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Martin Dunham Reservoir Measurements

(Grafton, NY) – Following recommendations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Bureau of Flood Protection and Dam Safety, New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has taken an immediate safety measure to reduce risks to homes, schools and businesses in the potential flood zone by opening a valve to relieve pressure on the Martin Dunham Dam.

State Parks is regularly monitoring the water level and will post updated measurements on the Grafton Lakes State Park website: <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/graftonlakes>.

The measurements will confirm the water level below the spillway crest. The water level may appear lower from shore as the shoreline slope is relatively shallow.

On August 11, 2025, State Parks confirmed the water level to be at 42 inches below the spillway crest.

State Parks will continue to explore options and funding sources to come into full compliance with dam regulations while preserving quality recreational options and natural habitat in this area of Grafton Lakes State Park.

Further information on the Martin Dunham Dam and Reservoir is available on the Grafton Lakes State Park website. Public input is being accepted via email at dunham@parks.ny.gov.

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