

Comments on woody debris:

See the above. The stumps used to be an asset for providing cover for fish and other species. After the last drawdown, dried out stumps/logs rose to the surface and floated in on the predominantly west winds. Right into our dock area on the east shore of Serenity Bay! Not so much Serenity here anymore!

It was present, but did not cause me serious problem

Last year we did hardly any rowing in our shell because of the dead trees floating in the lake and the fact that we face backwards. This year was better for rowing but in the future the dead trees on the shoreline will fall and float in the water because most people are not proactively removing dead trees from the shore.

I hauled some large tree roots (4 feet in diameter) and larger logs from my shoreline.

We hit a log while boating that didn't see. We had previously never encountered logs in that part of the lake. (bay across from park)

Five or so logs floated in around my dock after the lake level was returned to normal.

Shoreline was a mess. We are not allowed to bring equipment in to clean it up, so most people floated debris back into the main body of the lake.

Personal injury is not the only loss as a result of woody debris in the water. There are more floating and stationary wood "objects" in the water now than there has been in years previous to the draw down. Property damage to boats as a result of running into these unforeseen objects is a problem that seems to be ignored. If drawdowns are to continue there needs to be some regulatory flexibility given to property owners when they make efforts to remove these obstacles.

There appears to be a lot more wood floating in the lake

Many very large logs floating, created some navigation hazards and also piled up on our shoreline.

Thanks to Steve Johnson, who helped organize a Gordon prisoners detail to clear debris from around many docks, made it much easier to put our docks in. Debris continues to float into shore and also out into the lake.

it would have been nice if we could have cleaned up more debris before the water came back up.

See above

After seeing the number of stumps exposed I have increased knowledge and concern.

There were several trees floating; We helped cleanup for the safety of the boaters

A couple logs washed up to the bank as the water line returned to normal. No serious problem at all.

This was our major problem, we had several stumps and around 100 logs float into our shoreline. It has caused a major level of frustration and ongoing expenses. We continue to have occasional movement of logs floating into our shoreline during certain winds/storms. We continue to see floating logs in the lake and have hit a couple this summer floating below the surface. I think we are very lucky that a tuber or skier has not been injured by debris.

Had half dozen woody medium to large trees

We were not informed that there would be woody debris in the lake.

I think it was a perfect opportunity to remove some of the dangerous stumps that could cause physical harm to humans. How sad that the fish took precedence.

Hit stump & was jettisoned from boat. Almost died lost motor.

I hauled out as much as was a nuisance.

What are woody debris?

Several large logs have floated into our shore. We hit something while boating - probably woody debris.

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We had woody debris but managed it without any real hardship.....

Woody debris was definitely a boating hazard when the lake level was brought up to the OHWM. I speak for many lakeowners that said the DNR (or a 3rd party company) should've taken a proactive approach and to haul logs (floating and half-submerged) out of the lake. It was downright dangerous conditions for most of that first boating season. But it didn't seem to be a safety concern for any governing agency - which is very surprising.

Woody debris on our shoreline was manageable and we just needed to watch for floating debris early in the summer.

When water level was restored, maybe a half dozen floated to shore that needed to be dealt with.

We had one stump travel onto our shoreline, but removed it to the shore.

We just moved the debris - didn't find it an issue. Actually it allowed us to have easier access to some logs that were too hard to move previously.

In the main body of the lake we hit two objects under the water with our boat that we never hit in the past.

We collected numerous stumps and large debris off our dock. We have also hit submerged stumps in areas that were safe boating before the drawdown.

I thought it was a great time to remove problematic deadheads - early summer - floating deadheads caused some navigation concerns, but this cleared up in time. Not a problem just something to consider next time.

Boat injuries. Floating logs pile up continuously along the shore.

We had a lot...dozens of logs and about 7 stumps on 115 feet of shoreline. However, we also have had shoreline erosion issues before, so we moved the logs and stumps up against the shore and will now have years of erosion protection.

While boating, hit numerous floating wood debris throughout the first summer. In the early summer, there was so much wood debris that you had to boat slowly on the lake.

Some of this "woody debris" in the main body of the lake is a navigation hazard. We have twice hit floating logs but did not sustain damage to our pontoon.

The "mud gate sticking open" in November caused significant damage to my docks. When the water level dropped from that event, the ice that had already formed pulled my dock components away from the shoreline. This caused me to remove all those docks and replace them with a whole new permanent dock structure.

Couldn't take grandkids tubing because of floating and "hidden" debris.

Continue to get woody debris along our shoreline.

We have a small island 20' x 40' that formed next to our dock

At the 5 foot drawdown levels, ice was attached to habitat (logs on the bottom of the lake). If water wasn't raised until ice-out the large destruction of habitat, and resulting floating logs, probably wouldn't occur.

Only issue was being aware of floating debris. Moving it out of the way along or close to shore/docks.

Every time the water level is dropped, I assume it will create additional woody debris which causes water travel hazards. There should be a concerted wood debris clean up effort if the lake is ever drawn down again.

I live on the north end. I hauled tons of huge logs & stumps out of the lake & my shore

Comments on woody debris:

the drawdown provided me an opportunity to remove woody debris (don't tell the DNR) that I believe had been freed to move by ice conditions a couple years before the drawdowns. It was a large tree, mostly submerged, and was more dangerous than I had realized.

Makes it dangerous to go fishing or just using your boat. Overall depth of the lake is not suitable for draw down. Should be worried about fish kill!!!

This is a HUGE problem. There used to be 2 floating bogs in the lake prior to draw down. On a positive note the bogs seem to have gone away. HOWEVER, there are logs, sticks and floating debris that will absolutely harm or kill a skier or boater one of these days. It should be a requirement to remove these or mark them. There are several in our bay, on the way to Pogo's etc.. I was skiing one of our kids and drove past a huge floating branch. We stopped and hauled it into the boat.

Have not heard of personal injuries yet, but there are floating logs in the lake. (You) should be CONCERNED about ALL PLACES IN THE LAKE, not just "main" body. Like stump bay.

We have hit much debris out on lake. Even more this year than last year. Logs are still moving around and being hit by boats for the last two years now. Way to many logs afloat on shore after refilling the lake.

Lost \$200 propeller from floating debris. Many trees floated in - destroyed aluminum dock (\$560). To repair (took) 12 days labor. Still removing trees & debris from shoreline.

2 stumps moved into our pontoon lift

It was there before the drawdown.

We have to be cautious when boating and engaging in other water activities.

An incredible amount of old stumps, logs, and other wooden debris drifted into our frontage and along the shore. We now have stumps and logs in our swimming area which now prohibits safe diving from the swim platform. We're not sure how much there is but the three areas where we have tried to put the platform are now dangerous.

Also getting fresh ent debris.