Downeast Lakes
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Summer Has Arrived

The insect hatches are on, salmon are leaping, warblers are singing, and the lakes are just begging for brave swimmers. Downeast Lakes Land Trust is excited for a busy and bountiful summer ahead. Read on to learn about our regional conservation efforts and preview an excellent slate of education programs and public events for all to enjoy!

Spearheading the Fight Against Milfoil

With the unfortunate discovery of variable-leaf water-milfoil in Big Lake in 2019, local organizations have sprung into action. DLLT is pleased to announce the formation of the

Big Lake Milfoil Coalition. To read all about this important partnership with local businesses and organizations, **click here.**

DLLT Summer Events and Programs

Downeast Lakes Land Trust events and education programs are a staple of summer in Grand Lake Stream. With the arrival of June, several events are kicking off, beginning next week...

June 7 - "Nature's Best Hope" by Douglas Tallamy. Join Downeast Lakes Land Trust as we host a Summer Book Club in Grand Lake Stream. The Book Club meets on the first Monday of June, July, August, and September at 10:30 am on the Grand Lake Stream Ballfield. Each week is a lively discussion about a different book that highlights cultural

or natural history. Grab a book, and join the fun this summer! Other weeks include: "The Hidden Life of Trees" by Peter Wohlleben (July 5), "Wildfire Loose: The Week Maine Burned" by Joyce Butler (August 2), "The Overstory" by Richard Powers (September 6).

June 12-13 - Birding Talk and Walk. DLLT welcomes Bar Harbor field biologist, ornithologist, naturalist, tour guide, writer, and photographer Rich MacDonald for a birding hike on the Musquash Esker Trail and a presentation about Rich's new book: *Little Big Year: Chasing Acadia's Birds*. On Saturday, June 12th at 7 pm, enjoy the presentation at the GLS School Building. The following morning on June 13th at 7 am, join Rich out at the Musquash Esker Trail for a birding walk. Bring your binoculars!

June 19 - Annual Community and Forest Cleanup. Join DLLT and the Grand Lake Stream ATV Club for a Community and Forest Clean Up Day! This annual volunteer event helps beautify the streets and roads of Grand Lake Stream and the Downeast Lakes Community Forest for the start of summer. Meet in the Grand Lake Stream School Building at 8:30 am. Lunch, work gloves, and trash bags will be provided, along with a thank-you gift for all each volunteer.

June 21 - Conserving Vacationland. On June 21 at 7 pm, join Scott Andrews for a presentation and historical discussion about the diverse range of past and ongoing efforts to conserve the natural beauty that makes Maine a leading destination for outdoor adventures. A Registered Maine Guide and certified professional ski instructor, Andrews is also an award-winning writer who has covered outdoor recreation in New England for more than 30 years for local and national publications. Meet at the GLS School Building.

To see a full lineup of summer events, visit DLLT's website. ***Please follow all recommended CDC guidelines for DLLT programs and events this summer.***

Want to get out this summer in the community forest? Join DLLT's new, weekly hiking trails work group! The **first meeting will be on June 8th**, and will take place every Thursday throughout the summer, beginning on June 17th. No need to register - meet DLLT Board Member Lindsay Wheaton at the DLLT office every Thursday at 10 am and plan to be outside until 2 pm. All ages and abilities are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE!

DLLT Annual Meeting, Picnic, and Benefit Auction

Saturday, July 24 at 1pm. RAIN DATE: July 25

We are bringing a few changes to this year's event. In order to accommodate CDC guidelines, we will have a socially-distanced event at the end of Canal Street, with individual bag lunches and well-spaced picnic tables for families to sit together. Please bring a folding chair or blanket as table space may be limited. We have exciting items for the table auction and live auction, and we'll report on all of DLLT's conservation efforts during the past year. Please RSVP to lhunt@downeastlakes.org, or call (207) 796-2100.

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