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Downeast Lakes
LAND TRUST

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Downeast Lakes Landings

Spring Is Here!

The ice is out, birds are singing, and the mid-morning sunshine brings a welcome warmth... spring has arrived! Spring in Grand Lake Stream also signals the start of fishing season. Reports from the stream have been excellent, with several folks remarking on how great the young fishing season has been - in the Pine Tree Store, the liar's bench is alive! Folks in town are busy planning their spring and summer adventures and here at DLLT, we are doing the same.

Upcoming Events and Programs

Furbearers of Maine

Tomorrow evening, April 21st, the Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to welcome Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) State furbearer biologist Cory Mosby for an in-depth presentation about the numerous furbearer species of Maine. Mosby will be joined by regional wildlife biologists Sarah Spencer and Tom Schaeffer to discuss the overall health of various populations, different management strategies, and current research being conducted. The presentation will be held at the Grand Lake Stream Town Building at 6 pm. For more information, please contact Downeast Lakes Land Trust at (207) 796 – 2100 or email **cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

Downeast Lakes Land Trust Community Meeting and Forest Tour

Friday, May 6th - Join DLLT staff for an introduction to Downeast Lakes Land Trust and a presentation of recent and planned conservation and land management efforts. This presentation will be in conjunction with a Community Forest Tour being held the next morning. Everyone is invited to attend at the Grand Lake Stream School Building at 6:30 pm.

Saturday, May 7th - Join DLLT Community Forest Manager Kyle Burdick for a guided tour of the Farm Cove Community Forest. Kyle will be highlighting the sustainable forest management practices of DLLT, including recent stream crossing restorations, deer habitat management, and the creation of early successional habitat for grouse and woodcock. Participants should come dressed for the weather. Meet at the Grand Lake Stream School Building at 10 am to carpool to the community forest. For more information about these programs, please contact Downeast Lakes Land Trust at (207) 796 – 2100 or email **info@downeastlakes.org**.

Fisherman's Breakfast

Saturday, May 14th - The Grand Lake Stream Historical Society is hosting their annual "Fisherman's Breakfast" at the Grand Lake Stream School Building. Don't forget to eat a big breakfast before a long weekend of fishing and help support a great organization!

2nd Annual Community and Forest Clean-Up

On Saturday, May 21, join the Downeast Lakes Land Trust and the Grand Lake Stream ATV Club for the 2nd Annual Community and Forest Clean-Up. Environmental stewardship and the generosity of local residents are very important to small communities in the Downeast Lakes region. Show your support and come out to help clean up the community, as we usher in the warm weather! Participants should meet at the Grand Lake Stream School Building at 8:30 am to receive trash bags and get their area assignment. After the clean-up, "pickers" will be treated to a hearty lunch of soup, served in handmade, souvenir bowls. This event is fun for the whole family!

For more information or to pre-register for this community event, please contact Downeast Lakes Land Trust at (207) 796 – 2100 or email **cbrown@downeastlakes.org.**

The Value of Stewardship

Students from Princeton Elementary School have been participating in an ongoing "Nature Club" throughout the school year. Every other Friday morning, children from different grade levels practice outdoor skills such as snowshoeing, tracking, hiking, and learning to use a map and compass. Last Friday, they experienced a valuable lesson in the importance of stewardship – the simple act of caring for a place and managing to improve the quality of life. Led by DLLT Education and Outreach Manager Colin Brown, students worked on one of the most basic forms of environmental stewardship: picking up trash.

Armed with plastic shopping bags and eager hands, they scoured the environs of Princeton Elementary School, looking for every piece of trash they could find. After searching the playground, parking lot, and roadside ditches, the students were both impressed and surprised with the amount of trash they were able to collect in such a short amount of time.

"This type of service learning project allows students to see the major environmental impact they can have on their community," said Brown. "Something as easy as picking up garbage and litter around their school is the first step to creating life-long stewards of the Downeast Lakes region."

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