

*We need YOUR help!
....OUR lake is in trouble*

The Somerset County Conservancy is organizing the effort to save Somerset Lake. The Conservancy has formed a committee—Somerset Lake Action Committee. Here is how you can help-

- *Contact the state and county representatives to voice your view*
- *Sign the petition to save the lake*
- *Contribute financially to the fund, any amount you can give shows your support. All funds will be used in this effort to fix the lake*
- *Be involved, we can use highly motivated individuals and groups to join in this effort.*
- *Join the Somerset County Conservancy*

Contact us now to get started. We can provide you with letters to send to the representatives and have the petition to sign. Don't delay, YOUR lake is on the line— slac@somersetconservancy.org



Greater Yellowlegs feeding at Somerset Lake

The Somerset County Conservancy is committed to preserving and conserving the important outdoor areas and resources of our county. Somerset Lake has been identified as a Biological Diversity Area in the Somerset County Natural Heritage Inventory. In addition, it boasts one of the best fishing opportunities in the state. It is an Important Bird Area due to its bird diversity, nesting Osprey, and incredible waterfowl migrations in spring and fall. Recreational opportunities are abundant. Boating, fishing, hunting, bird watching, hiking, nature photography. And one must not forget its educational potentials in getting both adults and children into the outdoors to experience nature. This resource can be saved but we need your help. To be added to the list of people who support rebuilding Somerset Lake and saving this important resource for future generations, please contact us now!



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Please also consider joining the Somerset County Conservancy, we can only do this important work with support from people like you!

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(SLAC)



Aerial view of Somerset Lake

**We need your help to keep
this important community
resource. Please join us in our
efforts to save Somerset Lake!**

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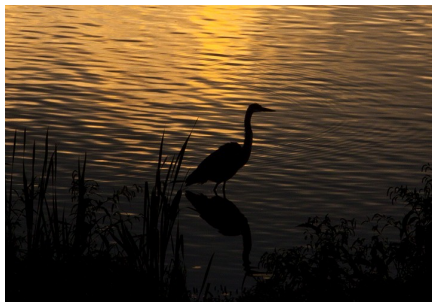
Somerset Lake—You can help save YOUR lake!



Somerset Lake Drawdown

Somerset Lake is in trouble! In the Spring of 2012 a leak was discovered at the base of the dam. This problem coupled with the dam not meeting new federal regulations forced the PA DEP to place it as a high risk dam. The PA Fish and Boat Commission was forced to lower the level of the lake, currently it is down ~ 6 feet. If it gets worse, an additional drawdown may be required. It is possible that it could be drained completely at some point in the future if further problems are discovered. The lake will remain at these levels until the dam can be replaced.

Somerset Lake is one of 9 lakes in the Commonwealth that are in the same predicament. Unfortunately, there are only limited amounts of funds to repair or replace these dams. We need to show the state that this lake is important to us, without this it is unlikely that funds will be allocated. The Somerset Conservancy will be organizing the effort to save the lake. Please read on to see how you can help. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!



Great Blue Heron at Sunrise, at Somerset Lake

Fishing Opportunities

Somerset Lake has some of the best fishing in the state. It would be a shame to lose this important resource in our county. Just look at some of the fish from the lake below. From top to bottom— Musky (36 lb!), Large-mouth Bass, Walleye, and Carp

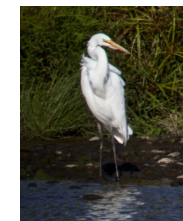


A prolonged drawdown is already having impacts. Many large Walleye, Musky and Tiger Musky have presumably died as a result of lower lake levels like this Tiger Musky in August, act now to save the lake!



Wildlife

Somerset Lake is one of the best spots to observe wildlife in the county. The lake has over 250 species of birds that have been documented! It is also designated an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society. In the



Great Egret



Common Yellowthroat—a common breeding bird at Somerset Lake



Red-necked Grebe

spring and fall the lake is also a very important stopover for migrating waterfowl. Bird-watching, nature photography and hunting all occur at

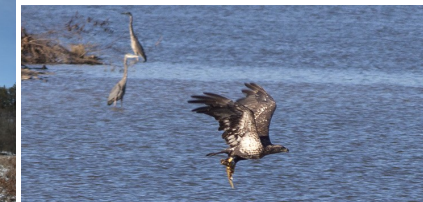
Somerset Lake, and are an important part of the economic attraction to the region. The hiking trail along the west side of the lake is a great way to observe the abundant wildlife! Don't forget your camera, the lake is an incredible spot to hone your photography skills.



Many species of waterfowl use the lake during migration, over 20k have been seen in a single day



Fixing the Osprey nesting platform



Immature Bald Eagle grabbing a small fish!

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