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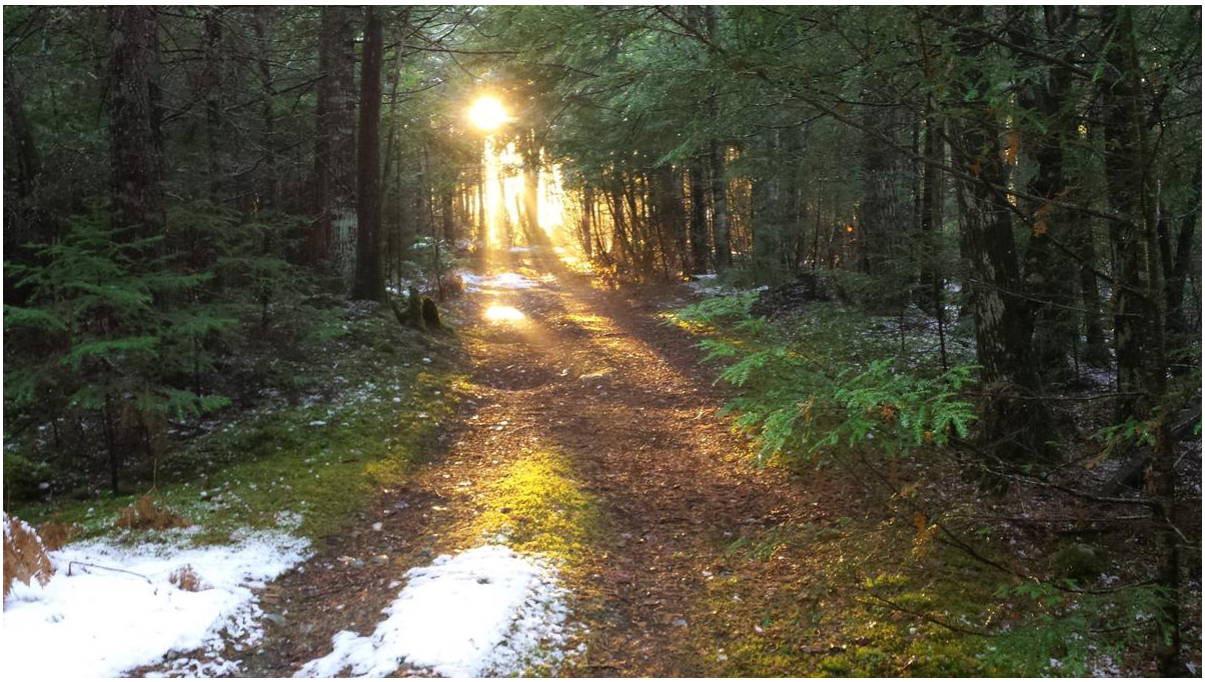
Downeast Lakes Landings



Giving Thanks

Mornings are frosty, daylight is in short supply, and winter is beginning in the Downeast Lakes region. It's a perfect time of the year to look back, and give thanks for everything that we have in our lives. Supportive and welcoming communities, abundant natural resources, and the kindness of friends and family are only some of the things that make the Downeast Lakes region a wonderful place. From everyone at Downeast Lakes Land Trust - Happy Thanksgiving!

“Community Conservation” Film Screenings Held Across Maine

Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) is co-hosting two upcoming screenings of Mark Ireland’s documentary film, “Community Conservation: Finding the Balance Between Nature and Culture.” After premiering on Maine Public Television in May, the film has received excellent reviews and highlights the

work of four land trusts in Maine: Androscoggin Land Trust, Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust, Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, and DLLT.

On **Tuesday, November 21st (Tonight!!)**, Frenchman Bay Conservancy, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, and DLLT are co-hosting a screening at The Grand in Ellsworth. Tickets are free, and the show begins at 7 pm.

On **Tuesday, December 12th**, DLLT and Maine Coast Heritage Trust are co-hosting a screening at Washington County Community College (WCCC) in Calais. Tickets are free, and the show begins at 6 pm.

Following both screenings, there will be an interactive panel discussion of local conservationists, with a question and answer session. If you can't make either of these screenings, there will be more happening across Maine this fall and winter. For more information, please contact DLLT at (207) 796 – 2100, or email **cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

Upcoming Programs

November 28 - Evergreen Extravaganza: On Tuesday, November 28, join Downeast Lakes Land Trust staff and volunteers as we celebrate the start of the holiday season with an Evergreen Extravaganza! The Grand Lake Stream School Building will be transformed into an early winter wonderland of crafts, delicious treats, children's activities, and more. Self-guided stations will be set up to create your own wreaths, and other balsam holiday decorations. This event is free and all ages are welcome – bring the whole family! Meet at the GLS School Building from 4 – 7 pm. For more information, please contact DLLT at (207) 796 – 2100 or email **cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

December 15 - Christmas Bird Count: Downeast Lakes Land Trust is sponsoring a count circle for the 118th Christmas Bird Count! From December 14 through January 5 each year, tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas brave the winter weather to take part in one of the oldest citizen science projects in the country. Organized by The Audubon Society, Audubon and other organizations use bird data collected in this long-running wildlife census to assess the health of bird populations, and to help guide conservation action.

DLLT's participation date is Friday, December 15th, with most of the count area located in the 55,000-acre Downeast Lakes Community Forest. Head into the community forest and help document the many

species of birds that call the Downeast Lakes region home! If you are interested in participating in this unique event, please **contact DLLT Education and Outreach Manager Colin Brown** for more details. Interested participants must pre-register for this exciting volunteer opportunity. Dust off your binoculars and join us!

Support DLLT This "Giving Tuesday"

With the ability to have a major impact on small organizations, a growing movement of charitable giving has spawned "Giving Tuesday." After your holiday meals have digested, next Tuesday (November 28th) is celebrated as the designated day to make direct donations to your favorite non-profit groups. These year-end charitable gifts can go a long way to supporting conservation in the Downeast Lakes region – a place where we all love to work, play, and explore. If you have any questions about the many ways to support Downeast Lakes Land Trust, please visit our **Support page**, or call us at (207) 796 – 2100.

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