



Musing

September 2017 - "Swimming"

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May 29, Memorial Day Weekend – Today we pushed the swim raft off the shore, and into Sweet Lake. The lake was 59° and freezing cold! It is so good to see the swim raft out in the water again, inviting us to start the summer swimming season.

July 2-4, 2017 – Perfect weather with lots of swimming. Lake 72°. We anchor the pontoon in the middle of the lake, and have lots of fun swimming and diving off of it into the clear and crisp blue water.

August 2, 2017 – After several days of temperatures in the 80s, the lake has topped out at 78°. It's lots of fun to snorkel now without getting cold right away. There's hundreds of baby perch swimming close to the dock.

August 6, 2017 – After a stretch of cooler weather, the lake temperature is now down to 70°. There is a cloud of largemouth bass minnows in the reef, and one very large parent.

Labor Day Weekend – With a feeling of sadness, we pull the swim raft out of the lake and put it back on the beach for winter. The water temperature is down to 65°.

September 14, 2017 – After several bonus days of late summer, with abundant sunshine and air temperatures near 80, Sweet Lake hits 68° again. It's a bonus swim day. It feels great to be back in the water again!

September 18, 2017 – After a cold front blows through, the air temperature drops to 44°, and, the lake temperature drops to 60°. Our swimming days are now over until next summer.

It is always a short season, but feels "so great to experience the freedom of being in the water and feeling so alive!