

Back to Beacon Lake

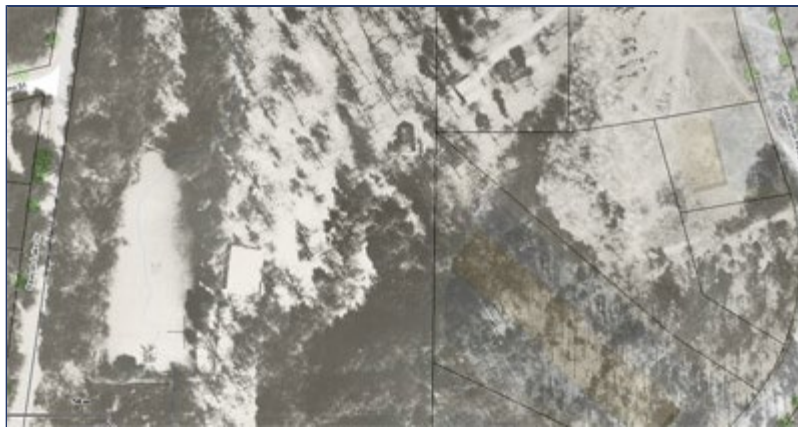
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Winter is the perfect time for woody urban exploration. The green is gone, the leaves have died, and structures are at their easiest to spot. This summer, we [asked about the history of Beacon Lake](#). Let's add a couple photos to this question, taken this afternoon. Found beside the northern segment of Beacon Lake Road are the remains of an apparent manmade (or man-reinforced) lake, along with good-sized concrete-block structure. The building's roof is partially collapsed.

There's what looks like the remains of a second building just to the north, a smaller structure with the outline of a foundation still standing. Plus a brick fireplace. The lake is drained, and apparently the result of a wall collapse on the south end. Presently a creek runs through the thing. What's the history here? Don't know. Click to enlarge:



[Wake County IMAPS](#) aerial views show the lake intact in 1988. The aerial view of 1981 shows what might be floating dock on the south end, which matches some posts and boards in the present location. Looks like perhaps access to the lake and its facilities was from the east, from the present Corporate Parkway? Guess more exploration is in order! More photos to be posted on Mike's photo site. Click once or twice to enlarge:



Mike- In the satellite view posted it looks like the lake has already been drained. In the middle of the lake bed you can see a creek running through it. I am interested in learning what history this place holds.

firedriver - 12/04/10 - 16:25

I think that's a water we're seeing. The image is slightly merged with a modern map, so there's a blue line going through same, showing the present location of the stream.

Legeros - 12/04/10 - 16:35

I really love seeing abandoned buildings and finding out their history. Keep up the defective, oops, deTective work, Mike!

Duda - 12/04/10 - 17:54

I see it now.

firedriver - 12/04/10 - 23:26

About 25 years ago, when I was working at Triangle recycling. We'd troll up and down that road scooping up dumped metal like washers and dryers. The owner of the company John Howe told me it used to be a swim club of some sort. It was already abandoned and derelict back in 88'

Joe ([Email](#)) - 03/16/15 - 07:58

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