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Downeast Lakes LAND TRUST

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Downeast Lakes Landings

Spring Traditions in Grand Lake Stream

After a long winter, there is no shortage of springtime chores to be completed around the homestead. Not to mention the many wonderful traditions that distract us from those chores! Stretching your legs on a muddy hike, turning over new soil for the garden, or wading into a crystal-clear stream with fly rod in hand – all excellent ways to wake up from our winter slumber. Open-water fishing season is just getting started, and the fish are waking

up, too! If you've never experienced spring fishing in the Downeast Lakes region, now is the time to go. For a full listing of knowledgable guides in the area, visit **www.grandlakestreamguides.com**.

DLLT Photo Contest Ending Soon - Enter Now!

Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to once again to be hosting the DLLT Photo Contest. Show us your best photographs of the Downeast Lakes region! To view the rules of the contest, please visit **www.downeastlakes.org**. All photographs submitted will be judged by a panel of DLLT staff and volunteers. All photos must be submitted by emailing **photo@downeastlakes.org**. The deadline for submissions is April 15, so don't waste any time!

Photos will be selected for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category and an overall "Best In Show" winner. Winning entries will be featured in our summer newsletter and appear in a DLLT photography show in Grand Lake Stream. Good luck!!!

Upcoming Events

April 21 – Spring Break Kids Hike

During April break, Downeast Lakes Land Trust is hosting a "Signs of Spring" hike for kids in grades 3 – 8 along the newly-created Tower Hill Trail in the Downeast Lakes Community Forest. Join DLLT Education and Outreach Manager Colin Brown, as we look for early spring wildflowers, insects, animal tracks, and visit a historic fire tower! Parents and guardians must pre-register their child(ren) in advance. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather, and bring water and a lunch. Participants should meet at the West Grand Lake Dam parking lot at 10 am. For more information or to register, please contact DLLT at (207) 796 – 2100 or email **cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

May 27 – Yacolucci Woods Birding Walk

Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to sponsor the **14th Annual Downeast Spring Birding Festival** with a birding walk at Yacolucci Woods. Join DLLT Education and Outreach Manager Colin Brown for an afternoon walk through Yacolucci Woods – a 100-acre parcel that is permanently conserved for wildlife habitat. An easy walking path passes through several different forest types, allowing for good

views of woodpeckers, warblers, wetland species, and many more. Be sure to bring your binoculars and water!

For festival-goers, this walk serves as an excellent stop that immediately follows the "Burn Road" program, located 15 minutes south along Route 1. Anyone planning on attending the Burn Road walk, followed by the Moosehorn evening program, can fill their afternoon with this great excursion! Yacolucci Woods is located directly along the west side of Route 1, on the Waite/Talmadge town line. Yacolucci Woods is roughly 4 miles south of the intersection of Routes 1 and 6. We will meet in the parking area along the road, next to the sign.

May 31 – DLLT Community Meeting

On Wednesday, May 31st, join DLLT Staff for a community meeting and update on what's happening in the Downeast Lakes Community Forest. We will discuss upcoming timber harvests, wildlife management strategies, education programs, and more. This presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. The meeting will take place in the GLS School Building at 6:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Downeast Lakes Land Trust at (207) 796 – 2100 or email info@downeastlakes.org.

June 3 – Annual Community and Forest Clean-Up

On Saturday, June 3rd, join Downeast Lakes Land Trust and the Grand Lake Stream ATV Club for the annual Community and Forest Clean-Up. After a long Downeast winter, trash can build up along roadsides in the Downeast Lakes Community Forest and around the village of Grand Lake Stream. 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 spring 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. This event is fun for the whole family!

DLLT Documentary to Re-air on Maine Public

Maine Public Television is re-broadcasting the episode of *Visionaries* that features Downeast Lakes Land Trust and Chewonki Foundation. Tune in on Sunday, April 9th, at 5 pm EST. If you haven't seen this show before, *Visionaries*, hosted by Sam Waterston, paints an excellent portrait of community-led conservation in Grand Lake Stream. Don't miss it!

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