

BARREN RIVER LAKE FALL DRAINDOWN IS UNDERWAY

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If you've driven by Barren River Lake recently, you'll notice the fall drawdown is underway. Water levels are currently dropping at a rate of nearly six to eight inches a day. The drawdown began October 21st and winter levels should be reached by early December.

The Flood Control Act of 1938 authorized Barren River Lake to help reduce flood damages downstream of the dam. These low winter water levels, referred to as the 'winter pool', allow the Lake to store excess water in the event of heavy rains, which will protect swollen rivers and streams below the dam from flooding.