



WLA Board Meeting

Reminder: The next WLA Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 12, 2026.

Winans Lake Weather Station



A weather station has been installed by Steve Ruberg at the east end of the lake. The station measures temperature, humidity, rain, wind speed and wind direction. Future updates will include a solar radiation sensor for the lake evaporation measurement. The sensors are purposely sited to get an idea of lake evaporation in the summer, and they are also more relevant for sailing and other lake activities. Just a cautionary note that the lake will affect temperature and wind speed as you would expect.



You can see the data by downloading the Davis WeatherLink app (Davis Instruments), create an account, and search for Winans Lake. You can also see the data on the Weatherlink.com website but the data presentation is not as good unless you have the paid version.



Winans Lake Freeze History

Several folks have asked me if this year is the earliest that the lake has frozen over. I have been keeping records of the ice covering the lake, and also when the ice is completely gone, for many years. In December of 1989 the lake froze over on December 4th. This is the earliest I have on record. The latest it froze over in my records was January 30, 2023.

The earliest that the ice has been completely gone is February 24, 2017, and the latest is April 11, 2014. Mostly it comes off during the month of March. I have a few gaps in my data, and if anyone can fill them in, I would appreciate it.

Here is my year-by-year record: [Winans Lake Ice On/Ice Off Dates](#)

Martha Leabu



Lake Life



LeaBu's family skate Christmas morning.



Christmas Day neighborhood hockey game: Lars Hallstron, Ryan (BF), Hannah, Anneka Hallstrom, and Dan (BF).



January 24 Temperature -17 F

What to do other than write a newsletter?



Throwing hot water into freezing air creates a spectacular visual effect as the water rapidly condenses into steam and ice crystals. The Science Behind the Phenomenon: When you throw boiling water into the air in extremely cold temperatures (typically around -14°F or lower), the hot water does not freeze instantly. Instead, it undergoes a rapid transformation of rapid condensation and formation of ice crystals.

Blowing ice bubbles requires temperatures well below freezing (check) and a sugary, thickened soap solution causing bubbles to freeze into delicate, crystalline orbs upon contact with cold air or surfaces.





New Neighbors

Mary Evergreen does a great job welcoming new neighbors but could use YOUR help. Please send her an email if you see movement on houses next/close to you. Her email is mlevergreen at charter dot net.

Newsletter

Please send any articles or pictures you'd like included in the newsletter to Terre Voegeli (voegelit@gmail.com).

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