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Downeast Lakes Landings

Summer Has Arrived In Grand Lake Stream!

Finally! Wildflowers are in full bloom, afternoon thunderstorms are cropping up, and the long, warm days of late June are settling in. Summer is a brilliant time of rebirth and renewal, and the forests of the Downeast Lakes region are bursting with new life. Whether you are on a peaceful day hike up Wabassus Mountain, riding one of the many ATV trails, or catching fish with your family upta camp, we hope that you enjoy all that the Downeast Lakes Community Forest has to offer!

A Full Slate of Summer Programs

Downeast Lakes Land Trust is getting ready for an exciting schedule of summer programs. Now that school has let out, **"Explorations & Adventures"** and **"Serious Skills for Boys and Girls"** are back, with seven weeks of exciting topics, and will meet at the Grand Lake Stream School Building. Explorations & Adventures meets on Tuesday mornings and Serious Skills meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am, beginning on July 4th and 6th, respectively. To view a full list of weekly topics, click on each link.

This summer, DLLT's "History & Heritage" series has something for everyone. Beginning this Thursday, June 22nd, we welcome Ernie Atkinson, Dept. of Marine Resources, to discuss new Atlantic salmon habitat restoration techniques. Mr. Atkinson has done extensive work and research on Downeast Maine rivers and will present DMR's work. On June 30th, Bill Cobb, from the Forest Fire Lookout Association, will present "History of Maine Fire Towers," focusing on regional historic fire towers. After the talk, we will take a short hike up to the famous Grand Lake Stream fire tower.

The annual "Moonlight Paddle" will be held on Saturday, July 8th, on Big Muquash Stream. Participants can bring their boats, paddles, and PFD's to Musquash Bridge at 7:30 pm for a peaceful paddle through a 5,000-acre wetland. July 14th will be a fun Friday night, as we present the winning entries of this year's DLLT Photo Contest, followed by a public meeting, discussing the management of the Downeast Lakes Community Forest. Join us at 6 pm at the GLS School Building. On Sunday, August 6th, DLLT welcomes back mushroom expert Greg Marley for a day-long workshop on fungi identification, collection, and processing, beginning at 9 am at the GLS School Building. Wrapping up the summer, on August 29th, DLLT is pleased to welcome Andrew Cutko from the Maine Natural Areas Program, presenting "Rare Ecosystems of the Downeast Lakes Region." For full details of each program, please visit **DLLT's events page**. For more information, please contact DLLT Education and Outreach Manager Colin Brown at (207) 796-2100, or email **cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

A Weekend of Racing in GLS

The weekend of August 12-13 is sure to be an exciting one in Grand Lake Stream. DLLT is thrilled to be hosting the annual "Weekend of Racing," with offerings for all ages and competitive levels.

On Saturday, August 12, DLLT is proud to partner with Baxter Outdoors for the New England Trail Run Series, for the fourth annual Downeast Lakes 5-Miler. In this scenic lakeside trail run, racers will head out on a wide, motorized vehicle trail and will return the full length of Little Mayberry Cove Trail, a wooded, single-track hiking trail along West Grand Lake. The total length of the course is 5.1 miles. Registration for the Downeast Lakes 5-Miler is being managed by Baxter Outdoors and is **available online.** Grand Lake Lodge is the local sponsor for the race and the after party will be held at the Pine Tree Store.

On Sunday, August 13, DLLT will be hosting the 13th Annual West Grand Lake Race. All non-motorized water craft are welcome to participate in recreational and competitive distances of 4 miles, 6 miles, and 12 miles. The shorter kids race is family friendly and a big hit no matter how old the “kids”! All paddlers receive a t-shirt and a cookout lunch after the race, presented by Grand Lake Lodge. Cost is $25 for adults or $15 for ages 12 and under; Early Bird rate: $20 and $10. Register by August 5th to receive the discounted rate. All racers must complete a waiver on race day.

Bring your running shoes for Saturday, and your boat and paddle for Sunday, and make a weekend of it in Grand Lake Stream! For more information about this action-packed racing weekend, please contact Downeast Lakes Land Trust at (207) 796 – 2100 or email **cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

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