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Downeast Lakes Landings

A Warm Winter Welcome To 2016

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! As the warming days of January grow longer, the Northern New England weather has given us an unseasonably gorgeous start to 2016. However, don't celebrate those lower heating bills just yet! The old Downeast saying will surely hold true: "As the days grow longer, the cold grows stronger!" With another foot of snow in the forecast for Grand Lake Stream, DLLT is hosting several winter programs that are sure to warm your hearts and minds before the spring thaw.

Wonderful Winter Programs With DLLT

As Downeast Maine settles in for the cozy, winter season, the Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) is busy planning several public programs that will be offered in the early months of 2016.

On January 15th at 2 pm, join DLLT Education and Outreach Manager Colin Brown, on an "Evening Snowshoe Trek" through a local trail in Grand Lake Stream. Participants will be on the lookout for animal tracks and learn how to identify trees in winter. On January 25th, DLLT welcomes Maine author, Tim Caverly, to present "Allagash Tales," a musical and photographic journey through the famed North Woods that will be fun for the whole family!

In February, DLLT is pleased to be hosting a "Winter Birding Weekend" celebrating the Great Backyard Bird Count. On Friday, February 12th at 7 pm, join us as we introduce the weekend with a special program led by renowned birder and founder of the Maine Birding Trail, Bob Duchesne. After a brief introduction to the Great Backyard Bird Count, Mr. Duchesne will lead a presentation entitled, "Bird Identification Made Easy." Learn the many tricks of the birding trade to help identify the numerous species that might arrive in your backyard! The Great Backyard Bird Count can even be completed from the comfort of your own home – come and find out how you can participate!

On Saturday, February 13th at 8 am, DLLT and the Fundy Chapter of Maine Audubon are leading a "Winter Bird Walk" in Grand Lake Stream, participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count. Come out to support citizen science, meet experienced birders, and enjoy the mid-winter beauty of the Downeast Lakes region. This walk is for people of all ages and skill levels, and it supports the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend.

On Saturday, February 27th, DLLT is pleased to be partnering with Princeton Rod & Gun Club to present, "Introduction to Ice Fishing." Join us at 12 pm for an introduction to the seasonal sport by members of Princeton Rod & Gun Club. Club members will outfit participants with required fishing gear, help with drilling holes, and send you on your way to landing a monster! Snacks and refreshments will be provided by a warming campfire on shore.

March gets started with the musical group, "From Away Downeast," as they bring classic, logging camp songs to Grand Lake Stream on

Saturday, March 5th, at 1 pm. On Sunday, March 20th at 12 pm, DLLT celebrates Sugar Maples with a traditional "Backyard Boildown," in Grand Lake Stream. Learn all about the transformation from sap to syrup and the cultural significance of this local tradition. As the syrup finishes off outside, we will head inside for a pancake brunch, putting our finished product to good use!

All programs meet at the Grand Lake Stream School Building and are free to the public. To view individual events, visit**www.downeastlakes.org/news-events/events**. For more information, please contact Downeast Lakes Land Trust at (207) 796 – 2100 or email **cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

Downeast Lakes Land Trust Photo Contest!!!

A reminder to all Downeast Lakes Land Trust supporters, near and far: We are still accepting photographs for the first ever "DLLT Photo Contest" and will continue accepting submissions until **April 15.** All photos should be submitted by emailing **photo@downeastlakes.org**. Contest rules are as follows:

1. All photos submitted must be shot in the Downeast Lakes region. This is defined as any place in Washington and Hancock Counties, north of Route 9.
2. All photo submissions must be completed electronically and in the digital format of JPEG, JPG, or GIF. All photos must also have a minimum resolution of 5 megapixels.
3. By submitting photos, participants agree that DLLT shall have the unlimited right to reproduce submissions in any electronic and print media that it may produce in the future.

4. Please DO NOT submit the following:
-Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's or entity's privacy or other rights, including but not limited to copyright.
-Photos that contain explicit, unlawful, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content, as determined by the DLLT panel in its sole discretion.
-Photos that contain commercial or corporate images and logos or copyrighted materials, with the exception of those of Downeast Lakes Land Trust.

Categories are: Waterways, Forests, Wildlife (no pets), Traditions, Community, and Sunrise/Sunset. Limit 2 submissions per category.

You may not submit one photo in multiple categories.
Each submission must have an accompanying Name, Address, Phone Number, and Email Address.

Photos will be selected for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category and an overall “Best In Show” winner. Winning entries will be posted on the DLLT website, as well as featured in our summer newsletter and featured in a DLLT photography show in Grand Lake Stream.

Good luck!!!

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