

Volumetric Survey of LAKE JACKSONVILLE

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Executive Summary

In April of 2006, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) entered into agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, for the purpose of performing a volumetric survey of Lake Jacksonville while the reservoir was near the top of the conservation pool elevation. This information was converted into updated area-capacity tables. In addition, sediment range lines were established by TWDB to examine the reservoir in cross-section and to facilitate future tracking of any sedimentation in Lake Jacksonville.

The results of the TWDB 2006 Survey indicate Lake Jacksonville has a total reservoir capacity of 25,732 acre-feet and encompasses 1,164 acres at conservation pool elevation, 422.0 ft above msl. Dead Pool Storage is 62 acre-feet, at dead pool elevation, 372.0 ft above msl. Therefore, conservation storage capacity at conservation pool elevation is 25,670 acre-feet. Impoundment of Lake Jacksonville began in June of 1957. Original reservoir capacity, as per Certificate of Adjudication No. 06-3274, was 30,500 acre-feet. This indicates the reservoir has experienced a 15.6% decrease in total reservoir capacity, or 4,768 acre-feet loss, since it was first impounded. Information provided by the City of Jacksonville indicates the original surface area of the lake encompassed 1,320 acres. The TWDB 2006 survey indicates an 11.8%, or 156 acre, loss in surface area at the conservation pool elevation.

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Lake Jacksonville General Information

Lake Jacksonville is located in the Neches River Basin on Gum Creek in Cherokee County, Figure 1. Construction on Buckner Dam and Lake Jacksonville began in 1956. The dam was completed and impoundment began in June of 1957.¹ Lake Jacksonville serves as a source of water supply for the City of Jacksonville as well as recreation.

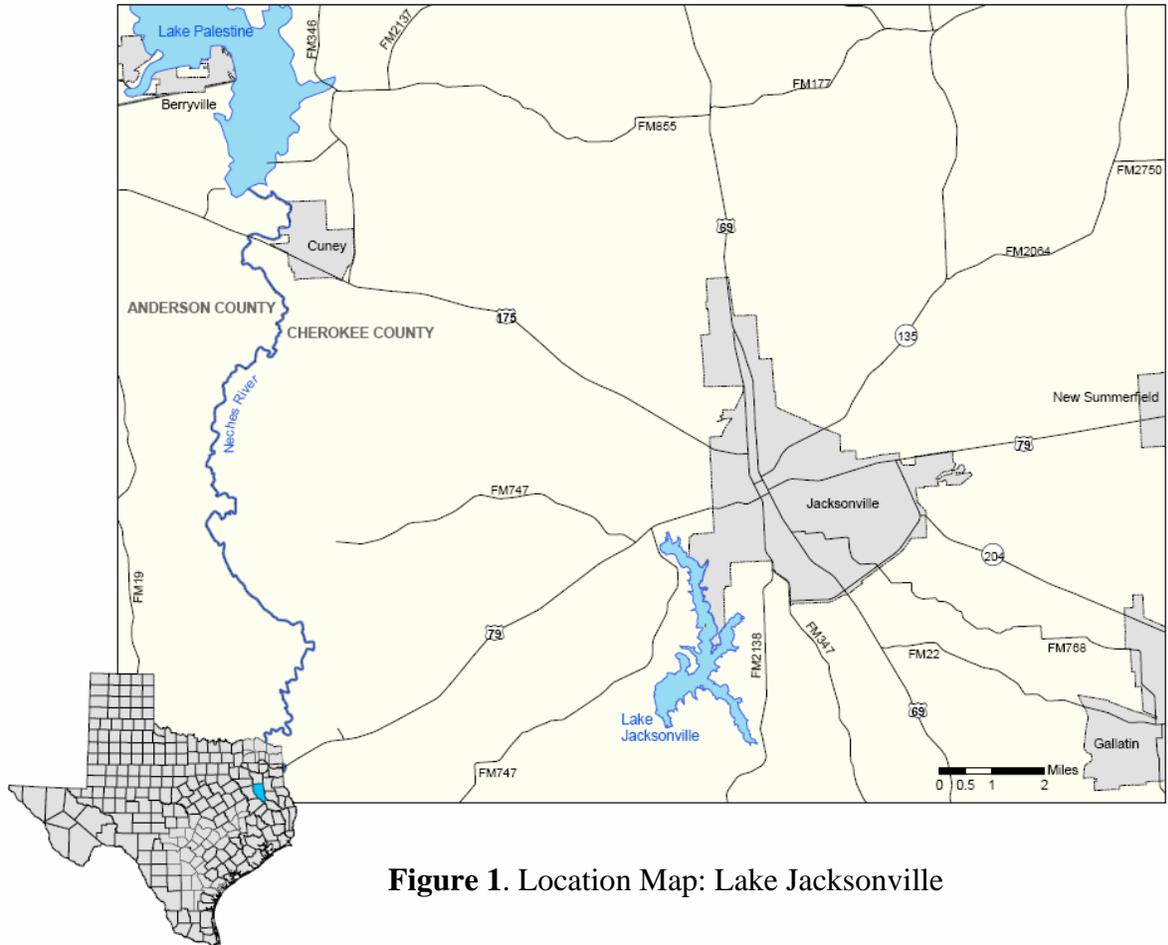


Figure 1. Location Map: Lake Jacksonville

Certificate of Adjudication No. 06-3274 authorizes the City of Jacksonville to maintain an existing dam and reservoir (Lake Jacksonville) on Gum Creek and impound therein not to exceed 30,500 acre-feet of water. The owner is authorized to divert and use not to exceed 5,000 acre-feet of water per annum from Lake Jacksonville for municipal purposes. The owner is also authorized to use the impounded waters for recreation purposes. The effective date of the owner's right is June 13, 1955, for the storage of 30,500 acre-feet of water in Lake Jacksonville and the diversion of 5,000 acre-feet of water. The owner is also required to maintain a suitable outlet to allow the free passage of water that the owner is not entitled to divert or impound.

Certificate of Adjudication No. 06-3274 also authorized the City of Jacksonville to maintain a dam and reservoir, known as Lake Acker, on Merritts Branch, a tributary of Gum Creek. However, with the removal of the dam forming Lake Acker, an Amendment to Certificate of Adjudication No. 06-3274A was granted on April 26, 2002. Amendment to Certificate of Adjudication No. 06-3274A authorizes the City of Jacksonville to divert and use the 1,200 acre-feet of water per annum originally authorized for diversion from Lake Acker for municipal use to be diverted from Lake Jacksonville. Therefore, the City of Jacksonville is authorized to divert and use not to exceed 6,200 acre-feet of water per annum from Lake Jacksonville for municipal use. In addition, the City of Jacksonville is authorized to make those diversions from any point on the perimeter of the lake. The effective date of the owner's right is March 24, 1923 for the use of 1,000 ac-ft of water per annum, December 21, 1940 for the use of 200 ac-ft of water per annum, and June 13, 1955 for the use of 5,000 ac-ft per annum. The City of Jacksonville is also required to update their water conservation plan every five years beginning February 28, 2007. The complete certificates are on file in the Records Division of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The following table is a list of pertinent data about Buckner Dam and Lake Jacksonville.¹

Table 1: Pertinent Data for Buckner Dam and Lake Jacksonville

Owner: City of Jacksonville

Engineer (Design): Wisenbaker, Fix, and Associates

Location: On Gum Creek in Cherokee County, 5 miles southwest of Jacksonville

Drainage Area: 34 square miles

Dam:

Type	Earthfill
Length	2,700 ft
Maximum Height	72 ft
Top Width	16 ft
Top Elevation	438.0 ft above msl

Spillway (Emergency):

Location	Right end of dam
Crest length	350 ft
Crest Elevation	431.0 ft above msl
Control	None

Table 1: Pertinent Data for Buckner Dam and Lake Jacksonville (continued)

Spillway (Service):

Type	Rectangular drop inlet, 52 by 96 ft
Conduit	6-ft square
Crest elevation	422.0 ft above msl

Outlet Works:

Type	18-inch pipe through dam
Control	Valve on upstream side
Invert elevation	372.0 ft above msl

Volumetric Survey of Lake Jacksonville

Introduction

The TWDB Hydrographic Survey Program was authorized by the state legislature in 1991. The Texas Water Code authorizes the TWDB, at the request of a political subdivision, to perform a survey to determine reservoir storage capacity, sedimentation levels, rates of sedimentation, projected water supply availability, or potential mitigative measures, and to conduct other bathymetric studies.

In February of 2006, the Texas Water Development Board entered into agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, for the purpose of performing a volumetric survey of Lake Jacksonville while the reservoir was near the top of the conservation pool elevation. This information was converted into updated area-capacity tables. In addition, ten sediment range lines were established by the TWDB to examine the reservoir in cross-section and to facilitate future tracking of any sedimentation in Lake Jacksonville.

Datum

The vertical datum used during this survey is that used by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for the reservoir elevation gauge USGS 08032200 Lk Jacksonville nr Jacksonville, TX.² The datum for this gauge is reported as National Geodetic Vertical Datum 1929 (NGVD29) or mean sea level (msl), thus elevations reported here are in feet (ft) above msl. Volume and area calculations in this report are referenced to water levels provided by the USGS gauge. The horizontal datum used for this report is NAD83 State Plane Texas Central Zone.

Bathymetric Survey

Bathymetric data collection for Lake Jacksonville occurred between May 8th and May 10th of 2006, while the water surface elevation was slightly below the conservation pool elevation of 422.0 ft. The water surface elevation varied between 421.42 ft and 421.44 ft during the TWDB survey. The survey team used two boats equipped with a depth sounder integrated with Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) equipment to navigate along pre-planned range lines spaced approximately 500 feet apart in a perpendicular fashion to the original stream channel. During the 2006 survey, the team navigated over 26 miles of range lines and collected over 21,200 data points. Figure 2, on the following page, shows the data points collected during the TWDB 2006 survey.

The depth sounder was calibrated each day using the velocity profiler to measure the speed of sound in the water column and a modified bar check using a weighted tape or stadia rod was performed to verify the depth reading. The average speed of sound through the water column varied between 4,907 and 4,917 feet per second during the 2006 survey.

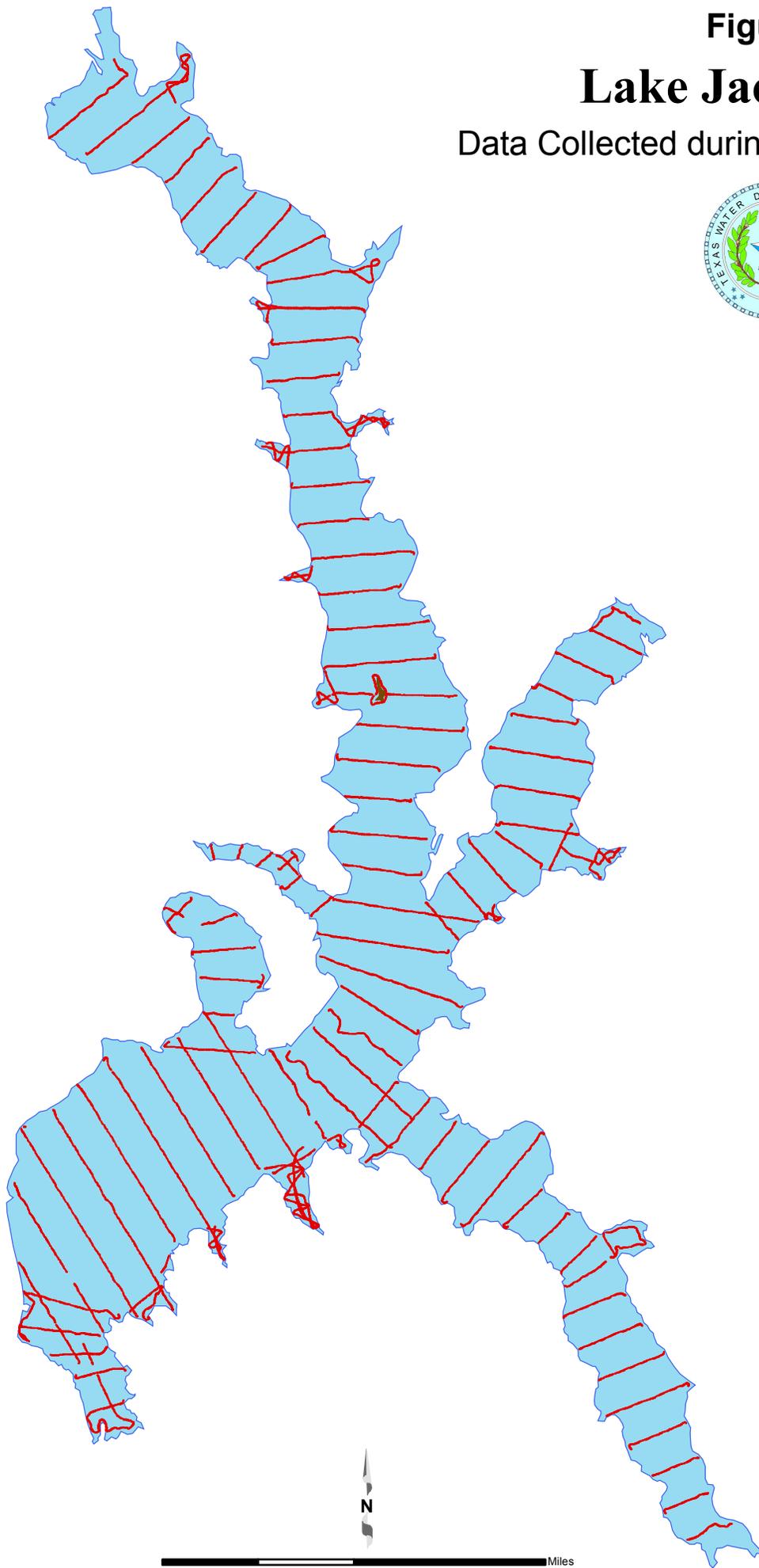
Survey Results

The results of the TWDB 2006 Survey indicate Lake Jacksonville has a volume of 25,732 acre-feet and encompasses 1,165 acres at conservation pool elevation, 422.0 ft. Dead pool storage is 62 acre-feet, at dead pool elevation, 372.0 ft. Therefore, conservation storage capacity at conservation pool elevation is 25,670 acre-feet. Original reservoir capacity, as per Certificate of Adjudication No. 06-3274, was 30,500 acre-feet. This indicates the reservoir has experienced a 15.6% decrease in total reservoir capacity, or 4,768 acre-feet loss, since it was designed. Information provided by the City of Jacksonville indicates the original surface area of the lake encompassed 1,320 acres. The TWDB 2006 survey indicates an 11.8%, or 156 acre, loss in surface area at the conservation pool elevation. Due to the differences in the methodologies used to calculate the reservoir's capacity between original impoundment and 2006, comparison of these values is not recommended and is presented here for informational purposes only.³ TWDB considers the 2006 survey to be a significant improvement over previous methods.

Figure 2

Lake Jacksonville

Data Collected during TWDB 2006 Survey



Legend

- Data Points
- Islands
- Lake Boundary
Elev. 422 ft above msl

Data Processing

Model Boundary

The reservoir boundary was digitized from aerial photographs using Environmental Systems Research Institute's (ESRI) ArcGIS 9.1 software. The aerial photographs, or digital orthophoto quarter-quadrangle images (DOQQs), used for Lake Jacksonville were Jacksonville West quarter quads. These images were photographed on August 17, 2004 and September 20, 2004. At the time of the photographs the water surface elevation measured 421.44 and 421.84 ft above msl, respectively, just below the conservation pool elevation. At the scale of the photographs, the difference between 421.44 ft, 421.84 ft, and 422.0 ft is indiscernible; therefore the boundary was digitized at the land water interface from the photos, and assigned the conservation pool elevation of 422.0 ft.

The United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency's, Aerial Photography Field Office (APFO), National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) acquires the photographic imagery during the agricultural growing seasons in the continental U.S.⁴ The imagery resides in the public domain and can be downloaded from the Texas Natural Resources Information System (TNRIS) website at <http://www.tnr.is.state.tx.us/>. For more information visit the APFO website at <http://www.apfo.usda.gov/NAIP.html> or contact TNRIS.

Triangular Irregular Network (TIN) Model

Upon completion of data collection, the raw data files were edited in HYPACK MAX to remove any data anomalies. The water surface elevations for each respective day were applied and the depths were converted to corresponding elevations and exported as a MASS points file. The MASS points and boundary files were used to create a Triangulated Irregular Network (TIN) model, a function of the 3D Analyst Extension of ArcGIS. The model uses Delaunay's criteria for triangulation to place a triangle between three non-uniformly spaced points, including the boundary.⁵ The Lake Jacksonville TIN Model was enhanced through the use of a Self-Similar Interpolation routine developed by the TWDB. See the following section on Self-Similar Interpolation and the Shallow Area Problem for more information.

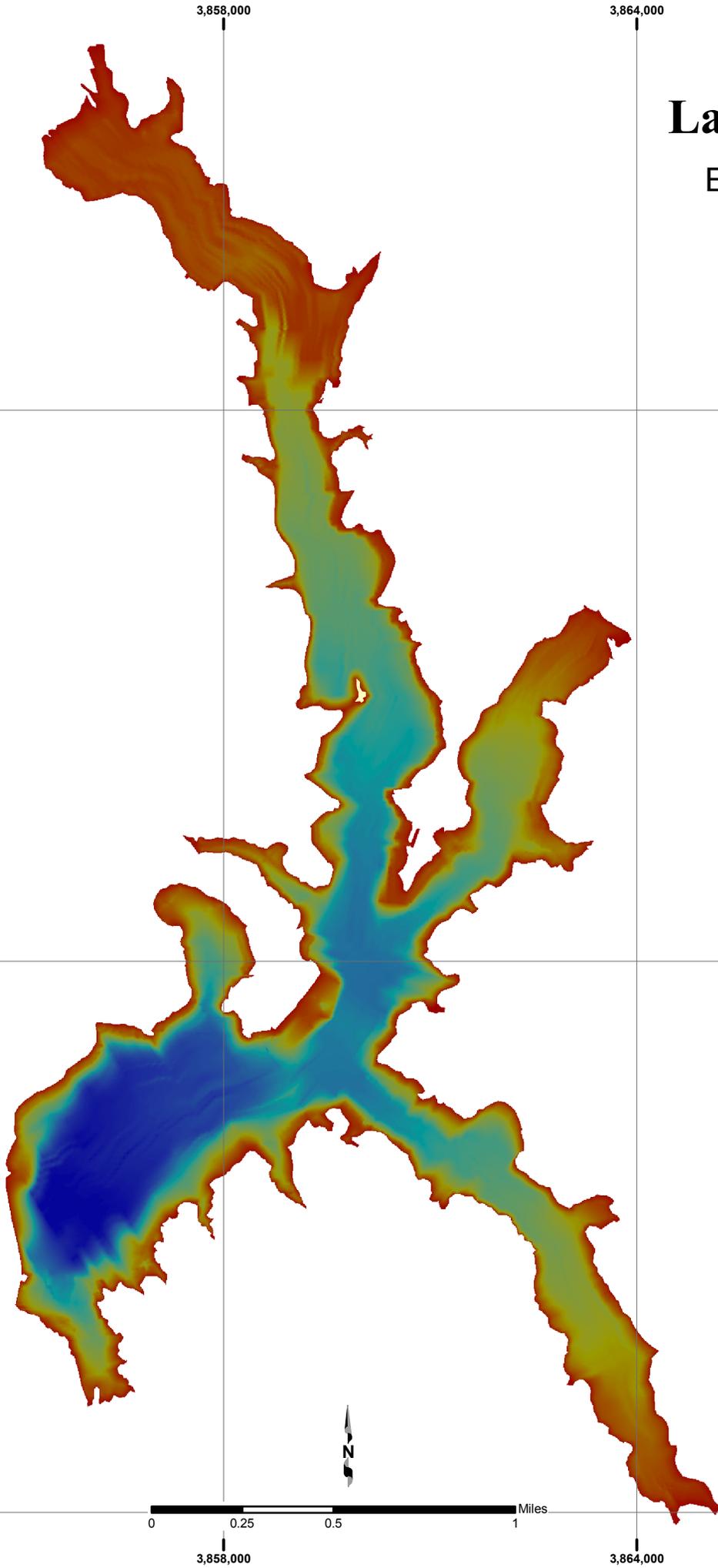
Using Arc/Info software, volumes and areas were calculated from the TIN Model for the entire reservoir at one-tenth of a foot intervals, from elevation 367.0 ft to elevation 422.0 ft. The Elevation-Capacity and Elevation-Area Tables, updated for 2006, are presented in Appendices A and B, respectively. The Area-Capacity curves are presented in Appendix C.

The TIN Model was interpolated and averaged using a cell size of 10 ft and converted to a raster. The raster was used to produce Figure 3, an Elevation Relief Map representing the topography of the reservoir bottom, Figure 4, a map showing shaded depth ranges for Lake Jacksonville, and Figure 5, a 5-ft contour map (attached).

Self-Similar Interpolation and the Shallow Area Problem

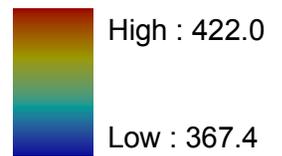
A limitation of the Delaunay method for triangulation in the TIN Model results in artificially-curved contour lines extending into the reservoir where the reservoir walls are steep and the reservoir is relatively narrow. These curved contours are likely a poor representation of the true reservoir bathymetry in these areas. To ameliorate this problem, a Self-Similar Interpolation routine (developed by the TWDB) was used to interpolate the bathymetry in between many 500 ft-spaced survey lines to increase the density of points input into the TIN Model. The increased point density alters the mean triangle shape from long and skinny to more equilateral, thus providing better representations of reservoir topography.⁶ In areas where obvious geomorphic features indicate a high-probability of cross-section shape changes (e.g. incoming tributaries, significant widening/narrowing of channel, etc.), this self-similar assumption is not likely to be valid; therefore, self-similar interpolation was not used in areas of Lake Jacksonville where a high probability of change between cross-sections exists.⁶ Figure 6 illustrates this problem.

Figure 3
Lake Jacksonville
Elevation Relief Map



Legend

Elevation
(feet above msl)



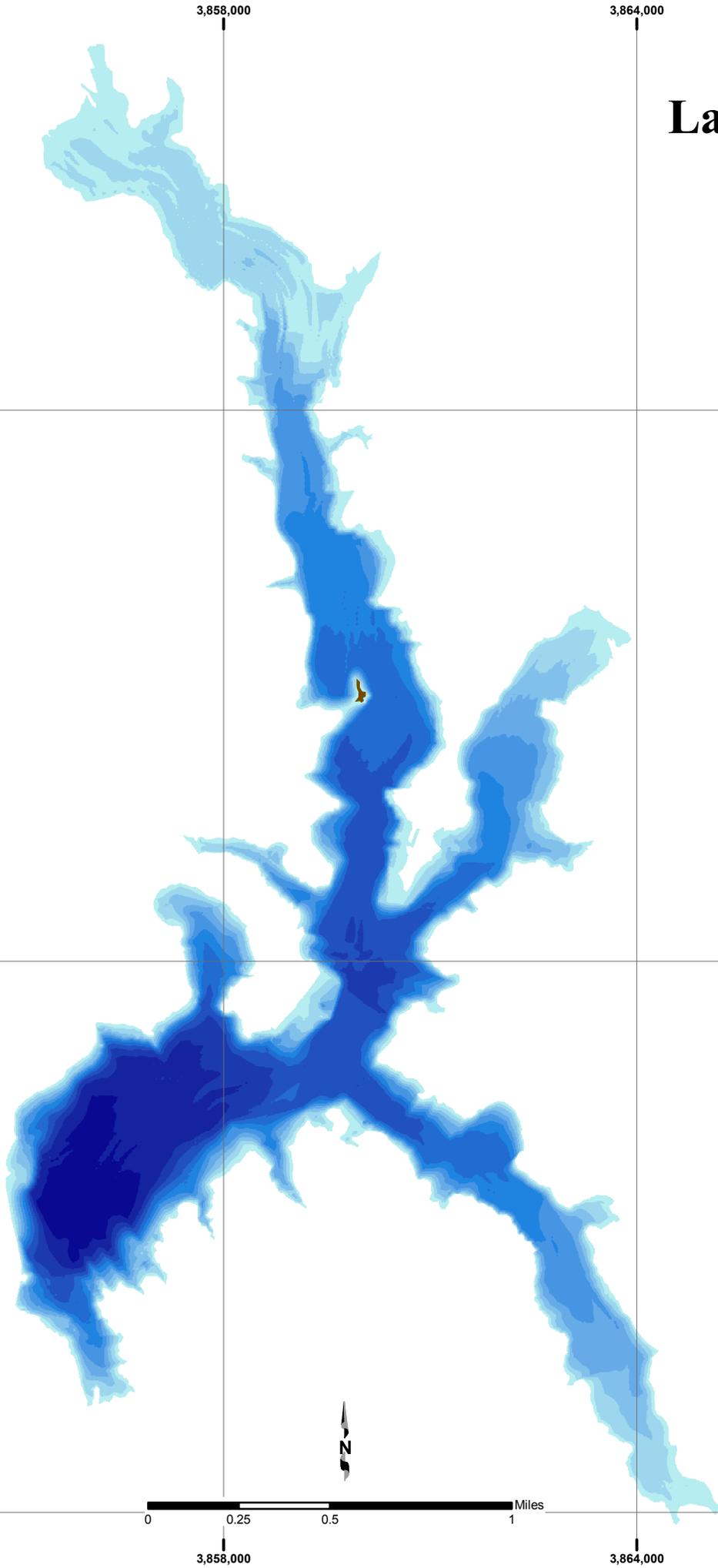
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Texas Central Zone

 Islands

Figure 4

Lake Jacksonville

Depth Range Map



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Depth Ranges (ft)

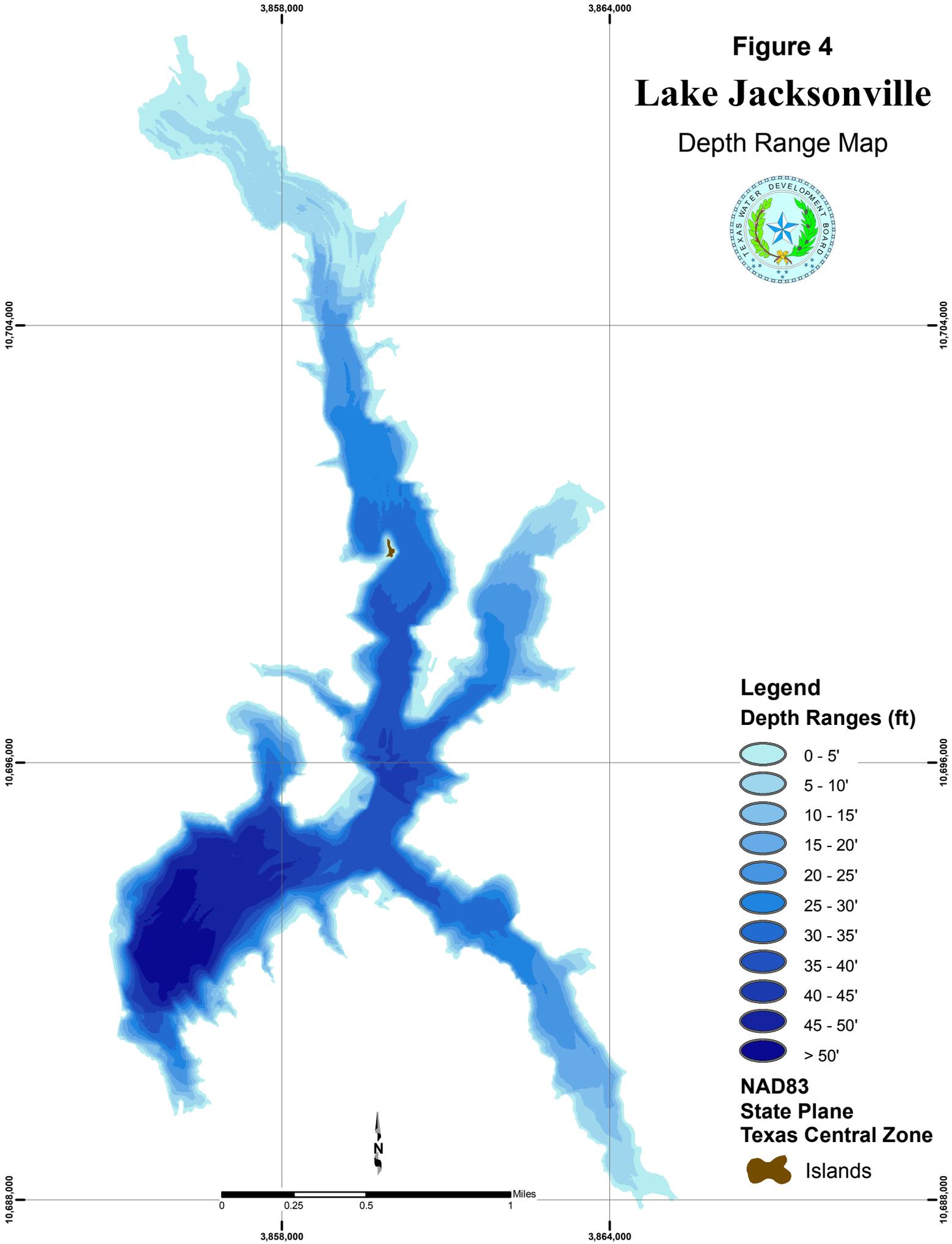
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Texas Central Zone

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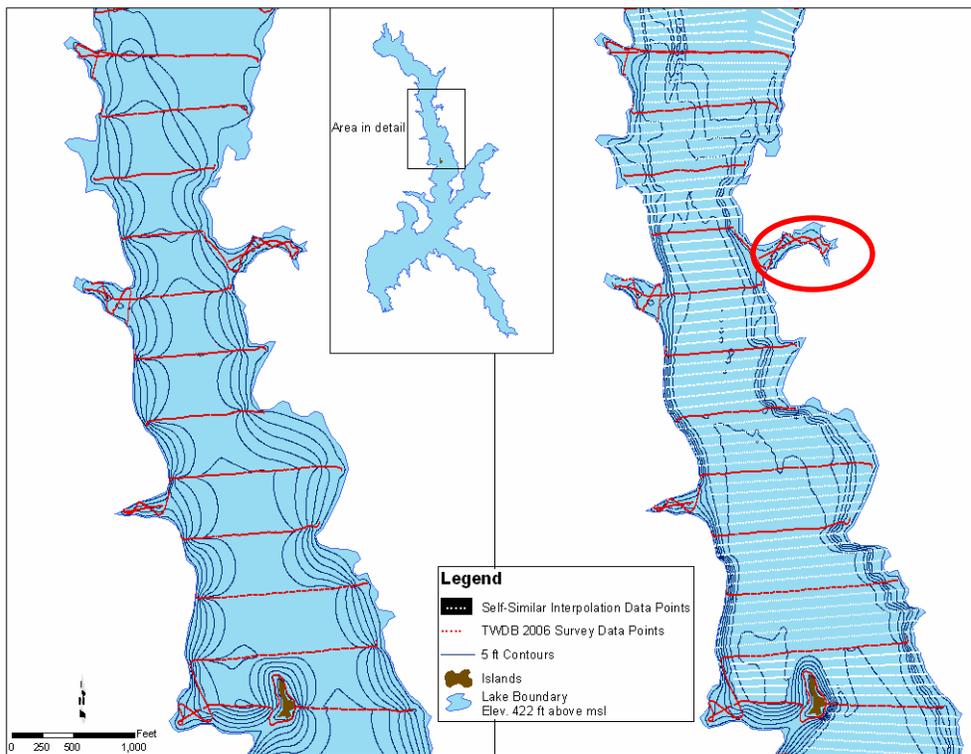


Figure 6. The image on the left illustrates the artificially-curved contour lines, a function of the TIN generation process, extending into the reservoir every 500 feet and corresponding with the TWDB survey data. The image on the right illustrates how the increased density of points, from the Self-Similar Interpolation Routine, results in contours that are more representative of the reservoir bathymetry. The red circle highlights an area of the reservoir where a high probability of change between cross-sections is likely; therefore, the Self-Similar Interpolation routine was not used here.

Another limitation of the Delaunay method of TIN generation involves the calculation of areas and volumes in sections of the reservoir that were too shallow for bathymetric data collection by boat. This “shallow area problem,” as identified by the TWDB, is corrected using the HydroEdit interpolation routines developed by the TWDB. The Delaunay triangulation method, within ArcGIS, creates large flat triangles throughout these un-surveyed areas for which each corner of the triangle lies on the reservoir boundary. These triangles do not suggest any change in slope along the boundary and are assigned zero depths, causing an artificial spike in the elevation-area graphs at the last elevation interval for which reservoir areas/volumes are calculated. To correct this, the HydroEdit software program linearly interpolates elevations along connecting lines between the digitized reservoir boundary points and their closest sounding points. These interpolated data points are used in conjunction with the surveyed sounding points and the Self-Similar Interpolated points to generate the TIN model. The additional data points result in a model with a more realistic representation of the reservoir bathymetry⁶ and better defined steeply

sloped shorelines and shallow areas. Figure 7, below, illustrates the “Shallow Area Problem”. Figure 8 shows the resulting point density after the Self-Similar Interpolation and “Shallow Area Problem” routines were employed. The Self-Similar Interpolation and “Shallow Area Problem” routines were applied to approximately 98% of the reservoir area, at conservation pool elevation.

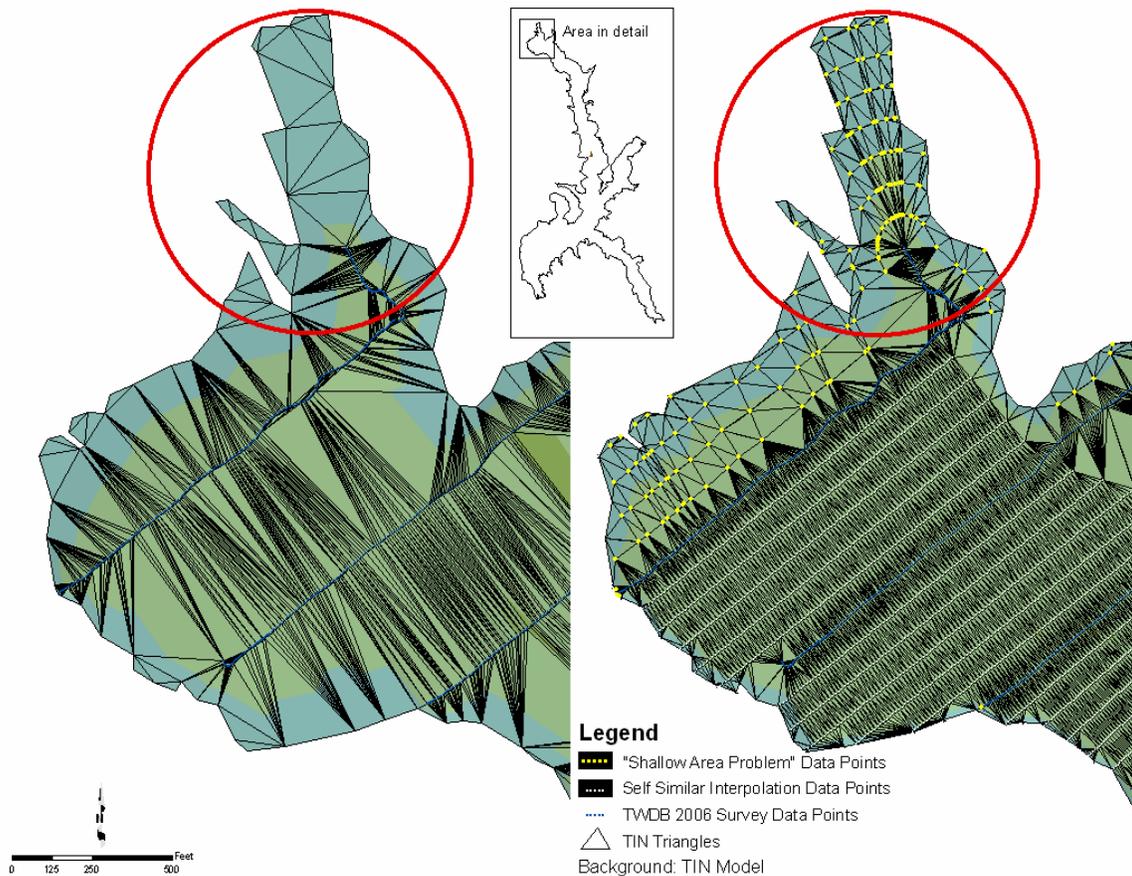


Figure 7. The image on the left illustrates how triangles form during the TIN generation without the Self-Similar and “Shallow Area Problem” data points. The red circle highlights those triangles where all three vertices are on the boundary, creating flat triangles. The image on the right illustrates how the TIN triangles are formed after the Self-Similar and “Shallow Area Problem” data points are added. Notice the flat triangles no longer exist.

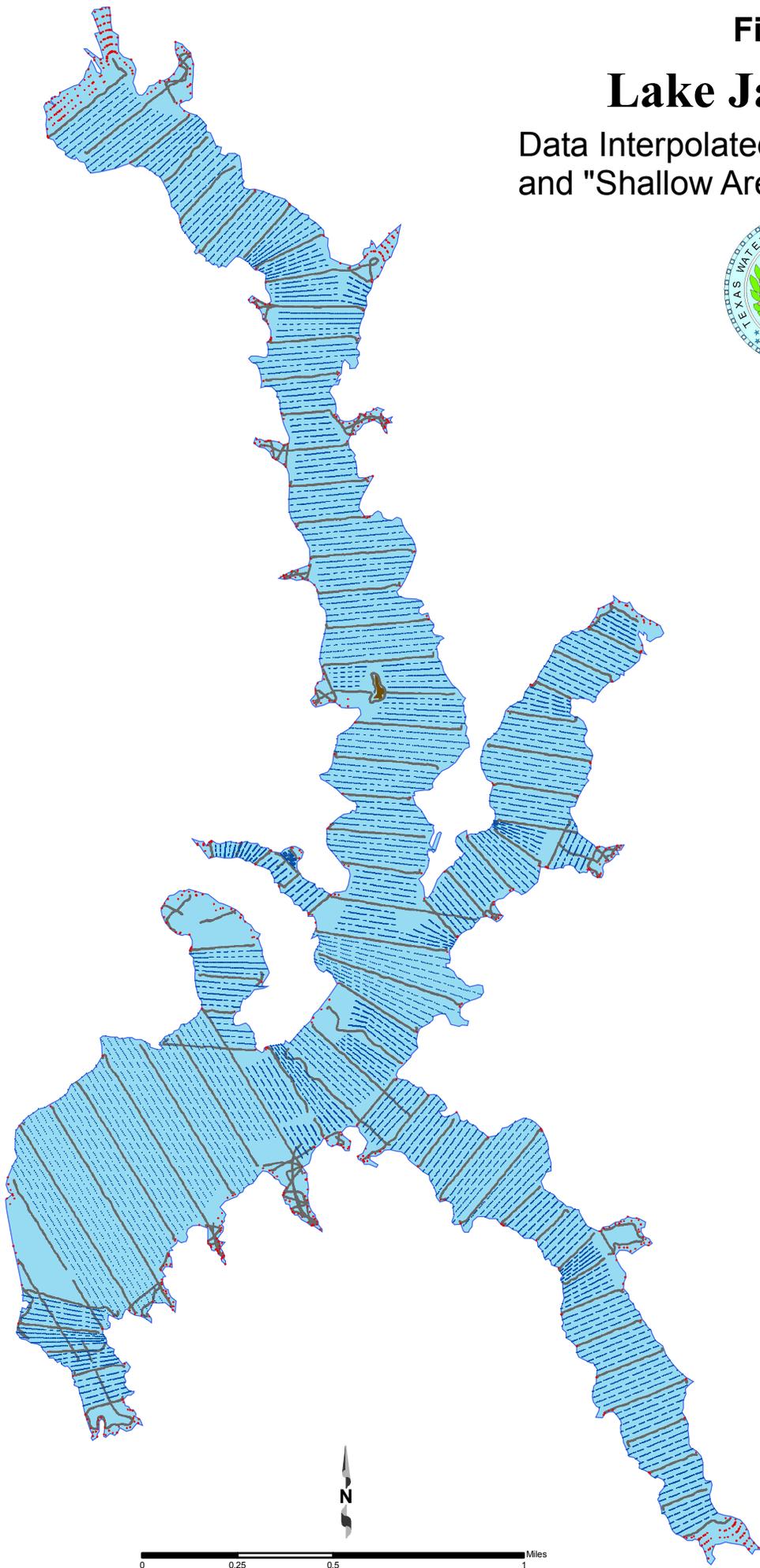
Sediment Range Lines

The TWDB established ten sediment range lines to examine the reservoir in cross-section and to facilitate future tracking of any sedimentation in Lake Jacksonville. Prior studies of Lake Jacksonville were unavailable for comparison. Each cross-section is presented in Appendix E, along with a map showing the locations of the sediment range lines and a table listing the endpoint coordinates of each range line.

Figure 8

Lake Jacksonville

Data Interpolated Using Self-Similar
and "Shallow Area Problem" Routines



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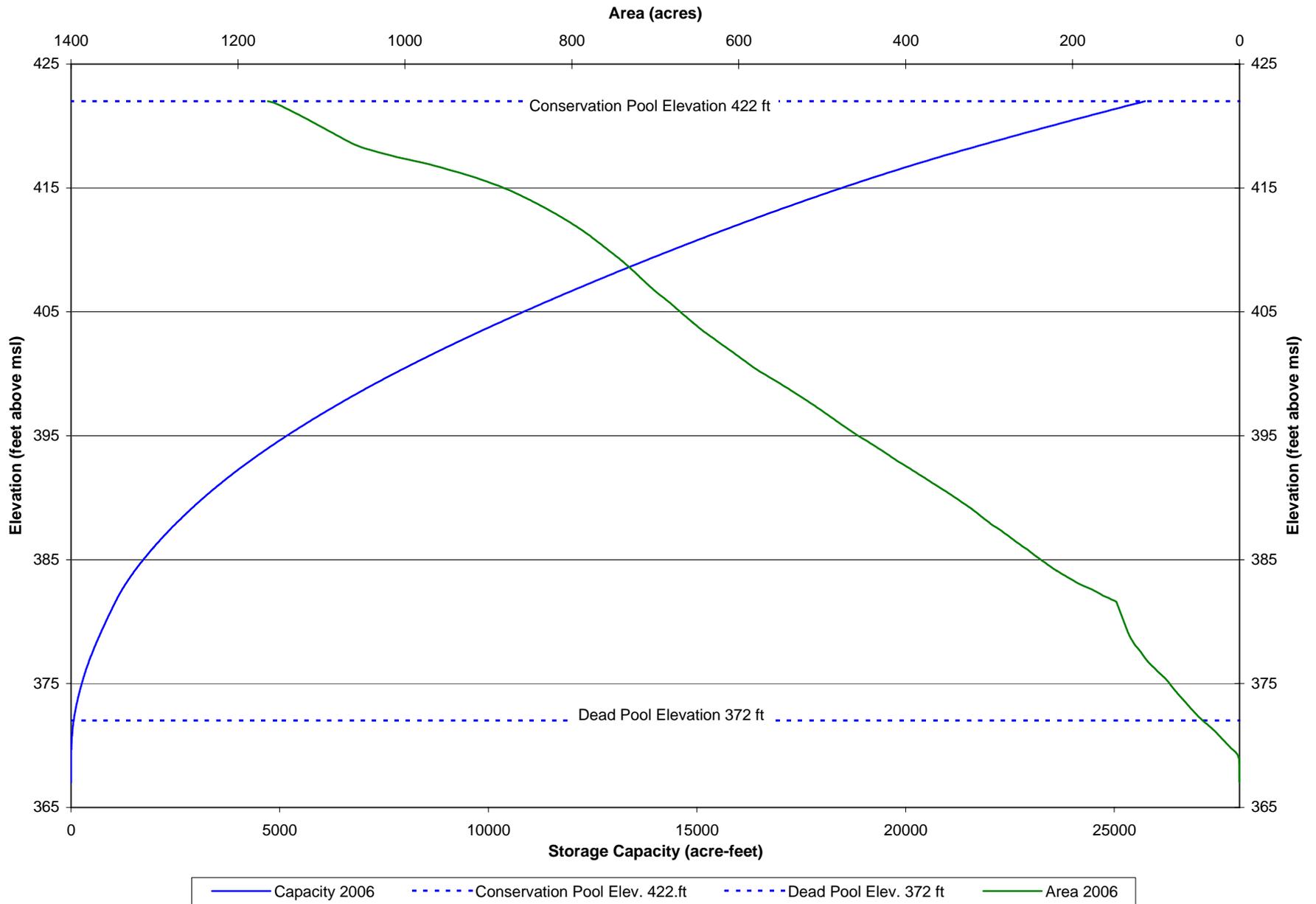
- Data Points Collected During TWDB 2006 Survey
- Data Points Added Using the HydroEdit Self-Similar Interpolation Routine
- Data Points Added Using the HydroEdit "Shallow Area Problem" Routine
- Islands
- Lake Boundary

TWDB Contact Information

More information about the Hydrographic Survey Program can be found at: <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/assistance/lakesurveys/volumetricindex.asp>. Any questions regarding the TWDB Hydrographic Survey Program may be addressed to Barney Austin, Director of Surface Water Resources Division, at 512-463-8856, or by email at: Barney.Austin@twdb.state.tx.us.

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Appendix C: Area and Capacity Curves

APPENDIX D

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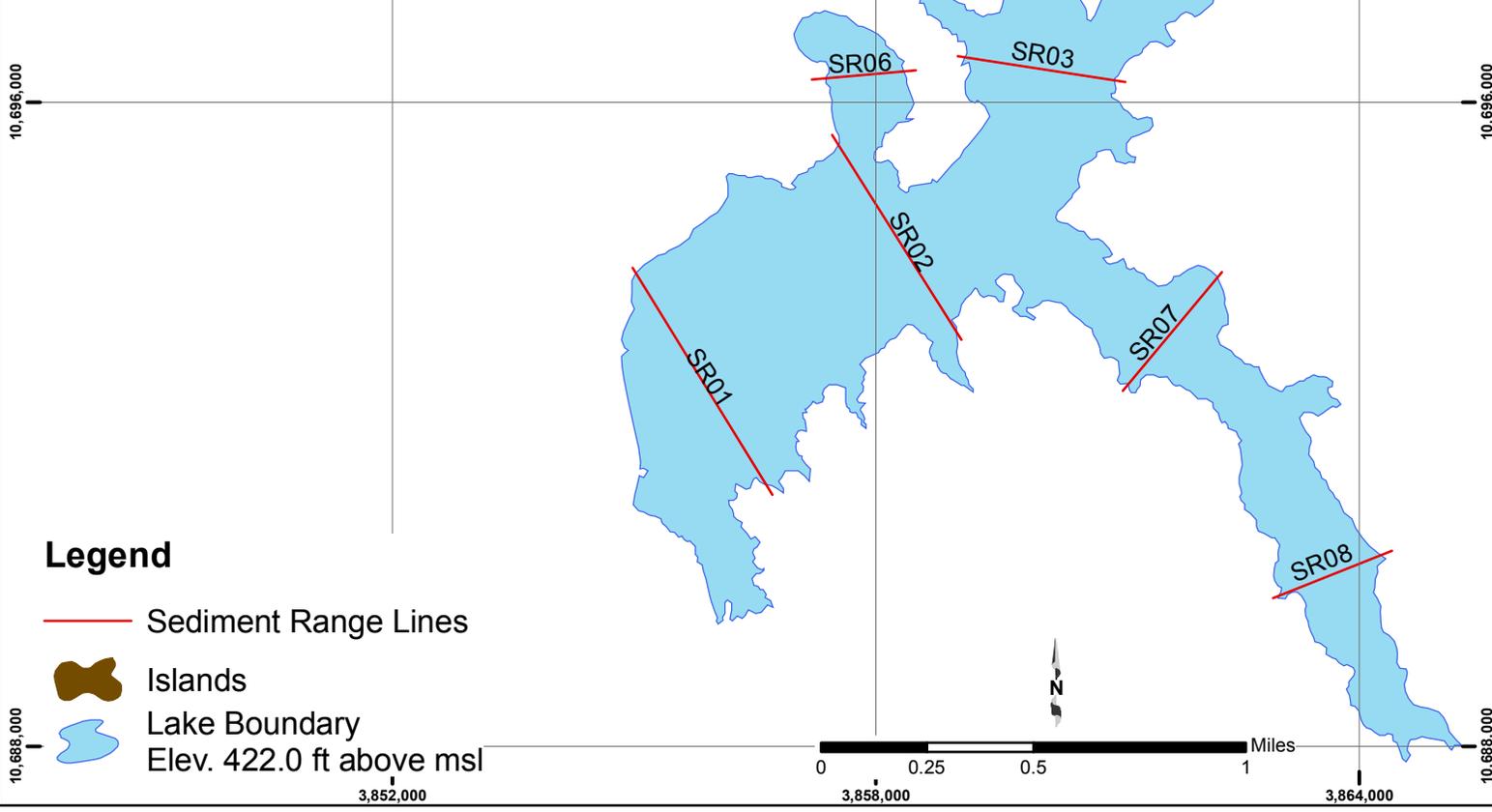
Sediment Range Lines



**Endpoint Coordinates for Lake Jacksonville Sediment Range Lines
Established by TWDB 2006**

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SR06	L	3,858,491.7903393500	10,696,396.0812002000
	R	3,857,197.2671530600	10,696,286.5446238000
SR07	L	3,861,060.9209645800	10,692,422.8908208000
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SR08	L	3,862,923.0427716300	10,689,843.8023219000
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Projection: NAD83 State Plane Texas Central Zone



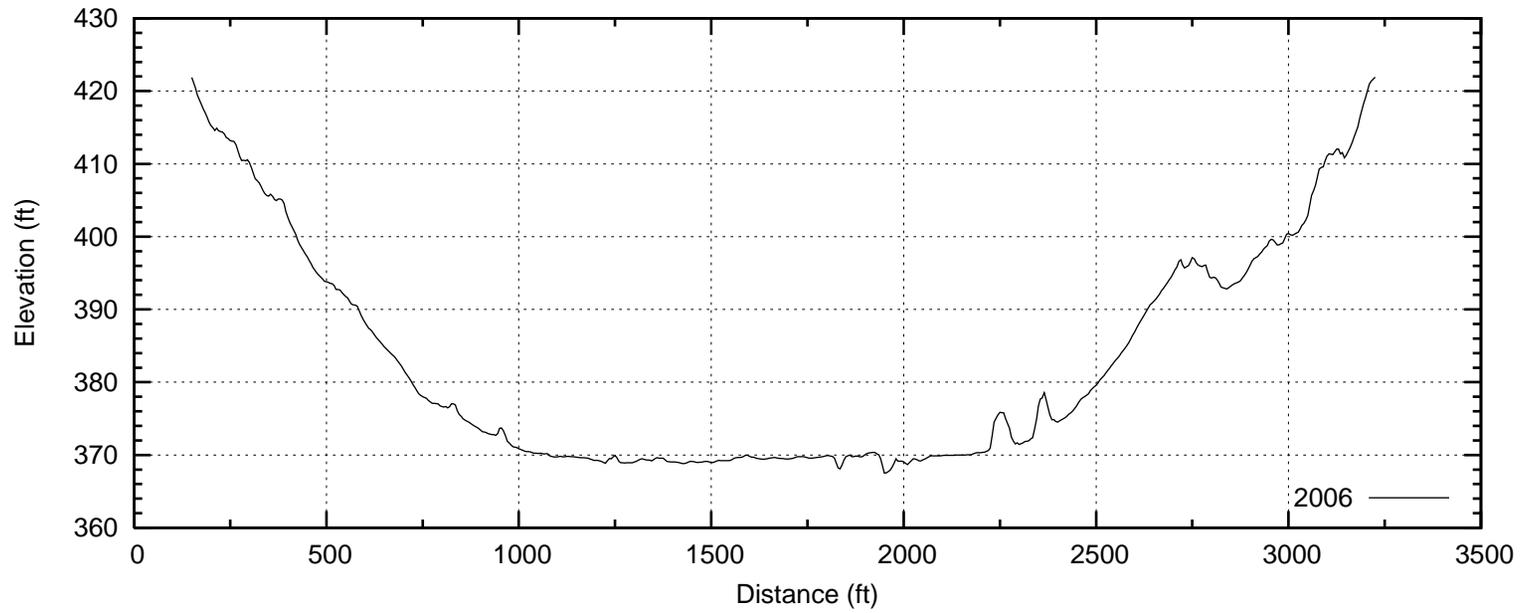
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- Islands
- Lake Boundary
- Elev. 422.0 ft above msl

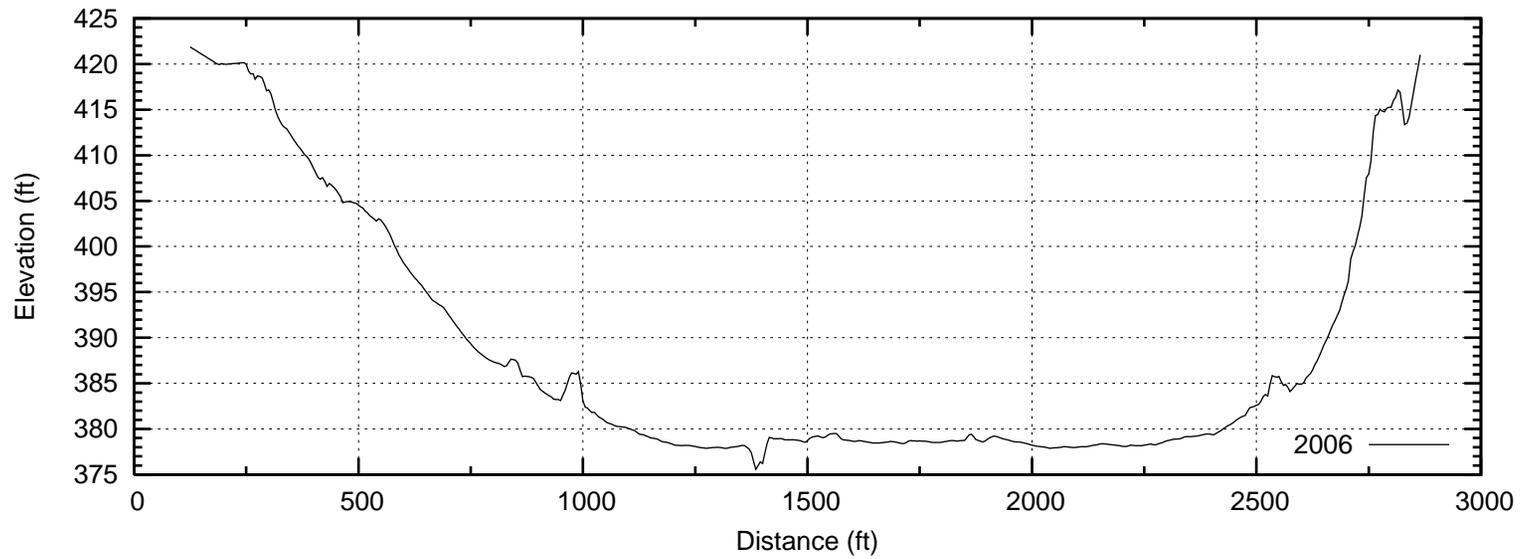
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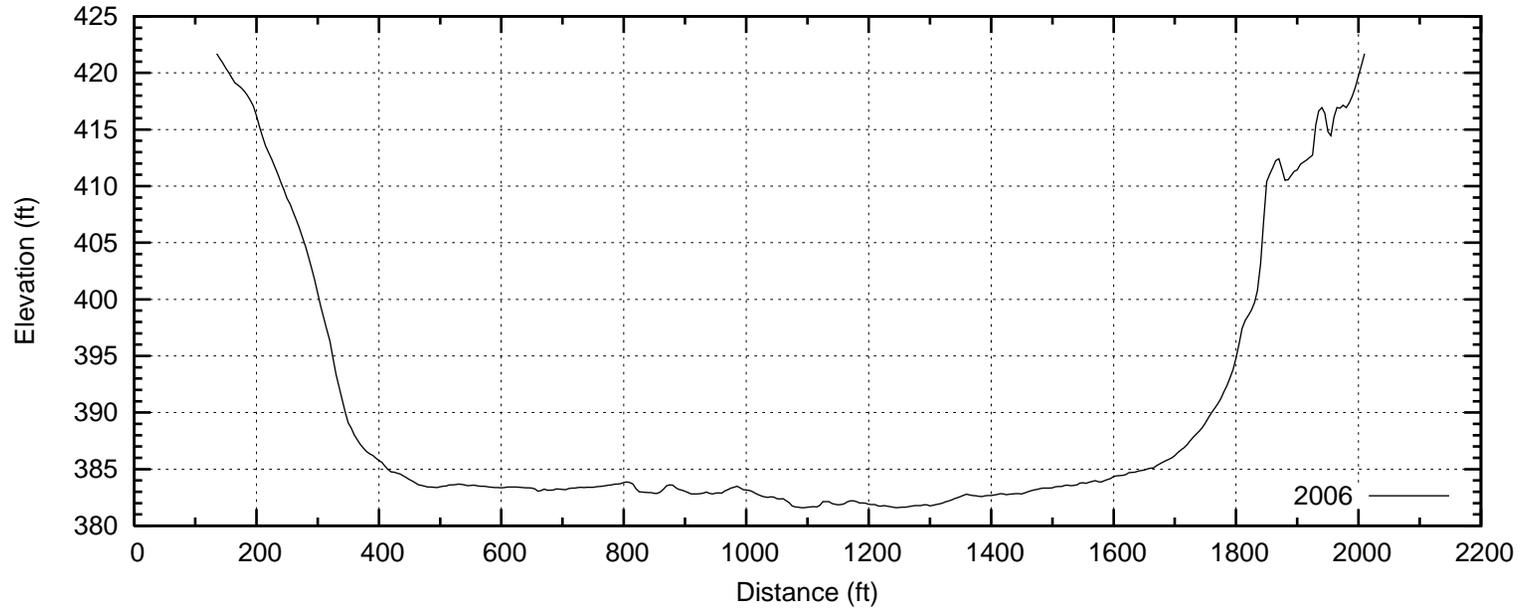


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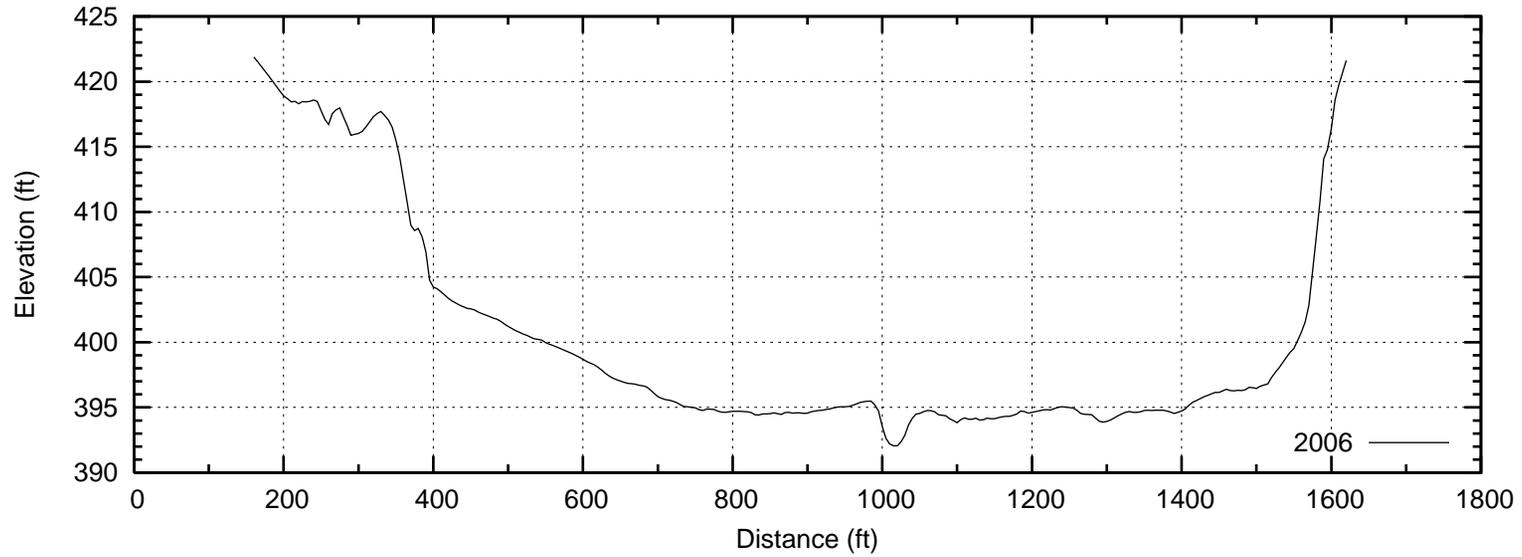


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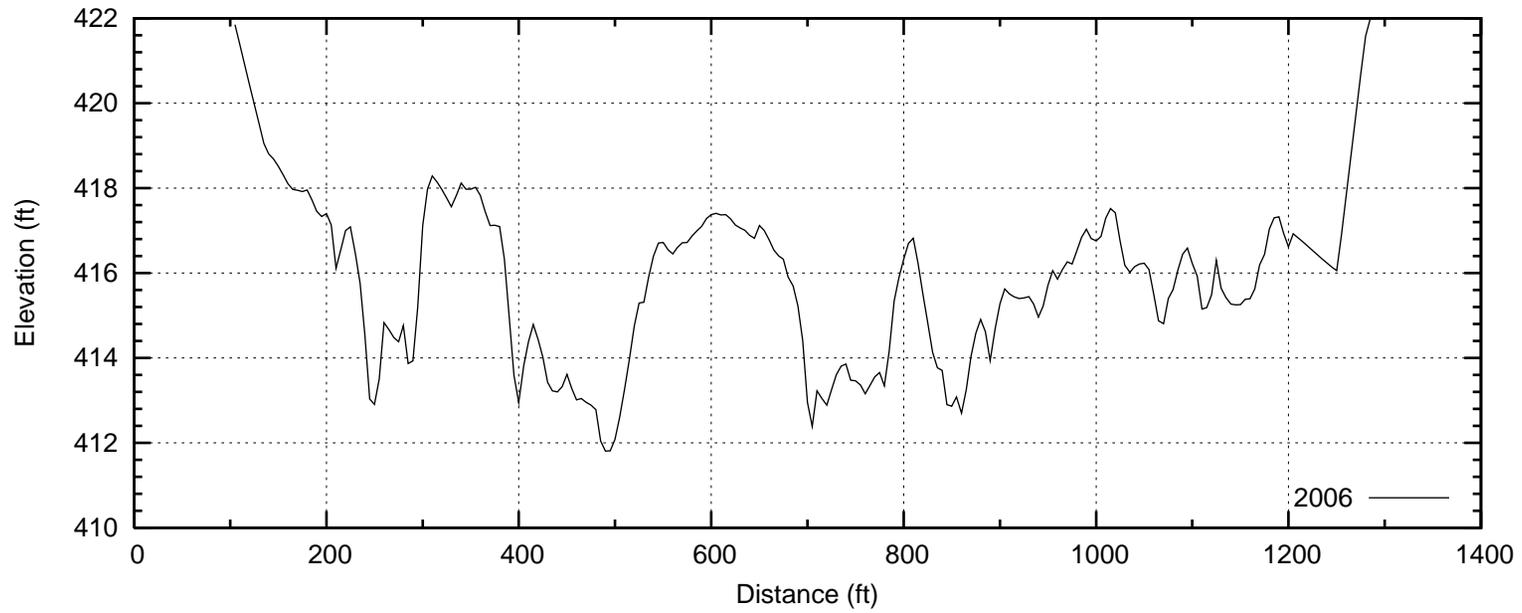


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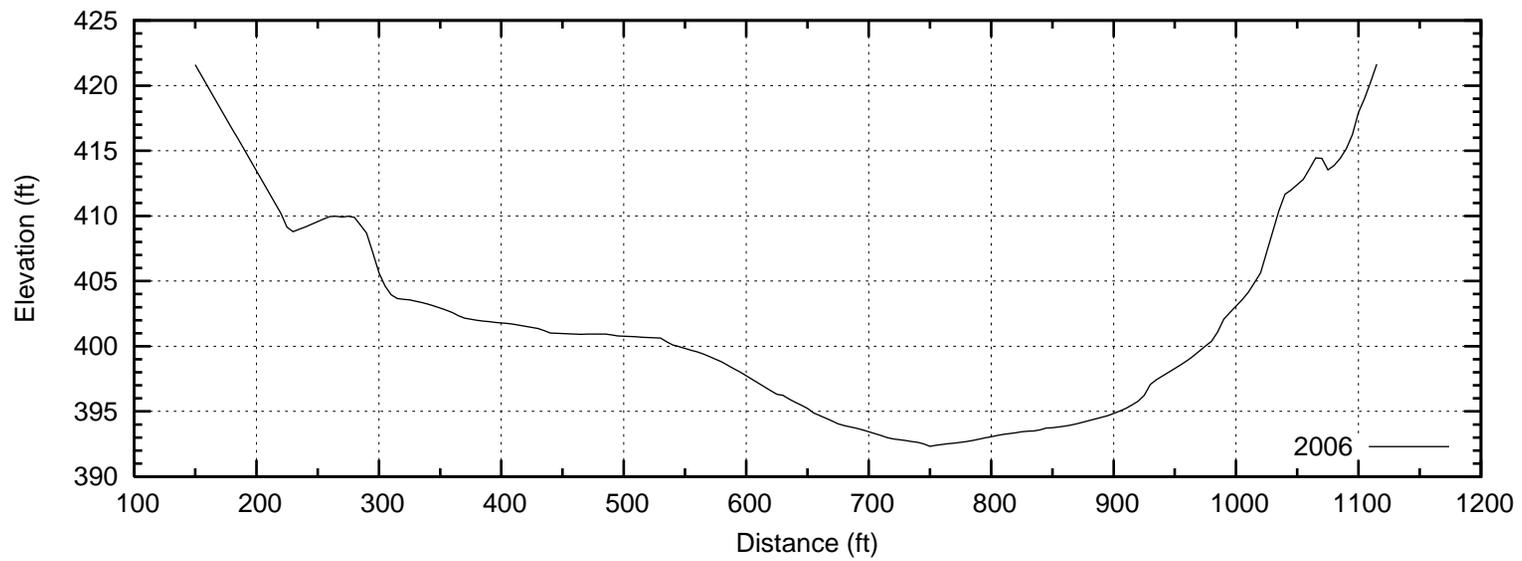


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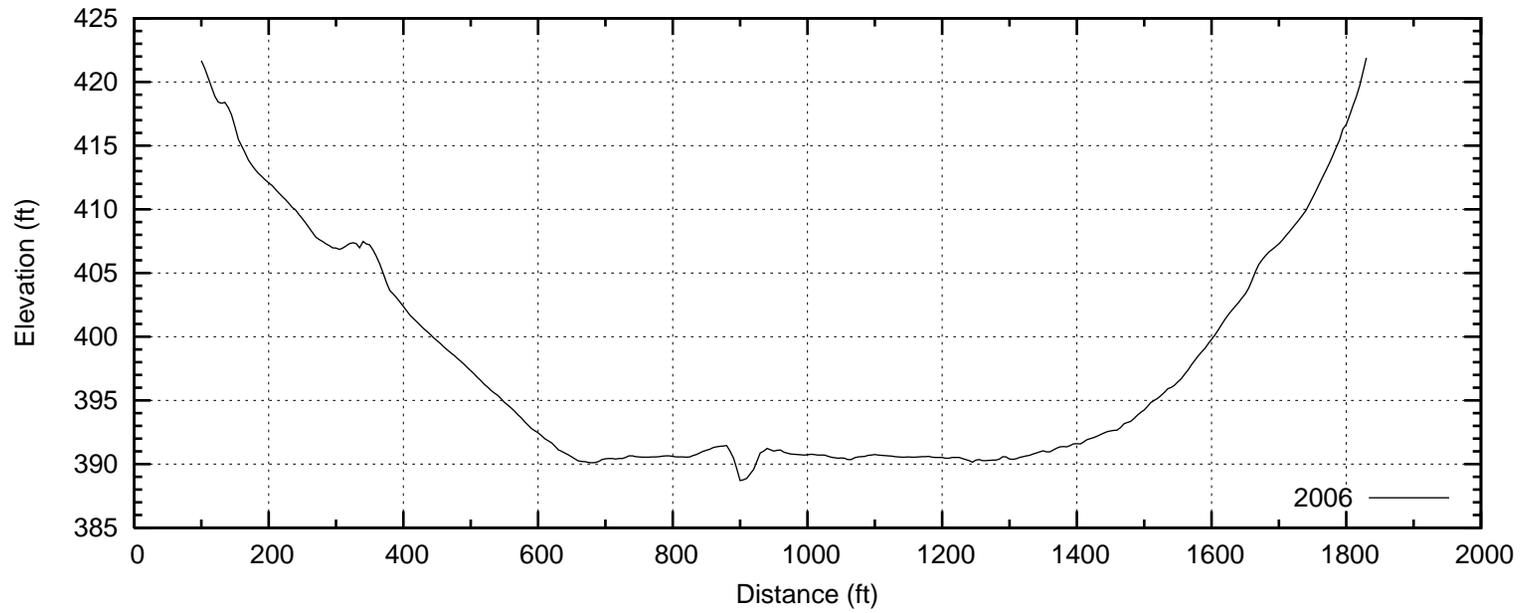


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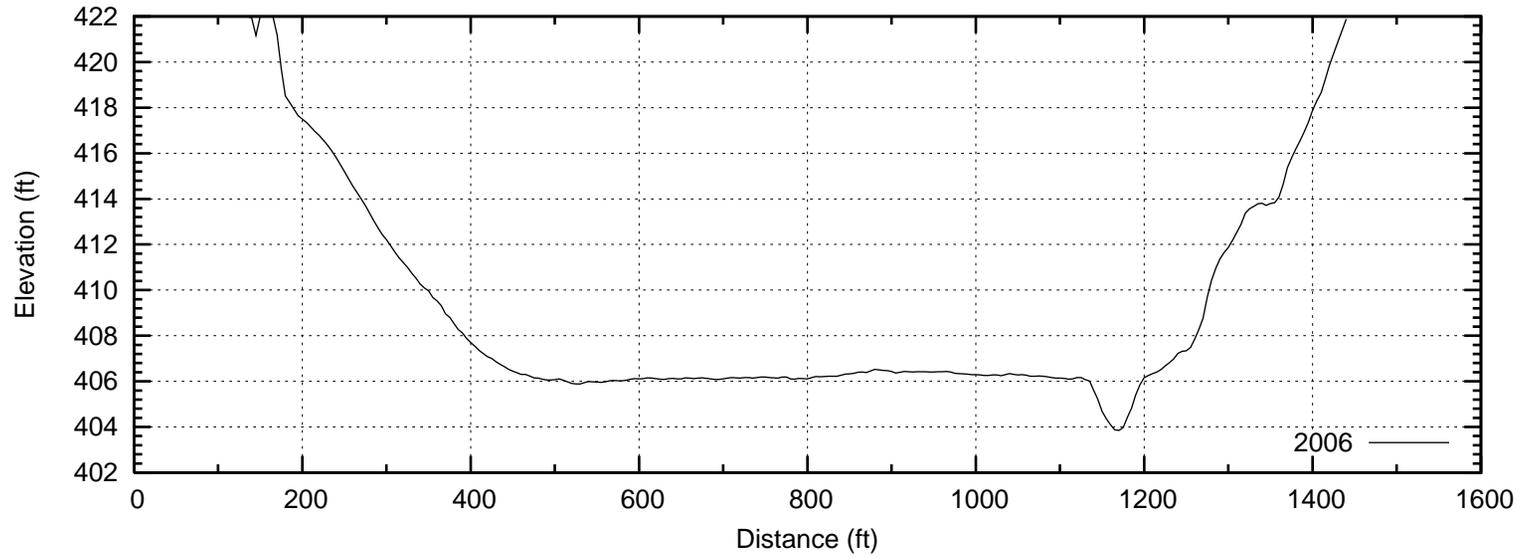


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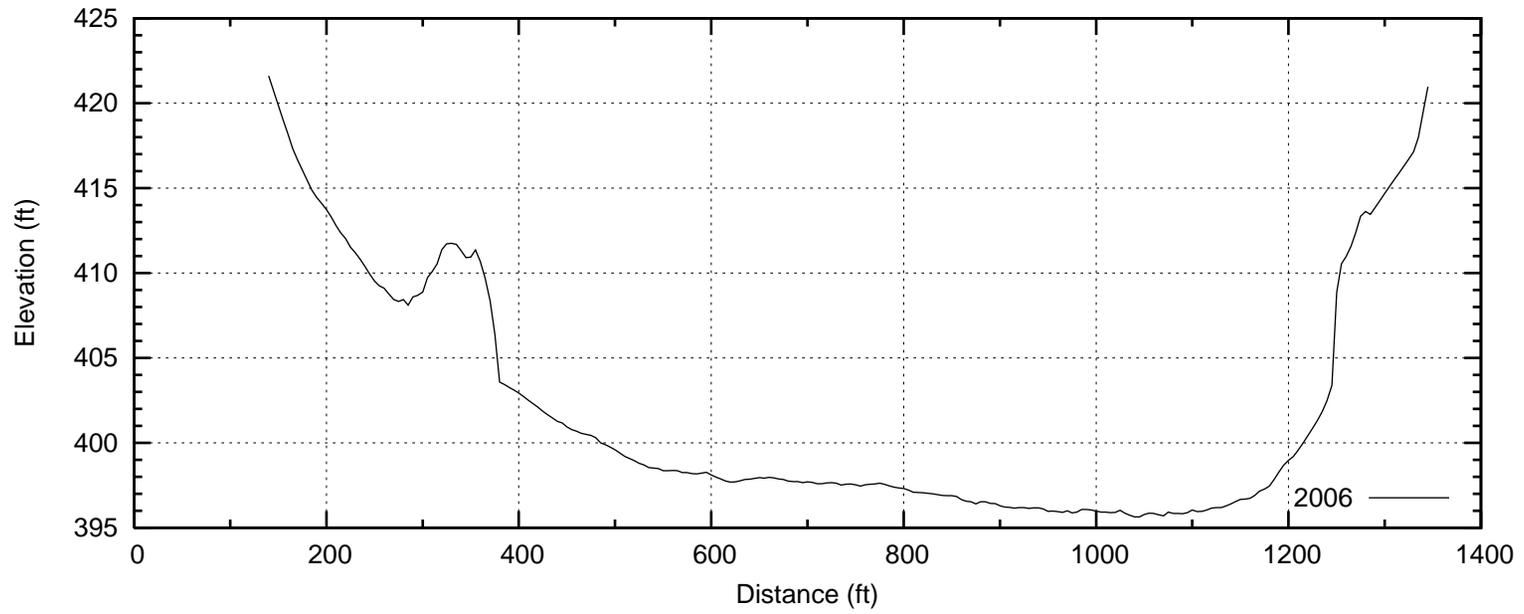


Range Line SR08



Lake Jacksonville

Range Line SR09



Range Line SR10

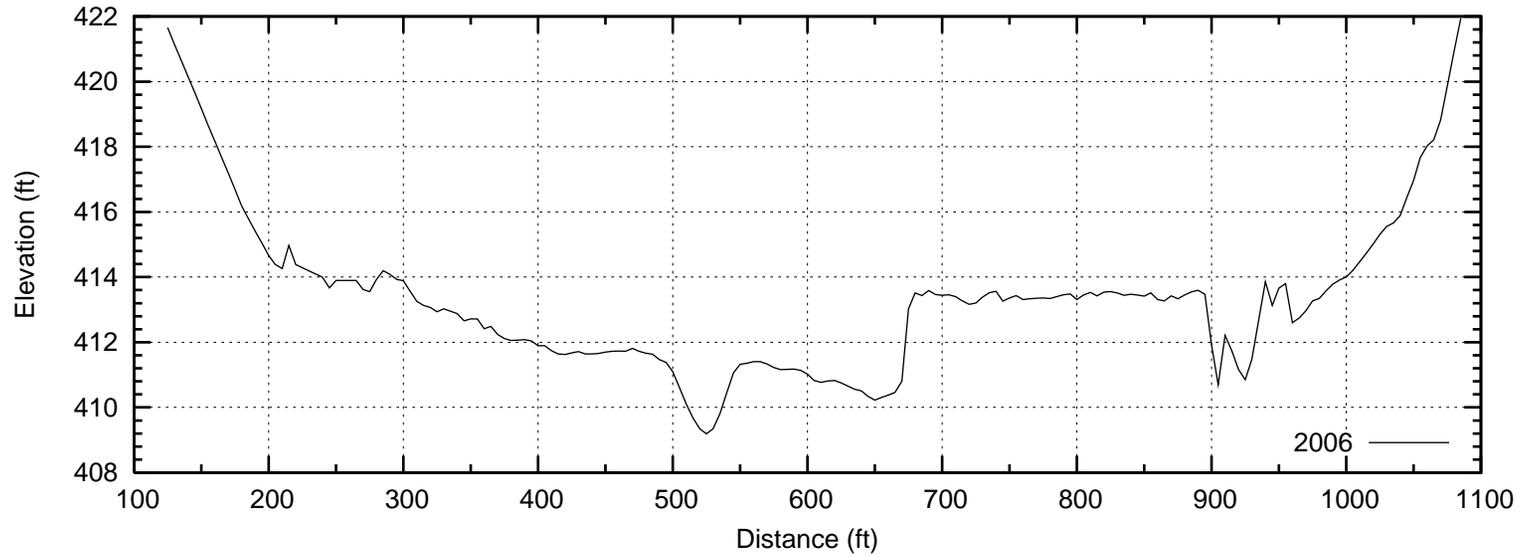


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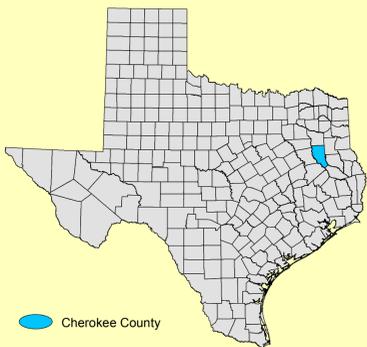


CONTOURS

- 370'
- 375'
- 380'
- 385'
- 390'
- 395'
- 400'
- 405'
- 410'
- 415'
- 420'

- Islands
- Lake Jacksonville Boundary
Elevation:
422 ft above msl

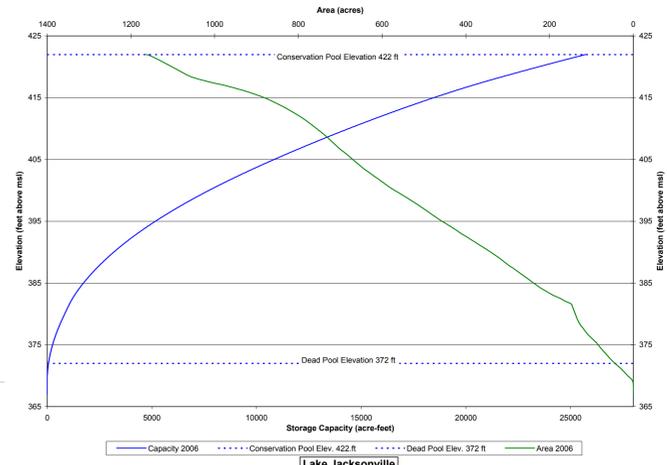
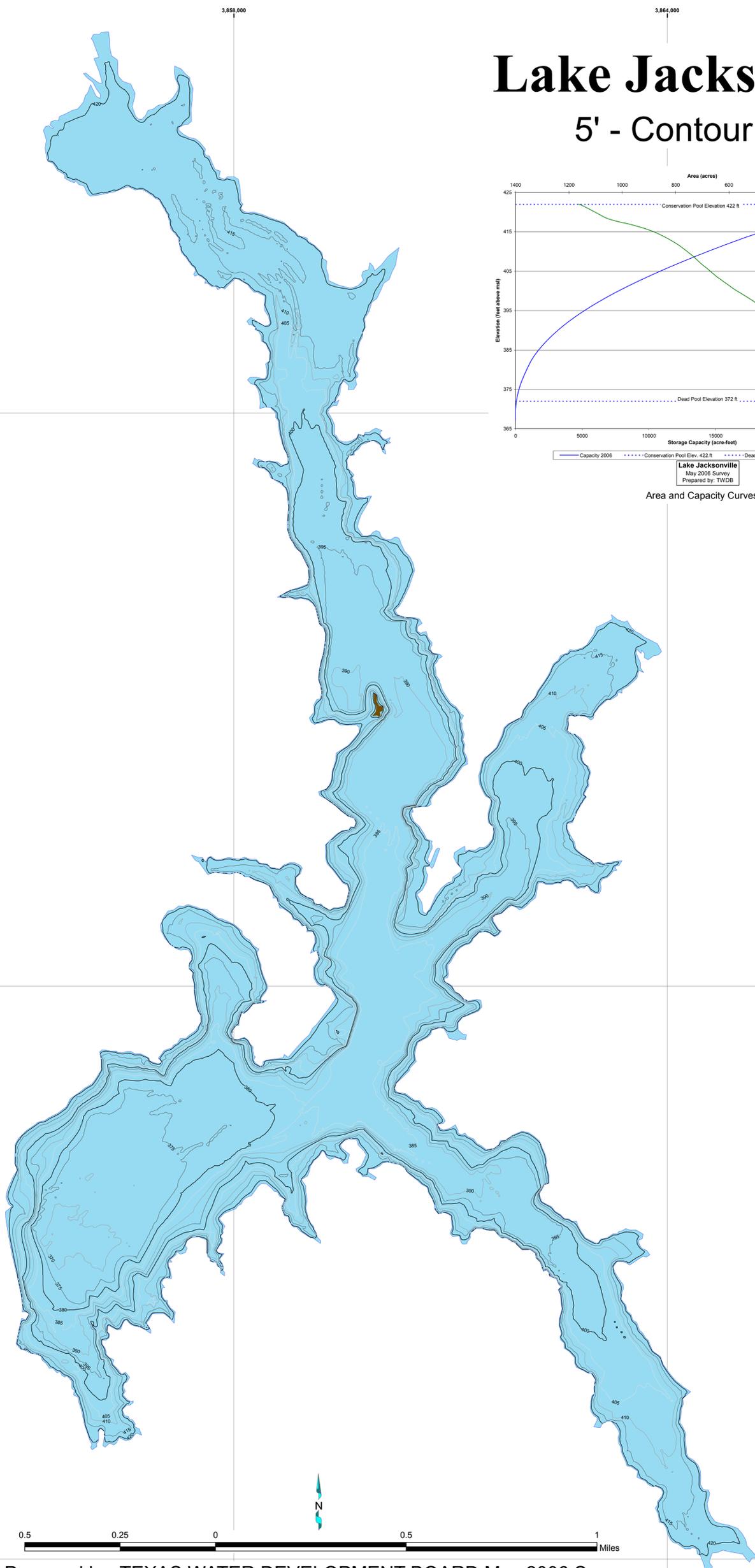
Projection: NAD83
State Plane
Texas Central Zone



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Lake Jacksonville

5' - Contour Map



Area and Capacity Curves



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