

Oral Histories: Lake Taylor *Handout*

Introduction

A watershed (also called a drainage basin) is an area on the land surface from which water flows, or has the potential to flow, into a stream or lake. Watersheds are naturally separated from adjacent basins by **topographic** divides. Therefore, watersheds can cross **political** boundaries such as county lines. For instance, some of the water from Hillsborough County flows into Pinellas County. In this lesson we will be reading about a lake from the Brooker Creek Watershed in Hillsborough County since water from this watershed ultimately flows into areas of northern Pinellas County and Lake Tarpon.

Instructions

Go to www.Hillsborough.WaterAtlas.org and type 'Lake Taylor' in the search box, upper right. Choose Taylor, Lake (Brooker Creek Watershed) from the list of lakes. On the Lake Taylor page click on the History and Recreation tab and read the oral history in the narrative.

LAKE TAYLOR

1. Native American tools were found _____ during a dry spell:

- a. in an exposed portion of the lake
- b. underwater
- c. on the shore of the lake
- d. while a home was being built

2. "Woodie and Horace both talk of the many activities that lake life has afforded them, including fishing and water skiing." The word "afforded" most nearly means

- a. money
- b. made
- c. given
- d. happy

3. From the article, the reader can conclude:

- a. The lake supports large numbers of migrating ducks.
- b. The number of snakes has increased.
- c. The native wildlife is a nuisance.
- d. Carp are native fish to the lakes.

4. Explain how and why carp are used to keep a lake healthy. Support your response with words and phrases from the article.

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