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Downeast Lakes Landings

Winter In All Its Glory

After yesterday's sneaky storm, Grand Lake Stream picked up more than half a foot of snow in most places, with another few inches on the way! This provides the perfect coating on top of well-groomed snowmobile trails that are just waiting for your sled. Many thanks go out to the volunteers at the Grand Lake Snowmobile Club who keep the trails in great shape, including the Pine Tree Store's very own Les Severance (pictured).

In addition, tomorrow is February 1st, which means only one thing in GLS - opening day of ice fishing on West Grand Lake! West Grand Lake is often hailed as one of the finest ice fishing lakes in Maine, with landlocked salmon, togue, and many other species to keep your flags jumping. Be sure to always check the ice thickness before heading out. Enjoy opening weekend!

Show Your DLLT Pride Around The World!

DLLT's friends and supporters are passionate about conserving the Downeast Lakes region, and they carry that passion all over the country and world with them. Show us where you take your passion for the Downeast Lakes Land Trust by sharing photos of DLLT logowear from your travels! (Pictured: DLLT Executive Director David Montague in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado)

Here's how to participate:

1. Photograph yourself in your DLLT hat, t-shirt, or fleece someplace far from the Downeast Lakes region. (Tip: Be sure we can see the DLLT logo, and try to get something interesting or unique in the background!)

2. Post your photo to Facebook or Instagram, type your location in the photo description, and tag Downeast Lakes Land Trust.

It's that simple! Each month we'll randomly draw a winner from that month's entries to receive a special prize! Submit as many photos as you want, but only one photo per month and location, please. Let's see how far your DLLT pride can go!

Upcoming Winter Programs

February 1 - Deer Harvest Tour: Downeast Lakes Land Trust is currently conducting a sustainable timber harvest in the community forest that is in close proximity to the village of Grand Lake Stream. This harvest is part of a multi-year project in cooperation with the town of Grand Lake Stream, providing improved habitat and a source of food for white-tailed deer during the winter months. Join DLLT staff for a guided tour through this active harvest site, discussing the wildlife importance of this harvest. Interested participants should meet at the DLLT office at 1 pm, and wear sturdy footwear and dress for the weather.

February 5 - Winter Owl Prowl: Join DLLT staff as we head out on an "Owl Prowl!" Mating season for many species of owls occurs in winter, ahead of other birds, and owls are more likely to be seen and heard during the colder months. Interested participants will meet at the Grand Lake Stream Dam parking lot at 5 pm. We will head out on a short walk through the surrounding woods, calling for owls along the way, and discussing the amazing adaptations of these nocturnal

hunters. Please dress warmly and bring sturdy footwear – snowshoes are not required.

February 9 - Evening Snowshoe Hike: Come out to Grand Lake Stream, and celebrate the Great Maine Outdoor WEEK with Downeast Lakes Land Trust! On Friday, February 9th, join DLLT Education and Outreach Manager Colin Brown for an Evening Snowshoe Hike. We will be on the lookout for animal tracks, discuss snowshoe techniques, and head off-trail. Interested participants should meet at the Grand Lake Stream Dam parking lot at 3:30 pm to carpool to the trailhead, and bring their own snowshoes.

March 1 - The Science of Nor'easters: Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to host meteorologists from the National Weather Service office in Caribou, Maine, as they present "The Science of Nor'easters." These powerful, off-shore winter storms are all too familiar to New Englanders, but the science behind their formation and impact is fascinating. Join us for this free presentation at the Grand Lake Stream School Building at 5 pm. In case of inclement weather, the presentation has a snow date of March 2nd.

March 2 - Family Ice Fishing Day: DLLT and Princeton Rod & Gun Club are pleased to be hosting a "Family Ice Fishing Day" on Long Lake. Local schools have the day off, so bring the whole family out to the lake! Princeton Rod & Gun Club members will provide all the fishing gear and expertise, and DLLT will provide bait, food, and snacks for the kids. Meet at Tierney Point – from West Street in Princeton, turn right onto Long Lake Camps Road, and turn right onto Tierney Point (look for signs). We will get holes drilled and traps set starting at 8 am, and go until 1 pm. There will be a warming fire on shore, with hot dogs and marshmallows to roast. Whether you are a seasoned angler or have never been out on the ice, come and join both organizations for a fun community event!

For more information on these events, please contact DLLT Education and Outreach Manager Colin Brown at (207) 796 - 2100, or email **cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

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