this season. I believe the Town of Jackson No Wake and Travel Directional Ordinances play a role in our good safety record. Be safe out there!

Clean Boats/Clean Water

We have had a very slight increase in CB/CW monitoring at the boat landing thus far this season. Seven households participated for just 10 sessions (34.5 hours). Some 31 boats and 61 people were contacted.

The following residents monitored the landing for ONE session:

Jeff & Shari Thomm

Kyle Cassel

Chris & Tim Pyburn

Mike & Marlene Backus

The following residents monitored the landing for TWO sessions:

Sue & Troy Lantz

Kim and Ken Newhouse

Laurie Tirvo & Fay Ponseti

THANKS FOR CARING FOR OUR LAKE!