



US Army Corps of Engineers

University Park Improvement District

Subject: 2026 Operations at Tuttle Creek Lake and University Park Access

Greetings from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Tuttle Creek Reservoir. We want to provide an update on this year's planned lake operations and how they may affect access to your community's facilities.

There are two Water Injection Dredging (WID) periods scheduled for this year. We understand that last year's operations, which required holding water levels at 1082 feet, created access challenges for your boat ramp and parking area. To help you plan for the upcoming seasons, we are providing the following forecast. **Please keep in mind this is only a forecast and subject to change, water levels are very unpredictable and affected by many factors.**

- First WID Period (Beginning approx. March 17 for 10 days): The current lake elevation of approximately 1078 feet will be lowered approximately to the conservation pool level of 1075 feet.
- Summer WID Period (Tentatively June or July): To support these operations, we anticipate maintaining the lake elevation between 1080 and 1082 feet.
- Post-Summer Operations: Following the completion of summer WID activities, we expect to raise lake elevations to support waterfowl habitat going into the fall.

We understand your community is interested in modifying the dock system to improve access during these periods of higher elevation. I have reached out to other lakes with fluctuating elevations for possible solutions however the low and flat elevation of your parking area won't allow for traditional solutions. The Corps is happy to work with you to review any proposals. As you consider potential solutions, please remember these key points:

- All changes to the leased area must be approved in writing by the Corps of Engineers prior to the start of any work.
- Proposals involving the addition of fill material to raise the parking area's elevation are unlikely to be approved, as this would reduce the reservoir's flood storage capacity.
- Any plans for modifications to the dock or its anchoring system must be designed and stamped by a licensed professional engineer.

We value our partnership with the University Park community. If you have any questions or wish to discuss a proposal, please contact the Tuttle Creek Reservoir office at 785-539-8511.

Sincerely,

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Tuttle Creek Reservoir

Tuttle Creek Lake Level / UP Cove Cross Section

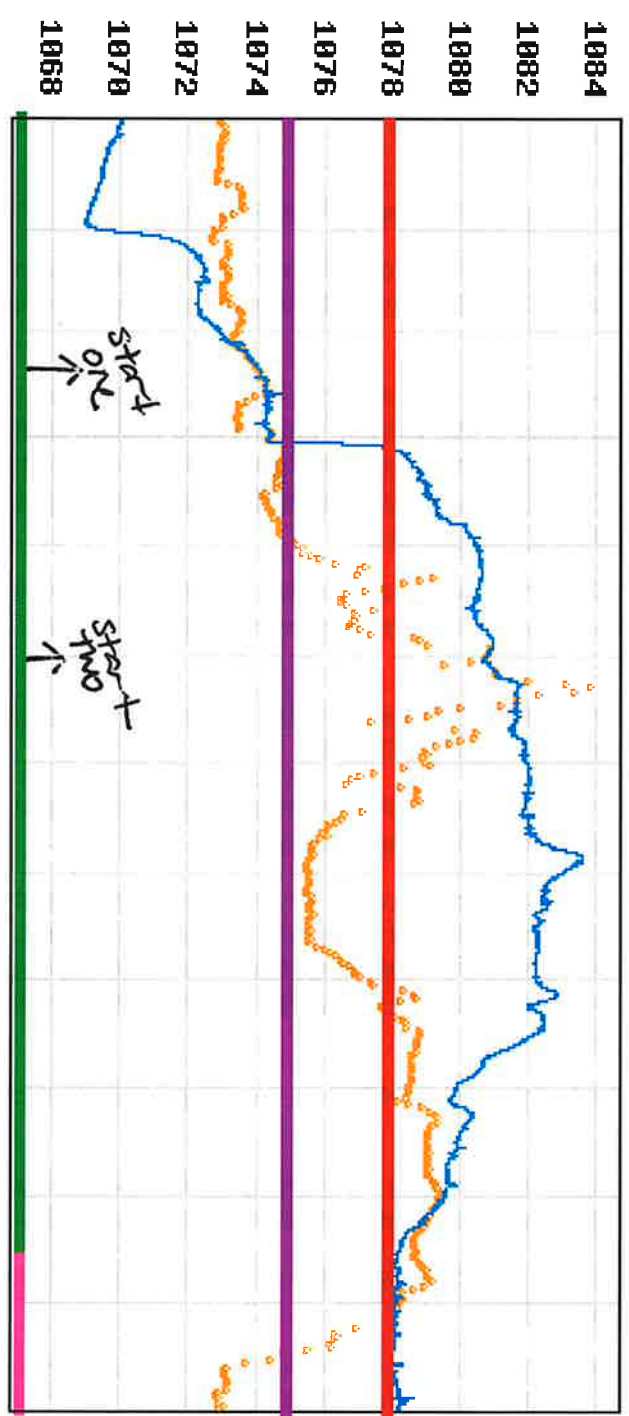
1082' Forecasted dredging lake level March–July¹, potentially 1' above parking lot, 4' above gangway entry?
1081' Parking lot low point

Lake level—March, 16
1078.65'

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Lake or reservoir water surface elevation above NGVD 1929, feet



Lake Level
 May 31, 2019
1135.84'
+60' over normal

Dock entry level
1078'
 Normal level
1075'

July 2020
Lake level jumped 12' in 6 days, then back to normal within 2 weeks

— Lake or reservoir water surface elevation above ngvd 1929
 • Median daily statistic (12 years)

Source: <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/>

¹ Potential delay due to fuel spill ² higher depending on weather