

Clear Lake



General Lake Information

Clear Lake Association

Location: Town of Alexandria

County: Jefferson

Basin: St. Lawrence River

Size: 157 acres

Lake Origins: Natural

Watershed Area: 1280 acres

Mean Depth: 24 feet

Max Depth: 40 feet

Public Access: Town of Alexandria boat launch

Fish Species Present: Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Brown Bullhead, Yellow Perch

CSLAP Participant: No

Because Clear Lake does not actively participate in the CSLAP program, no water quality data is publicly available.





The Clear Lake outfall flows through the marshy area to the north and into Mud Lake. Clear Lake has one of the more densely developed shorelines in the Indian River Lakes, which can be seen from this aerial.

A Brief History of Clear Lake

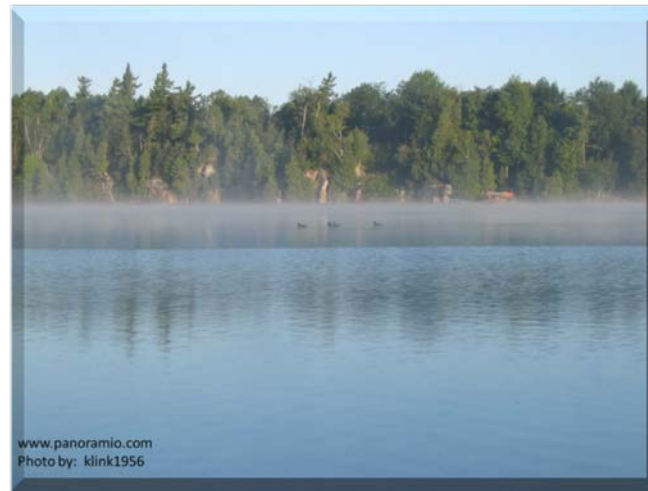
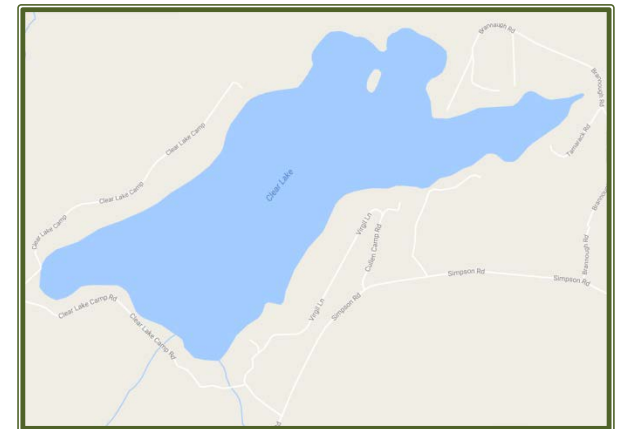
Clear lake has an early beginning in 1817 with a young pioneer named Charles Rundlett. Rundlett walked from Vermont looking for land near a lake where he could put food on the table. He constructed his log home on Clear Lake.

One day when Charles Rundlett went out to do chores he heard the sound of an ax coming from the other end of the lake. Another pioneer had arrived and decided to make Clear Lake their home. The story goes that Rundlett crossed the lake by ice as was still early spring. Sure enough there was a man busy at the construction of a new log cabin. His new neighbor, Mr. Newmen, was taken by surprise to have a neighbor so near to the south.

The Newmen family built a mill, which would become a broom factory, on the small spring fed stream that flowed near the head of Clear Lake.

Charles Rundlett would probably never have expected the kind of growth that exists on Clear Lake today, with summer homes that ring the entire lake.

Clear Lake is one of the deeper lakes in the Indian River Lakes system. The lakes in this group may be deeper, but they tend to stratify during the summer months resulting in an insufficient amount of dissolved oxygen to support deep water fish such as lake trout.



Clear Lake does not participate in the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) through which lake property owners volunteer to sample lake water every 2 weeks throughout the summer. Water quality information is published about each lake that is involved with the program on the NYSDEC CSLAP webpage.