



Welcome to the Lake!

Welcome to membership in the West Branch White River Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District! As a property owner within the District you play an important part in the health of our lake. We are in agreement with state law, set forth in Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes, “that the protection and rehabilitation of the public inland lakes of this state are in the best interests of the citizens of this state” [33.001]

Your Tax dollars are used for:

Approved projects that promote the health of the lake. Recent budget priorities include –

- Inspection, insurance, and maintenance of the dam
- Control of Aquatic Invasive Species
- Water quality testing
- Lake buoys and signage
- Communications (mailings, website)
- Membership in local lake related associations

Lake Description:

Ours is a quiet, no wake lake where family and friends can sustain the tradition of great fishing, swimming, abundant wildlife, the sounds of summer camp, and clean, clear water. The Lake is a 64-acre impoundment of the spring pond to the West Branch of the White River. Maximum depth is 29 feet, average depth is 13 feet with 2.1 miles of shoreline. A dam on the east end artificially raises the water level approximately 11.5 feet. The lake discharges to a stream. It is the headwaters to the White River, which becomes a fairly large river downstream.

Brief Timeline:

- Menominee village on northeast shore of West Branch White River headwaters
- 1846-1854 – Menominee ceded land to U.S. Government
- 1890s – First dam structure, spillway and mill built, structure later abandoned

- 1922 – Upper dam and spillway built
- 1930 – Lower dam and spillway built, structure later abandoned
- 1975 – Camp Phillip opened
- 1986 – White River Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District formed
- 1988 – Public Landing paved by Wisconsin DNR and Deerfield Town Board
- 2006 – Upper Dam ownership transferred to the Lake District

Board of Commissioners:

Your Lake District is managed by the Board of Commissioners, consisting of seven persons. Five are elected for three year terms by district voters at the annual meeting and one each are appointed by the Waushara County Board and the Town of Deerfield. Here are your 2022 Board of Commissioners (final year of current term in parentheses)

- Grace Thomsen (2023), Board Chairperson, (414)241-7097, thomsengrace@gmail.com
- Tom Klusmeyer (2023), Secretary Treasurer, (920)312-1148, pastortom@campPhillip.com
- Joan Voigt (2022), Commissioner, (920)787-7364, jostamps@centurytel.net
- Terry Henning (2024), Commissioner, henningcamb@gmail.com
- Phil Stenz (2024), Commissioner, (920)787-7921, pstenz@sbcglobal.net
- Steve Meyer, Commissioner Town of Deerfield, (920)787-7260, smeyer@acecwi.com
- Bob Wedell, Commissioner Waushara County Board, themayor@uniontel.net

Our Meetings:

- Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing – Saturday prior to Memorial Day, 10:30 am, Deerfield Town Hall, 10769 County Rd. C.
- Informational Meeting – Saturday prior to Labor Day, 10:30 am, Deerfield Town Hall, 10769 County Rd. C.

Our Website:

[White River Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District \(whiterivermillpond.com\)](http://whiterivermillpond.com)

Important Resources for Lake District Property Owners:

University of Wisconsin Extension Lakes:

<https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/default.aspx>

Their Newsletter *Lake Tides*: <https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/resources/newsletter/default.aspx#search>

Archives of Extension Lakes Conventions on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/uwexLakes>

Our Lake District on the DNR website:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/lakepages/LakeDetail.aspx?wbic=152200>

Waushara County Land Conservation: <https://www.co.waushara.wi.us/pview.aspx?id=13591>