

Summer water level standards are in effect June 1st through September 14th. All lakes are within summer standards but some are very close to the minimum. The table below gives current lake levels and compares to the summer standards. Levels have continually declined during this summer due to lack of rainfall. Dam operators are trying to hold water in lakes as best they can and letting out a minor amount for aquatic life downstream.

Recent lake levels and MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SUMMER water level STANDARDS (feet above sea level)

LAKE	RECENT LEVEL	SUMMER MINIMUM	SUMMER MAXIMUM	WATER LEVEL STATUS	DAM STATUS
ANNABESSACOOK LAKE	168.90 9/12	168.7	170.35	Within summer standards. 15+ inches below full pond.	All boards in. Flow is leakage only.
COBBOSSEE LAKE	166.46 9/11	166.1	167.6	Within summer standards. 10 inches below full pond.	1 gate open 1 inch. Combined with leakage under other gates, outflow est. 25 cfs.
COCHNEWAGON LAKE	270.08 9/12	269.4	271.0	Within summer standards. 10 inches below full pond.	Gate very slightly open to provide a little stream flow.
MARANACOOK LAKE	210.91 9/12	210.0	212.0	Within summer standards. 7 inches below revised full pond elevation.	Gate slightly open, outflow 7 cfs.
NARROWS PONDS	170.67 9/12	170.5	172.0	Within summer standards. 16 inches below full pond.	none
PLEASANT POND and Cobbossee Stream	134.5 9/12	134.0	135.0	Within summer standards. 6 inches below full pond.	Gates closed, one board out. Outflow = 10 cfs.
TORSEY POND	262.25 9/7	262.0	263.5	Within summer standards. 9 inches below revised full pond.	1 gate open 0.5 inches.
WILSON POND and Dexter & Berry Ponds	240.26 9/12	240.2	241.7	Within summer standards. 15 inches below full pond.	Gates closed, no flow over boards, very minor outflow between two boards.
WOODBURY POND /Tacoma Lakes *Not feet above sea level.	6.95* 9/12	none	7.5	Below TLA maximum goal of 7.5 on staff gage. 6+ inches below full pond.	Gates closed.

Dam notes: Annabessacook/Martin Hovey Dam: Leakage control measures were installed at the boards in June. Leakage inspected every few days. Monmouth Public Works added more sandbags 8/14.

Cobbossee Lake Dam: Repairs were made in July to reduce leakage and improve structural condition. Manchester Select Board heard future repair ideas from an engineer 8/12.

New Mills Dam: The dam was inspected in July. The New Mills Dam Committee met at the dam 8/26 with a contractor to develop plans to repair eroding cribwork under the spillway apron in 2026.

Wilson Pond Dam: Tex-Tech Industries installed a steel plate at one of the three gates 8/15 and effectively reduced leakage there.

Larger, expensive, long-term repair projects are being discussed/ developed for several dams.