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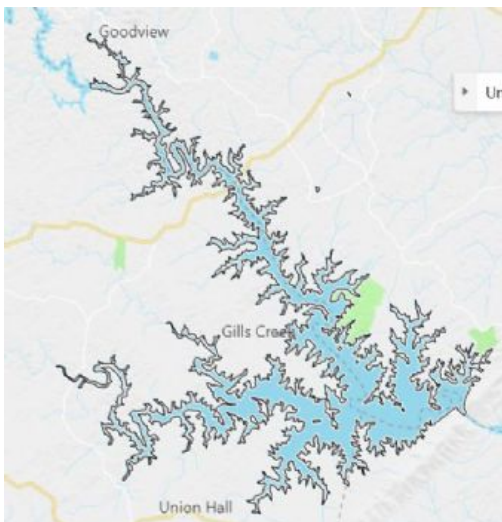
Preparing for Winter on the Lake and Remembering our COVID Summer

Friday, October 23, 2020

Our power boat is winterized so now we can only experience the lake in our "quiet boats"

For me that will mean bundling up if I don't want to freeze. We are not as sturdy as our Canadian friends. Once a visitor from a town called "Medicine Hat" went swimming here in October. Our neighbors were quite shocked.

At 2 to 3 miles per hour in a kayak or canoe, we really can only see a tiny part of the 40 mile length (500 miles of shoreline. We live on a cove close to the ONLY bridge across the lake.



The puzzle I'm working on only shows the main channel and the surrounding roads.

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But each cove is unique and often as large as some lakes I have visited in other areas. Using my runkeeper app, I discovered that our cove is 1 1/3 miles long. It ends in a marshy area fed by several creeks. Our house is 1/4 mile from the point so we often paddle out onto the main channel.

That's granddaughter Carrie in the lead. She worked this summer at a marina on the other side of the bridge.



It's only 2 minutes to work by jetski, but 15 minutes by road. It would be a 1 hour commute from her house which is why the plan was for her to live at our lake house for the summer.



Our cove is wide and deep enough for assorted water sports



A flock of ducks are ahead



One decided to jump into DDs kayak. A misjudgment? Tired of swimming?



Ospreys like to nest on these poles



Blue herons like to fish from our dock

Their population has greatly increased over the last few years.

Usually they congregate far back in the cove, but lately we see them flying around the main channel



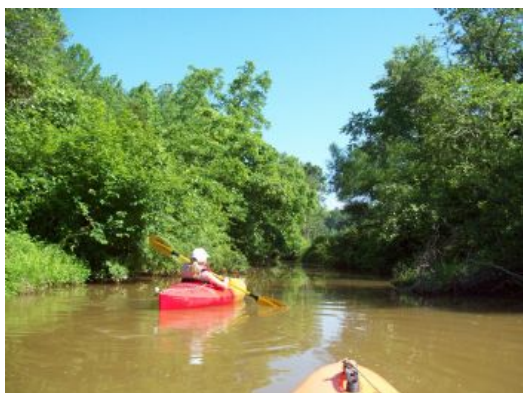
This is the first time we have ever seen a white egret. According to my Merlin bird app, he is very uncommon in our area. He seems to be alone.



He stays way back in the cove and does not appreciate our company



When the lake is high after a heavy rain, we can navigate past the end of our cove and explore the creeks that feed into it.



I would like to continue this activity even as the weather gets colder.
DH suggested "Why not wear DD's wetsuit?"
"Oh look, it fits you"
LOL – no this suit belongs to her HUSBAND.



Since finding Spark 11 years ago, I no longer outweigh my son-in-law, but I will never be able to share clothes with my daughter (Hayburner1969)

I should explain that for most of the summer we left the lake house for our children and grandchildren to enjoy. Since they were working, they didn't want to risk infecting us old people with COVID. So Joe & I relocated to the house in town that belonged to my now deceased parents.

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Staying busy. Get your spark on!
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CAROLJ35

Wondering what lake you are on. One son lives in Ohio on Lake Erie. Other son has Lake House on Lake Gaston in NC and we spend much time there as we have our own suite. Otherwise we are in FL.
Thanks for sharing.
Editing to say I did see Smith Mountain Lake, but don't know where that is.
224 days ago





SWILSON2347



Beautiful lake! So calm looking!
224 days ago



MRSCCLASSICSCRAZ



Georgeouse
225 days ago



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KEEPITUP4LIFE



What a beautiful place to live and kayak. The pictures are just so lovely and tranquil looking .
Thank you for sharing.

Have a great day and be safe.



Susan
225 days ago



SENIORSAXLADY



So beautiful and tranquil. Thank so much for sharing that with us.
226 days ago



LEANJEAN6



It is beautiful where yu live for sure! I love the pictures! Lynda
226 days ago



LARRYC9



You live in paradise!!!
226 days ago



NAVYMOM133



Beautiful!!
226 days ago



ELSCO55



Thanks for sharing
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THINCPL2004



Great pictures, you are truly blessed!
226 days ago



WOOFERCOALBOY



Thanks for updating us. Great pictures.
226 days ago



DEEGIRL50



You are blessed. Thanks for sharing the beautiful pictures.
226 days ago



WARRIORSUE518



I SO enjoyed your blog!! You look amazing, too.
We have egrets here in NY, pretty cool looking birds but I always see them in groups.
227 days ago





ANNIEONLI

Omg so jealous!! The lake life is something that we have always talked about and we love it when we visit my sister in NH! Thank you for sharing and allowing us a peek inside!

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LGRIF22

You are very fortunate to have a lake house as well as your town home. I've certainly enjoyed reading about your summer!

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LAH1222

Beautiful pictures! My son lives across the street from a lake so they have a peek a boo look of the lake. It is so quiet there when I'm at his house. The birds are so much fun to watch out on the lake.

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NANNYC5

I enjoyed your pics. You live in a beautiful place, but I wouldn't like the cold winters. I am a southern girl.

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JPPERSELL

Beautiful! I would love to live by a lake! So many things to do.

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RACHNACH

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JANROLG

**I LIKE
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THINCPL2004

Have a fantastic time

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HUGS

You guys always had the BEST times. It is SO good to have you back so we can follow you again!

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SUNNYBEACHGIRL

Thank you for sharing. The herons have returned to our area, Phoenix is home to a lot of birds in the Fall, Winter and early Spring.

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MTN_KITTEN

I'm with the ducks ... let's catch a ride.



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QUARTERMASTER3

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AZMOMXTWO

have a fantastic time

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MORTICIAADDAMS

The lake looks wonderful! I would love it!!!! I might start kayaking if I could have a bird join me. LOL.

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FITMARY

Lucky lady!
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THOMS1

THANKS FOR SHARING! REALLY ENJOYED YOUR BLOG.
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UPTOIT59

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SUSANYOUNGER

Thanks for sharing your summer and your town and home. Loved it.
228 days ago

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ALICIA363

Thank you for the tour! Beautiful place!
228 days ago

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IDAEVE

So wonderful to see your lovely pictures! Wish summer was around the corner instead of winter☹️!! Beautiful birds. We have egrets that visit the pond behind our house. They enjoy eating

the frogs and crawdads!

228 days ago



V



HMBROWN1

I am Canadian (from Ontario) and I was swimming in Lake Erie in October. I think I do every year. When we were in UK in 2018, we were swimming in the ocean in late Sept - off the coast of Dundee, Scotland. They all thought we were crazy too but didn't seem cold to us at all!
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DONNALEE-53

AWESOME

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NAVYWIFESKI

Lovely pics! Thanks for sharing!:)
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HAYBURNER1969

Great blog, Mom. Did you mean to use the picture where you accidentally put Eddie's wetsuit on backwards? LOL.
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PATTYSPENCER

Smart duck - he knew a free ride when he saw one lol
228 days ago

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CHERYLHURT

Beautiful
228 days ago

V



DRDIVA28

Love the pics! Thanks for sharing :)
228 days ago



V



MAMIEALLIE

Yup, Medicine Hat is a cold location but this little Canunk finds Lake Erie too chilly at my age



and I use to spend days in it.



I don't think I would be swimming in your lake either in

October.



P.S. I check just under 12 hours from my lake to yours.
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RHOOK20047

What a fantastic area to live in. Such beauty everyday!

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SPARKPEOPLE1951

Love your pictures. You are so lucky to be able to enjoy that each day. Thanks for sharing

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SYNCHRODAD

A joy-full blog. Thank you.

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LIS193

Beautiful location!

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MARINEMAMA

What a beautiful area you live in !

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KAYELENE

Beautiful photos. Thank you for sharing.

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