

A great pond is a natural waterbody of 10 acres or more in size. The State holds the land under a great pond for the public trust, up to the elevation of natural mean high water. The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) has established natural mean high water elevations on the following great ponds. This information is compiled from DES Water Division files.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES NATURAL MEAN HIGH WATER ELEVATIONS			
Waterbody	Natural Mean High Water (ft) (NGVD)	Natural Mean High Water Referenced	Date NMHW determined by DES.
Baboosic Lake, Amherst		2.7' above drilled hole @ ledge outcrop at High Point on W side of lake.	1973
Big Island Pond, Derry, Atkinson, Hampstead	198.5	3.0 on the gauge at the dam.	1958
Bow Lake, Strafford	510.3		1973
Contoocook Lake, Jaffrey	1006.67		1968
Halfmoon Lake, Barnstead and Alton		1.53 feet above the concrete spillway crest of dam at outlet.	1988
Horseshoe Pond, Merrimack	101.5		2005
Little Squam, Holderness	560.5		1966
Massasecum Lake, Bradford	636.7		1988/2002
Lake Mononomac, Rindge		7' below spillway elevation of dam in Massachusetts.	
Newfound Lake, Bristol and other towns	584.12	2.24 on gauge	1986
Opechee Lake, Laconia	490.5		
Pleasant Lake, Deerfield	577.2	5.2' below the easterly sluiceway abutment (4.79 on local gauge)	1985
Post Pond, Lyme	428.8	3.0 feet on the local staff gauge near Town boat ramp.	2004
Silver Lake, Belmont and Tilton	468.0		
Big Squam Lake, Holderness and other towns	561.00		1966
Lake Sunapee, New London and other towns	1094.15		1957 (datum changed 1987)
Wicwas Lake, Meredith		6'-3" below top of dam	1967
Paugus Bay, Laconia	501.32		
Lake Winnepesaukee, Laconia and other towns	504.32		1986
Lake Winnisquam, Laconia and other towns	482.35		
Ossipee Lake, Effingham and other towns	410		
Saltmarsh Pond, Gilford		7.7' below red paint mark on concrete slab of bldg at boat launch	2002
Onway Lake, Raymond	260.1 (NGVD29)	2 feet below the concrete spillway crest.	1959

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