



NOTICE

Mitchell Reservoir to be Lowered Early for Repairs to Dam

The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) will start lowering the water level at Mitchell Reservoir on September 8 in preparation for major repairs to Mitchell Dam.

A construction tender was approved recently to restore concrete surfaces and joints and paint steel stop log gains. The repairs will ensure that the typical summer reservoir level can be safely maintained.

The work is best done during the late summer and early fall when river flows are usually lower. The contractor is expected to move on site as early as September 8 and begin in-water setup and repairs as early as September 15. The work is expected to last approximately 8 weeks.

The reservoir will remain at winter levels after the repairs are completed. You can follow Mitchell Reservoir water levels on line at www.thamesriver.on.ca.

How will the work affect people?

Equipment and work on the dam and underwater will require closing public access across the dam on weekdays during the contractors' normal working hours of 7 am to 7 pm.

People will be able to walk across the dam on weekends and evenings, after contractors have finished for the day. The work will require some intermittent noise caused by air compression equipment on small areas. Weekend work is not anticipated.

Who is paying for the work?

The Municipality of West Perth and the Province of Ontario provided funding for this project.

About Mitchell Dam

Mitchell Dam was built in 1963 on the North Thames River in Mitchell, north of the Highway 8 bridge over the Thames. The dam has a drainage area of 166 square kilometres and creates an 18.6 hectare reservoir. The primary purpose of Mitchell Dam and Reservoir is recreation. The UTRCA operates the dam through an agreement with the Municipality of West Perth.

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