

Graphic display Lake not flooded when gauge is 4.75' (534.75' MSL) at Schafer's access.

In this photo, the Lake Odessa surface elevation is 4.75 ft. on the gauge at Schafer's access on 10/10/05. This is the requested minimum level of the Lake to enhance hunting, fishing, boating, and to help the economy of the area. The water on the refuge in the foreground is there only by the choice of the lake management. The water is let into the refuge through small ditches labeled B after the water gets into the Lake from the river through the inlet tubes at A. Note, a claim of the DNR is that this level will kill vast numbers of hardwood trees. Although some may die, this photo tends to dispute that concept. To mitigate some trees dying, trees could be planted elsewhere. If the Corps of Engineers does their backwater dredging in 2008, trees can be planted on the dredge material. Lake Odessa for the People asks management to make the 4.75' minimum depth work. Continue the innovative thought of planting trees on the dredge material.

