

Introduction

The information provided in the history of Lake Somerset has been gathered from research of local resources such as The Hillsdale Historical Society and many discussions with long time lake residents. Without their help this information presented here would not have been possible.

When I started this project, I felt it was important to know more about the regional area, how the lake came to be and who lived here before and are currently living in the immediate area. I was fortunate to find residents that wanted to share their experiences and knowledge of the area. Although this information is wonderful to share, I am sure there is much more that has not yet been captured. Some information appears to have been lost, such as pictures of the lake construction. Since this accumulation of the history is just starting, there is plenty of time for those who find pictures and wish to share their experiences is still possible.

The Lake Somerset history explains how the community evolved from the years prior to the lake through until now. It is wonderful to hear the people who have lived here talk about their parents who bought properties here and raising their children here on this lake. They are full of excitement on how the community has developed over the years. The unfortunate part of the process is knowing that many people who were foundational to the lakes' development are already passed. The lake is almost 50 years old now, so many of the people who have passed, had parents or bought properties in the late 1960's, came to the lake with kids, used the Somerset Beach Campground and golf course, and built homes, and raised their kids here. They enjoyed the

lake to its fullest, participating in the building of the parks, attending the community parties and picnicking at the parks, watching the beautiful firework displays on the 4th of July, participating in boat parades, contests and even the cleanups after such events.

As we continue to gather information, the website will change. Those of you who wish to participate in the process can send me a note if you have something you would like to share. Email me at pknight736@aol.com anytime.