How short of a lake?


How do you tell from the air?

1. Fly downwind at 90 kt groundspeed
2. That's equal to 1.5 miles/minute
3. We need a mile to take off over 50 ft tree.

Calculation: Seconds $=1.0 \mathrm{mile} /(1.5 \mathrm{mile} / \mathrm{Min}) * 60$ seconds $/ \mathrm{Min}=40$ seconds flying downwind.

