

Level 1 Monitoring

Why Monitor?

- Baseline data about physical conditions and water quality conditions; trends over time or changes with development.
- Detect changes in water quality that might affect beneficial uses, for example: increased bluegreen blooms.
- Explore restoration measures to improve conditions in a lake.

Instruments Used For Level I



Secchi Disk

Lake Level Gauge (cm)

Rain Gauge (mm, inches)

What We Measure (Level I) - Daily

Lake Level & Precipitation

- Annual and seasonal fluctuations
- Response to rain events
- Surface and ground water movement

Level I Data Sheets – Daily

LEVEL	1:	DAILY PRECIPITATION
		& LAKE LEVEL

	February						
Date	Precip. (mm)	Lake Level (cm)	Optional Goose Count				
1	8	96.5	φ				
2	1	92.0	φ				
3	Ø	88.0	Ø				
4	13	86.0	12				
5	3	83-5	ø				
6	2	81.0	ø				
7	10	80.0	ø				
8	4	78.5	6				
9	3	77.0	ø				
10	ø	75.5	ø				
11	Ø	74.0	10				
12	ø	72.5	ø				
13	Ø	71.0	14				
14	6	70.5	8				
15	3	69.0	10				
16	4	68.0	φ				
17	10	68.5	ϕ				
18	6	68.5	2				
19	1	68.0	Ø				
20	Ø	67.5	2				
21	Þ	66.5	Ø				
22	ø	66.0	4				
23	ø	65.0	P				
24	1	64.0	Ø				
25	ø	63.5	Ø				
26	1	62.5	4				
27	20	64.0	3				
28	1	64.0	Ø				
29	TR	64.5	2				

What We Measure (Level I) - Weekly

- Secchi Depth (water clarity)
 - Primary productivity (algae)
 - Storm or erosion inputs from outside the lake
 - Impacts on beneficial uses.
- Instructions & Tips
 - Lower until disk disappears, raise until reappears, average of the two
 - Work in the shade (no glare) and no sunglasses

Level I Data Sheets - Weekly

Week Of	Date Recorded	Time (24:00)	Secchi Depth (m)	Temp. °C (at 1m)	Cloud Cover	Wind Conditions	Algae and Particle Count Shoreline Sample site		Optional Goose Count	Lake Use	Comments
-Apr-16					Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy Raining	None (glassy water) Slight (ripples) Breezy (small wavelets) Stormy (waves/whitecaps)				Boats Flishing Swimmers	
)-Apr-18					Sunny Ft. Cloudy Cloudy Raining	None (glassy water) Slight (ripples) Breezy (small wavelets) Stormy (waves/whitecaps)				Boats Fishing Swimmers	
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Rain & Lake Level Gauge Instructions & Tips

Rain Gauge

- Read in millimeters (METRIC)
- Keep clean
- Snow: melt and take reading

Lake Level Gauge

- Staff will assist with installation
- Windy days: average highs and lows
- Watch for changes