

Wolfe Lake, Upper Rideau Lake, Christie Lake and Bobs Lake

REGIONAL LAKE WATER LEVELS | 2025 GRAPHS PARKS CANADA

The graphs from Parks Canada show the seasonal decline in water levels at Wolfe Lake, Upper Rideau Lake, Christie Lake, and Bobs Lake. Despite a wet spring, hot and dry conditions led to steadily falling water levels throughout the summer, with additional influence from water management within the Rideau Waterway System.

These graphs were published in an article in the 2026 edition of the *Wolfe Lake Magazine* titled "*Low Water Levels Last Summer | A Dry Turn – How Last Summer Challenged Cottagers and Farmers*", but they were printed rather small. Here, you can take a closer look and enlarge them for greater detail.

How Parks Canada Manages Water Levels

Parks Canada relies on long-term data, seasonal patterns, and real-time monitoring (as shown in the accompanying graphs) to guide its decisions. This information is fed into a modern water engineering model and combined with decades of waterway management experience to determine daily adjustments across the system.

While this approach serves the broader Rideau Waterway, it does not always align perfectly with the needs and expectations of individual lakes such as ours, especially during unusually dry years.

Thanks

Unfortunately, Parks Canada does not retain copies of water level graphs from previous years on its Water Management InfoNet. Thanks to Anna Ciorap, Water Management Manager, and Aaron Zoldoro, Water Management Coordinator for the Ontario Waterways Unit, who were kind enough to reproduce several graphs especially for us.