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## Information on the Truman Lake Flood

Truman Lake's water levels are dropping after the recent flood. As of July 23<sup>rd</sup> the lake elevation is 724.38, approximately 6 feet below this season's highest elevation. Currently 56,000 cubic feet per second of water is being released through the turbines and spillway. The highest lake elevation Truman Lake experienced was in October of 1986 when the elevation was 738.72.

The flood water has receded enough that all of the boat ramps have been re-opened and portions of every Corps managed campgrounds have been re-opened. The ATV Riding Area, Cooper Creek has been re-opened also. Other facilities will be reopened as the lake recedes and the facility is cleaned and repaired. Because of the debris please exercise higher caution than normal if recreating on the water.

Approximately 35 acres of debris, mostly logs and other vegetation, are floating up against the dam. The debris is not causing any problems with the release of water through the tainter gates or the turbines. Both intakes for these structures are located far below the floating debris.

The debris and the high water have attracted many visitors to the dam. Most are in awe of the large floating debris field. Because of the high number of people observing the debris and other flooded areas, people are at risk of vehicle or pedestrian accidents. Observe all road closed and other traffic control signs. Also, refrain from stopping on the dam. Vehicles stopped on the dam causes vehicle congestion and may lead to accidents.

For more information regarding Truman Lake see the Corps of Engineers website:  
[http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/harryst/hst\\_home.htm](http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/harryst/hst_home.htm)

For the past 100 years, the Kansas City District has been providing flood damage reduction and related support to the heartland. For more information, call the Kansas City District Public Affairs office at (816) 389-3486. [www.nwk.usace.army.mil](http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil)

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