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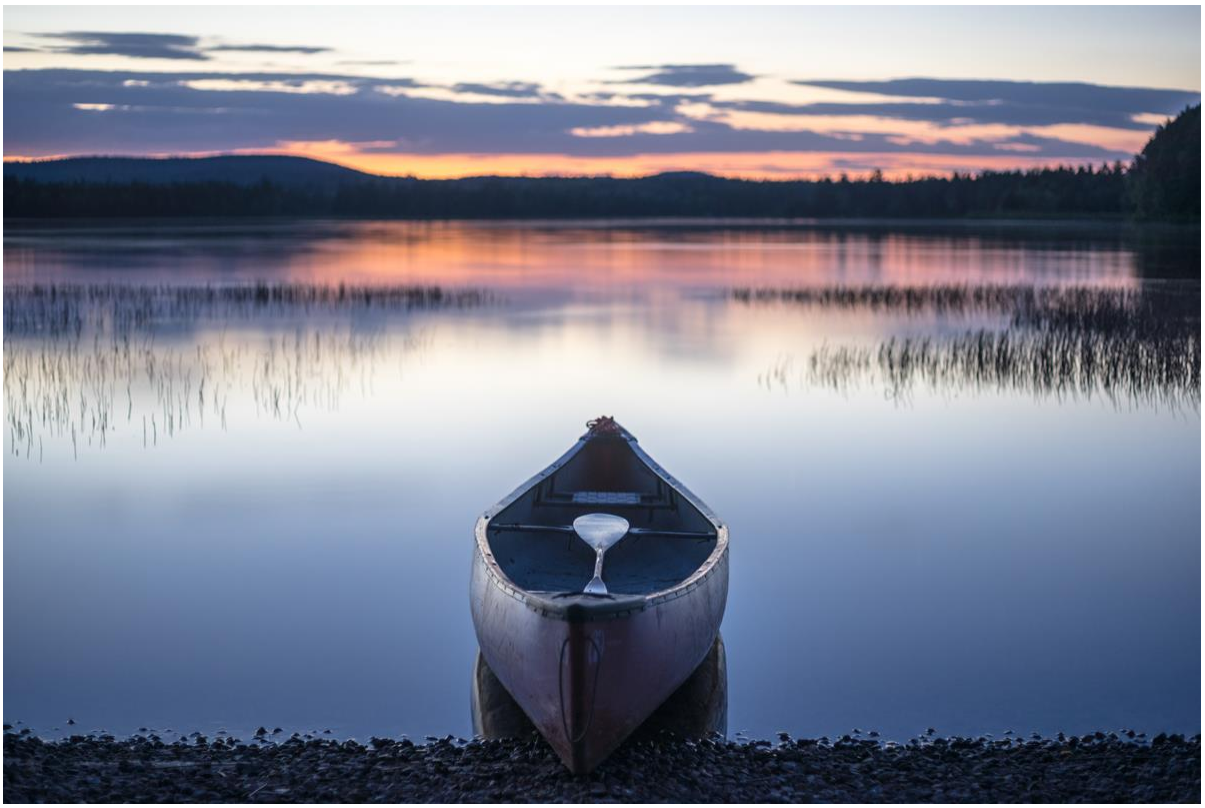
Downeast Lakes Landings



Midsummer Excitement in Grand Lake Stream

The muggy days of midsummer are upon us. Long, sunny days are fattening the backyard gardens of Grand Lake Stream, smallmouth bass fishing is heating up, and there are plenty of activities happening in the Downeast Lakes Community Forest. Visit **www.downeastlakes.org** to find out what's happening next! (*Photo credit: The 2017 DLLT Photo Contest "Best In Show" winner - by Lee Crosson*).

23rd Annual Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival

On July 29 - 30, the 23rd Annual Folk Art Festival will fill the village of Grand Lake Stream with beautiful folk art and crafts, delicious food, and wonderful music from across the state of Maine. Be sure to stop by Downeast Lakes Land Trust's booth to say hello! We will

have a new community survey on hand, so if you have a minute, please fill one out and tell us your favorite things about Grand Lake Stream and the Downeast Lakes Community Forest. For more information about the festival, please visit **http://www.grandlakestreamfolkartfestival.com**.

Join the "Friends of the Community Forest"

With the Downeast Lakes Community Forest now growing to encompass over 55,000 acres, maintaining the same level of exemplary management is more important than ever. Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to announce a new volunteer initiative – "Friends of the Community Forest."

The "Friends" will be a group of community members who have an eagerness to help maintain the trails, campsites, roads, and other important sites in the Downeast Lakes Community Forest. Volunteer work might range from cleaning up trash, recovering trail log books, clearing brush, or building fire pits. An active group of volunteers is essential to the success and overall well-being of any community forest. We hope that you will consider contributing to this exciting initiative!

The first work day is scheduled for this Friday, July 21st. Interested volunteers should meet at the DLLT office at 9 am and plan to work until noon. If you are interested in signing up for this project, please contact DLLT at (207) 796 – 2100, or email **info@downeastlakes.org**.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Explorations & Adventures - free, weekly educational activities for children ages 5-10, meeting at the GLS School Building from 9:30 - noon.

July 25 - Build Your Own Terrarium

August 1 - Tower Hill Trail Hike

August 8 - Rocks & Minerals

August 15 - Nature Photography

Serious Skills for Boys & Girls - free, weekly educational activities for children ages 10 - 16, meeting at the GLS School Building from 9:30 - noon.

July 20 - Trail Construction

July 27 - Fly Fishing on Grand Lake Stream

August 3 - Cordage, Rope, and Knots

August 10 - Introduction to Trapping

August 17 - Overnight Backpacking Trip (Call for details)

July 30 - DLLT Annual Meeting & Picnic

Join DLLT staff, volunteers, and supporters for our annual meeting and picnic on the shores of West Grand Lake. For reservations, please call DLLT at (207) 796 - 2100, or email **info@downeastlakes.org**.

August 6th - Mushroom ID & Foraging Workshop

Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to welcome back Greg Marley for a "Mushroom ID and Foraging Workshop." This class will help beginners identify common mushrooms, including well-known edibles, poisonous species, and useful medicinal varieties. Mr. Marley will give beginners a workshop in identification, fungus ecology, collection, preparation, and recognizing mushroom habitat. This is largely an outdoor program. Participants should wear weather-appropriate clothing, and bring a bagged lunch. **The cost is free, but pre-registration is encouraged.** Meet at the Grand Lake Stream School Building at 9 am. For more information or to register, please contact DLLT at (207) 796 – 2100, or email**cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

Greg Marley has been collecting, studying, eating, growing, and teaching about mushrooms for over 40 years. He is the founder of Mushrooms for Health, as well as the author of "Mushrooms for Health" from Downeast Books, 2009 and "Chanterelle Dreams, Amanita Nightmares" from Chelsea Green, 2010.

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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