

Lake Name: Independence

Survey Type: Standard Survey

DOW Number: 32-0017-00

Survey ID Date: 05/30/2023

Lake Identification

Alternate Lake Name: N/A
Primary Lake Class ID: 43

DNR Sounding Map Number: N/A
Alternate Lake Class ID: N/A

Lake Location

Primary County: Jackson

Nearest Town: Jackson

Legal Descriptions

Lake Center: Township - 104N Range - 35W Section - 33
PLS Section Lake Center: 10403533

All Legal Descriptions:

Jackson County: Township - 103N Range - 35W Section - 4
Township - 104N Range - 35W Section - 33

Area Office

Area Name: Windom
Region Name: Southern

ORG Code: F418
Region Number: 4

Lake Access

(Information based on Special Assessment dated 09/28/1995)

Station ID	Ownership	Public Use	Type	Location / Comments
AC - 1	DNR	Open to Public use	Concrete	STATE LEASED ACCESS ON SOUTH SIDE OF LAKE.

Lake Characteristics

Lake Area (planimetered acres): 112.00	GIS Shoreline Length (miles): 1.52
GIS Lake Area (acres): 98.83	Maximum Fetch (miles): 0.50
DOW Lake Area (acres): 97.00	Fetch Orientation (degrees): 67
Littoral Area (acres): 96.50	USGS Quad Map Number: W09d
Area in MN (acres): 98.83	USGS Quad 24K GIS Index: 4518
Maximum Depth (feet): 10.0	
Mean Depth (feet): N/A	

Watershed Characteristics

Major Watershed

Name: Blue Earth River
Watershed Number: 30
Watershed size (acres): 777,240

Minor Watershed

Name: Elm Cr
Watershed Number: 96
Watershed size (acres): 7,078

Surveys and Investigations

Initial Survey: 06/24/1985.
Re-Survey: 06/25/2007, 06/21/1999.
Population Assessment: 06/27/2011, 06/23/2003, 06/25/1990.
Special Assessment: 05/29/1996, 04/10/1996, 09/28/1995, 08/04/1948.
Dissolved Oxygen Check: 02/10/2016, 02/24/2015, 01/02/2014, 02/07/2013, 01/04/2013, 02/17/2012, 01/26/2012, 12/28/2010, 01/04/2010.
Standard Survey: 05/30/2023, 05/16/2019, 06/15/2015.
Targeted Survey: 02/04/2020, 02/20/2019, 01/19/2018, 06/15/2015.

Current Water Level

Station ID	Date	Level	Reading (feet)	Reading Type
BM - 3	06/02/2023	High	-5.10	Above or below Benchmark

Benchmark and Gauge Descriptions / Locations

Station ID	Location Description
BM - 3	spike in oak tree 50 feet west of public access utm coordinates taken

Water Level History - Readings

Station ID	Date	Level	Reading (feet)	Reading Type
BM - 1	06/18/2015	Normal	-6.50	Above or below Benchmark
BM - 3	06/02/2023	High	-5.10	Above or below Benchmark
	06/27/2011	High	-5.25	Above or below Benchmark
	06/28/2007	High	6.50	Above or below Benchmark

Water Level History - Station Summary

Station ID	Minimum Level		Maximum Level		Range (feet)	Average Level (feet)	Reading Type (and number of readings)
	Feet	Date	Feet	Date			
BM - 1	-6.50	06/18/2015	-6.50	06/18/2015	0.00	-6.50	Above or below Benchmark (1)
BM - 3	-5.25	06/27/2011	6.50	06/28/2007	11.75	-1.28	Above or below Benchmark (3)

Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature Profile of Lake Water

Station ID	Sampling Date	Bottom Depth (Feet)	Sample Depth (Feet)	Water	Dissolved
				Temperature (°F)	Oxygen (ppm)
WQ - 1	05/31/2023	9.2	Surface	70.7	9.9
			1.0	70.7	9.7
			2.0	70.7	9.7
			3.0	70.7	9.6
			4.0	70.7	9.6
			5.0	70.7	9.8
			6.0	70.5	9.8
			7.0	70.7	9.6
			8.0	70.5	9.4
			9.0	69.1	6.0

Field Measurements of Water Quality

Station ID	Sampling Date	Sample Depth (Feet)	Secchi Depth (Feet)	Field pH	Alkalinity (ppm)	Water Color	Color Cause
WQ - 1	05/31/2023	Surface	6.3	8.60	220	Clear	N/A

Net Catch Summary by Numbers for GN

Standard gill net sets

Number of Sets: 1
 First Set Date: 05/30/2023
 Last Lift Date: 05/31/2023
 Target Species: N/A

Abbr	Species	Total Fish	Number Per Set	Quartiles for Lake Class 43 ¹		
				25%	50%	75%
BLB	Black Bullhead	3	3.00	30.34	75.58	150.62
BLC	Black Crappie	1	1.00	1.41	3.71	13.75
BLG	Bluegill	7	7.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
LMB	Largemouth Bass	1	1.00	0.20	0.50	1.50
NOP	Northern Pike	5	5.00	1.08	3.00	8.00
PMK	Pumpkinseed	39	39.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
WAE	Walleye	3	3.00	2.28	6.83	18.06
YEP	Yellow Perch	13	13.00	2.65	8.00	25.00
Total Fish/Set:			72.00	¹ Quartiles for Number Per Set		

Net Catch Summary by Weight for GN

Standard gill net sets

Abbr	Species	Total Weight (Pounds)	Pounds Per Set	Mean Weight ²	Quartiles for Lake Class 43 ¹		
					25%	50%	75%
BLB	Black Bullhead	2.07	2.07	0.69	0.17	0.26	0.39
BLC	Black Crappie	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.16	0.25	0.35
BLG	Bluegill	0.64	0.64	0.11	N/A	N/A	N/A
LMB	Largemouth Bass	1.65	1.65	1.65	0.60	1.18	1.37
NOP	Northern Pike	12.18	12.18	2.44	1.82	2.50	3.35
PMK	Pumpkinseed	2.19	2.19	0.06	N/A	N/A	N/A
WAE	Walleye	6.48	6.48	2.16	1.01	1.53	2.30
YEP	Yellow Perch	3.70	3.70	0.28	0.13	0.21	0.31
Total Pounds Fish/Set:			28.97	¹ Quartiles for Mean Weight			

² Mean Weights are based on measured fish counts only.

Net Catch Summary by Numbers for TN

Standard 3/4-in mesh, double frame trap net sets

Number of Sets: 9
 First Set Date: 05/30/2023
 Last Lift Date: 06/02/2023
 Target Species: N/A

Abbr	Species	Total Fish	Number Per Set	Quartiles for Lake Class 43 ¹		
				25%	50%	75%
BLB	Black Bullhead	8	0.89	11.50	42.00	132.61
BLC	Black Crappie	9	1.00	1.17	4.88	20.50
BLG	Bluegill	254	28.22	1.17	3.89	20.00
LMB	Largemouth Bass	3	0.33	0.23	0.38	0.67
NOP	Northern Pike	8	0.89	N/A	N/A	N/A
PMK	Pumpkinseed	789	87.67	0.26	1.35	4.92
WAE	Walleye	3	0.33	0.50	1.33	2.95
YEP	Yellow Perch	33	3.67	0.33	1.37	3.76
Total Fish/Set:			123.00	¹ Quartiles for Number Per Set		

Net Catch Summary by Weight for TN

Standard 3/4-in mesh, double frame trap net sets

Abbr	Species	Total Weight (Pounds)	Pounds Per Set	Mean Weight ²	Quartiles for Lake Class 43 ¹		
					25%	50%	75%
BLB	Black Bullhead	11.70	1.30	1.46	0.18	0.28	0.40
BLC	Black Crappie	6.62	0.74	0.74	0.22	0.34	0.50
BLG	Bluegill	50.69	5.63	0.19	0.13	0.24	0.39
LMB	Largemouth Bass	4.09	0.45	1.36	0.30	0.85	1.53
NOP	Northern Pike	20.59	2.29	2.57	N/A	N/A	N/A
PMK	Pumpkinseed	144.77	16.09	0.18	0.08	0.12	0.20
WAE	Walleye	7.17	0.80	2.39	0.82	1.44	2.28
YEP	Yellow Perch	14.71	1.63	0.45	0.11	0.18	0.30
Total Pounds Fish/Set:			28.93	¹ Quartiles for Mean Weight			

² Mean Weights are based on measured fish counts only.

Length Frequency Distribution for GN

Standard gill net sets

(Field work conducted between 05/30/2023 and 05/31/2023)

	<u>BLB</u>	<u>BLC</u>	<u>BLG</u>	<u>LMB</u>	<u>NOP</u>	<u>PMK</u>	<u>WAE</u>	<u>YEP</u>
< 3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.00 - 3.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.50 - 3.99	-	-	2	-	-	14	-	-
4.00 - 4.49	-	1	3	-	-	18	-	-
4.50 - 4.99	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
5.00 - 5.49	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
5.50 - 5.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
6.00 - 6.49	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	1
6.50 - 6.99	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
7.00 - 7.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.50 - 7.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8.00 - 8.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8.50 - 8.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.00 - 9.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
9.50 - 9.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
10.00 - 10.49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.50 - 10.99	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11.00 - 11.49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11.50 - 11.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
12.00 - 12.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.00 - 13.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14.00 - 14.99	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15.00 - 15.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16.00 - 16.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17.00 - 17.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
18.00 - 18.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
19.00 - 19.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.00 - 20.99	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
21.00 - 21.99	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
22.00 - 22.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23.00 - 23.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24.00 - 24.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.00 - 25.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26.00 - 26.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27.00 - 27.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28.00 - 28.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29.00 - 29.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30.00 - 30.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31.00 - 31.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32.00 - 32.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33.00 - 33.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34.00 - 34.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.00 - 35.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= > 36.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	<u>BLB</u>	<u>BLC</u>	<u>BLG</u>	<u>LMB</u>	<u>NOP</u>	<u>PMK</u>	<u>WAE</u>	<u>YEP</u>
Total	3	1	7	1	5	39	3	13
Min. Length	10.47	4.45	3.98	14.57	20.75	3.62	17.95	5.55
Max. Length	11.38	4.45	6.54	14.57	21.54	6.93	18.74	11.85
Mean Length	10.94	4.45	4.97	14.57	21.08	4.34	18.29	8.31
# Measured	3	1	5	1	5	36	3	13
No Lengths for	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0

Note: Unless all fish were measured in the catch, totals shown for some length-frequency distributions may differ from the total number of fish in the catch, due to rounding of fractions used in the estimation of length frequency from a subsample of measured fish.

Length Frequency Distribution for TN

Standard 3/4-in mesh, double frame trap net sets

(Field work conducted between 05/30/2023 and 06/02/2023)

	<u>BLB</u>	<u>BLC</u>	<u>BLG</u>	<u>LMB</u>	<u>NOP</u>	<u>PMK</u>	<u>WAE</u>	<u>YEP</u>
< 3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.00 - 3.49	-	-	10	-	-	32	-	-
3.50 - 3.99	-	-	37	-	-	108	-	-
4.00 - 4.49	-	-	5	-	-	87	-	-
4.50 - 4.99	-	-	2	-	-	31	-	-
5.00 - 5.49	-	-	1	-	-	55	-	1
5.50 - 5.99	-	-	22	-	-	57	-	2
6.00 - 6.49	-	-	35	-	-	85	-	1
6.50 - 6.99	-	-	79	-	-	209	-	-
7.00 - 7.49	-	-	63	-	-	86	-	-
7.50 - 7.99	-	1	-	-	-	14	-	-
8.00 - 8.49	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-
8.50 - 8.99	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	1
9.00 - 9.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
9.50 - 9.99	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
10.00 - 10.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
10.50 - 10.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
11.00 - 11.49	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
11.50 - 11.99	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	3
12.00 - 12.99	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
13.00 - 13.99	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14.00 - 14.99	4	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
15.00 - 15.99	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
16.00 - 16.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
17.00 - 17.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18.00 - 18.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19.00 - 19.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
20.00 - 20.99	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
21.00 - 21.99	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
22.00 - 22.99	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
23.00 - 23.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24.00 - 24.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.00 - 25.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26.00 - 26.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27.00 - 27.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28.00 - 28.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29.00 - 29.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30.00 - 30.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31.00 - 31.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32.00 - 32.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33.00 - 33.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34.00 - 34.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.00 - 35.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= > 36.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	<u>BLB</u>	<u>BLC</u>	<u>BLG</u>	<u>LMB</u>	<u>NOP</u>	<u>PMK</u>	<u>WAE</u>	<u>YEP</u>
Total	8	9	254	3	8	788	3	33
Min. Length	12.52	7.76	3.15	14.80	20.91	3.39	16.57	5.35
Max. Length	14.53	11.81	7.44	15.20	22.68	8.90	20.12	12.52
Mean Length	13.83	10.91	5.88	14.97	21.85	5.62	18.85	9.81
# Measured	8	9	141	3	8	228	3	33
No Lengths for	0	0	113	0	0	561	0	0

Note: Unless all fish were measured in the catch, totals shown for some length-frequency distributions may differ from the total number of fish in the catch, due to rounding of fractions used in the estimation of length frequency from a subsample of measured fish.

Other Species

Gear Type (1)	Other Species (Gender) (2)	Total Num	Number Measured	Length (inches) Min - Mean - Max	Number Weighed	Weight (pounds) Min - Mean - Max
TN	American Bullfrog	1	1	14.57	0	N/A
	Painted Turtle	9	0	N/A	0	N/A
	Snapping Turtle	7	7	9.92 - 13.05 - 17.83	0	N/A

(1) Key to sampling gear abbreviations:

TN = Standard 3/4-in mesh, double frame trap net sets

(2) Gender: If identified and reported.

Approval Dates And Notices

Date Approved By Windom Area Fisheries Supervisor: _____

Date Approved By Southern Region Fisheries Manager: _____

This DRAFT VERSION of the Lake Survey Report contains preliminary data (as of 06/05/2023), and is therefore subject to change at any time.



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REPORT OVERVIEW - FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

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Survey Type: Standard Survey

DOW Number: 32-0017-00

Survey ID Date: 05/30/2023

Survey Status: Field Work Complete

The following 21 (of 34) report components are not included in this Lake Survey Report:

1. Water Level History¹
2. Lake Inlets
3. Additional Inlet Information
4. Lake Outlets
5. Additional Outlet Information
6. Water Control Structure (Dam)
7. Surrounding Watershed Characteristics, Shoreline Characteristics, and Riparian Landscape Observations²
8. Resorts And Campgrounds
9. Fish Spawning Conditions
10. Erosion And Pollution
11. Fish Diseases And Parasites
12. Aquatic Vegetation And Shoalwater Substrates
13. Water Quality (Winter Observations) (added to revision 01/21/2010)
14. Laboratory Analysis Of Water Chemistry
15. Zooplankton Sampling (added to revision 20221130)
16. Catch Summary (Pre-1993 Format) (added to revision 20201001)
17. Length At Capture With Last Incremental Length*
18. Back-Calculated Lengths
19. Age Class Frequency Distributions
20. Status Of Fishery And Field Notes
21. Survey Attachments (added to revision 20150622)

¹ Water Level History report: This data has not yet been migrated into the Fisheries LSM database. On 01/08/2009, two additional Water Level History report components (Readings and Station Summary) were added.

² Effective 03/25/2014, the Surrounding Watershed Characteristics, Shoreline Characteristics, and Riparian Landscape Observations report component was modified to be included in the Lake Survey report if it did not include any Watershed and Shoreline characteristics and only consisted of Riparian Landscape Observations.

* Length At Capture With Last Incremental Length report: The following criteria must be met for a report to be generated:

1. The fish species must have an assigned body scale constant.
2. Fish must have an "official" age assigned.
3. Fish must have a digitized measurement marked for back calculation use.

Note: The data source for Length and Age Class Frequency Distribution tables is updated twice daily - once at noon and once overnight. Any changes to the data made before noon on 06/05/2023 may not be reflected in the Distribution tables until after 12:30 pm on 06/05/2023.

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