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Downeast Lakes Landings

Autumn In Grand Lake Stream

The nights are cool, apple limbs hang heavy, maples lightly brushed with red, and the morning air has that indescribable smell. It can only mean one thing: Autumn has arrived! This gorgeous time of year is excellent for any and all outdoor activities. The Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to present a full lineup of events and programs that offer something for all ages. From birding and hiking, to paddling and cider pressing, join DLLT this fall and enjoy the most colorful time of the year in Grand Lake Stream. For more information and a full list of programs, please **visit DLLT's event page**.

Children's Programs Finish A Memorable Summer

Children in the Downeast Lakes region were treated to a summer filled with free programs offered by the Downeast Lakes Land Trust. Meeting at the Grand Lake Stream School Building every Tuesday and Thursday morning, there was no shortage of exciting lessons and excursions to be enjoyed.

For younger children, "Explorations and Adventures" captured youthful energy and imagination with birding, hiking, and stream exploration. Highlights of the program were visits from local artist Rebekah Raye to teach watercolor painting and from Abbe Museum Educator George Neptune, who enthralled both kids and adults with Passamaquoddy stories, songs, and dances.

"Serious Skills for Boys and Girls" programs led many valuable lessons for older kids such as fly tying, whittling, kayaking, and cooking a shore lunch. Students even honed their orienteering skills and were tested by the Downeast Lakes Geocache Challenge. Community service was also a focus, as boys and girls helped DLLT staff reroute a section of the Wabassus Mountain trail.

"These programs offer unique and exciting lessons in the Grand Lake Stream area and we are thrilled to develop new programs every summer," said Colin Brown, Downeast Lakes Land Trust's Education and Outreach Manager.

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust regularly runs classes, hosts speakers, and leads outdoor adventures that highlight the natural and cultural history of the Maine woods and waters. Visit our website to discover what is **happening this fall!**

A Weekend Full Of Adventure

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) was pleased to host a weekend of outdoor adventure races. On Saturday, August 15th, DLLT welcomed back Baxter Outdoors for the 2nd Annual "Downeast Lakes 5-Miler." The first event of Baxter Outdoors' Summer and Fall schedule, the 5.1 mile trail race saw a large increase in participation for this year's event. With a route climbing Daugherty Ridge and returning along DLLT's Little Mayberry Cove Trail, the race course was hailed by runners as both picturesque and challenging.

"I was very happy with the race and look forward to next year's event. I think we're on to something great here and can't wait to see it grow," said Adam Platz, President of Baxter Outdoors.

The overall winner was Samuel Goldberg with a time of 44:40, setting a new course record. The Downeast Lakes 5-Miler was sponsored by Grand Lake Lodge, with donations benefiting Teens to Trails. The after-party was held at Weatherby's Lodge. For a complete list of race results, please **click here**.

On Sunday, August 16th, DLLT hosted the 11th Annual West Grand Lake Race, a flatwater race that has become a Grand Lake Stream summer tradition. With sunny skies and warm temperatures, 52 paddlers tackled distances of 4, 6, and 12 miles on beautiful West Grand Lake. Watercraft ranging from canoes and kayaks to rowboats and stand-up paddleboards dotted the mighty lake with an array of colors.

"The turnout for this year's race was one of the largest since the event began," said Colin Brown, DLLT Education and Outreach Manager. "It's a wonderful event that wouldn't be possible without the generous help of DLLT volunteers."

Race participants were treated to a cookout lunch held at Grand Lake Lodge, where awards were handed out for individual race categories. With both races attracting new faces to Grand Lake Stream, the weekend full of adventure continues to grow and expand with each passing year.

Temporary Road Closure Plans Delayed

Due to recent weather events in southern Washington County on August 26, the arch culvert construction project at Grand Lake Brook on Fourth Lake Road has been delayed. The purpose of this temporary closure is to replace the existing stream crossing with an open-bottom arch, as part of DLLT's continuing efforts to improve waterway conditions and restore fish habitats. The project will also greatly improve road conditions and enhance recreation opportunities in the Farm Cove Community Forest.

The exact dates are weather dependent, but the new target dates for the temporary closure are **September 14 - 22**. A detour route around the site will be in place by using Little River Road and Third Lake

Road. All other sites along Fourth Lake Road will remain open during this time.

We apologize for any inconvenience this improvement project may cause, and DLLT will make every effort to work with affected parties during this closure. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to improve access to the Downeast Lakes region for the enjoyment of all. For more information about the project, please contact Downeast Lakes Land Trust's office at (207) 796 – 2100, or email info@downeastlakes.org.

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