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Downeast Lakes
LAND TRUST

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Downeast Lakes Landings

Summer in Grand Lake Stream

Summertime in Grand Lake Stream is knocking on the door. The Downeast Lakes Land Trust has a full slate of public events and children's programs planned for the months of June, July, and August. All programs meet at the Grand Lake Stream School Building, unless otherwise noted. For more information on these programs and more, please call DLLT at (207) 796 - 2100 or email **cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

History & Heritage

June 14 - "The President's Salmon" by Catherine Schmitt - an introspective look at the history of Maine's salmon and conservation restoration efforts. 6:30 pm.

June 24 - DLLT Photography Show and Lecture - join us as we celebrate and showcase the winners of the first DLLT Photo Contest! Matthew Wheeler of the Penobscot Marine Museum will present a historic presentation of Grand Lake Stream photography. 6:30 pm.

July 19 - Moonlight Paddle on Big Musquash - an annual, family-fun paddle up one of the most beautiful wetland ecosystems in Maine under the light of the full moon! Participants shoud bring their boat, paddle, PFD and meet at Musquash Bridge on Milford Road at 7 pm.

July 23 - Advancing Community Conservation - a documentary film highlighting the efforts and achievements of DLLT. 7 pm.

August 10 - Medicinal Plant Walk & Workshop - Amy Zipperer, owner of *Dogwood Herbs*, will lead a medicinal plant walk in Grand Lake Stream and teach participants how to make their own finished products. 5 pm.

August 26 - "Postcards From Here" by Penny Guisinger - the Washington County author reads from her new book about rural life in Downeast Maine. 6:30 pm.

Children's Programs

Explorations & Adventures - A weekly series of free education programs for children, ages 6-10 (all ages welcome). Tuesdays from 9:30 - Noon at the Grand Lake Stream School Building.

Serious Skills for Boys & Girls - A weekly series of free education programs for children, ages 10-16 (all ages welcome). Thursdays from 9:30 - Noon at the Grand Lake Stream School Building.

Races

July 4th - Race For Grand Lake Stream - a 3 mile run/walk from Big Lake to Grand Lake Stream. Part of the "Grand Lake Stream, America" festivities. Registration at 8 am on the DLLT lawn, race begins at 9 am.

August 13th - Baxter Outdoors presents, The Downeast Lakes 5-Miler. A gorgeous trail run along West Grand Lake. Register at **www.baxteroutdoors.com**. Sponsored by Grand Lake Lodge, afterparty at the Pine Tree Store.

August 14th - The 12th Annual West Grand Lake Race - family-fun flatwater paddle race - an annual DLLT favorite! For more information, **visit the website**.

See you this summer in Grand Lake Stream!!!

Upcoming Events and Programs

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.**

Downeast Spring Birding Festival

On Saturday, May 28th, DLLT is sponsoring the annual Downeast Spring Birding Festival with a birding walk along Musquash Esker. The hike will be held from 6 - 8 pm and birders should meet at the Esker trail along Milford Road. For more details on the festival, visit **www.downeastbirdfest.org**. Don't forget your binoculars!

Grand Lake Stream ATV Club Blazes The Trail

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) supports local organizations that improve the local economy and the overall environmental well-being of the beautiful Downeast Lakes region. One group that is improving outdoor recreation opportunities and public access is the Grand Lake Stream ATV Club.

The Grand Lake Stream ATV Club maintains over 80 miles of trails on local lands in the Downeast Lakes region. They maintain close relationships with local landowners and management groups, including Wagner Forest Management, Woodland Pulp LLC, Lyme Timber Company, and DLLT, who provide public access for their large network of motorized trails. With a very active group of members, the GLS ATV Club holds numerous group trail rides and events throughout the spring, summer, and fall.

After receiving a $35,000 grant from the State of Maine's Recreational Trails Program, administered by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, the Club has made some exciting improvements to the trail infrastructure over the past two years. Some of the projects include new culvert installation, improvements to roadside drainage, the re-decking of the Karen Sprague Bridge, and the maintenance of more than 50 miles of existing trails. These enhancements of public access and recreation are essential for the future of the outdoor-based local economy.

"We appreciate the cooperation of our landowners and club members who volunteer to keep our trails safe and open to all for riding," said GLS ATV Club President, Sue LaPlante.

On Saturday, May 21st, the Grand Lake Stream ATV Club is partnering with DLLT for the 2nd Annual Community and Forest Clean-up. 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, generously provided by the GLS ATV Club. For more information on this event, please contact Downeast Lakes Land Trust at (207) 796 – 2100 or email **cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

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