



News from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association July 2019



JULY EVENTS



Classical Meets Pop Concert

Highly anticipated Classical Meets Pop Concert and fireworks display returns to Mount Vernon for 9th year!

On July 5, 2019 at 7:30 PM, four of America's most exciting up-and-coming musicians will perform at the Mount Vernon Community Center on Minnehonk Lake in Mt. Vernon. These four alumni musicians, who have been featured on NPR's *From the Top*, the most popular weekly classical radio show on NPR, will present an exciting concert of classical and popular music. Following the concert, there will be a fireworks display over Minnehonk Lake. Tickets are sold out, but you can bring a lawn chair and listen to these amazing performers

from the lawn and catch the fireworks after! Donations will be accepted in support of the 30 Mile River Watershed Association and the Parker Pond Association.

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****NEW PROGRAM****

KAYAK ADVENTURES PROGRAM



"Kayak Adventures" for all levels and all ages!

30 Mile River Watershed Association is now offering "Kayak Adventures" with all the equipment you need provided. A Maine Guide will not only give you all the useful tips and tricks you need, but he will take you on a guided kayak adventure! Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Kayaking 101

This class will introduce you to (or freshen up) the fundamentals of kayaking in a comfortable setting and relaxed pace. You will learn about proper strokes and paddling technique and practice these new skills on one of our beautiful local lakes. This is a great way to build a new skill set or improve upon what you already know about kayaking.

Dates/Locations to choose from:

WEDNESDAY JULY 10 6 PM-8 PM MINNEHONK LAKE

SATURDAY JULY 13 10 AM-12 PM WAYNE MILL POND/POCASSET LAKE

SATURDAY AUGUST 10 10 AM-12 PM MINNEHONK LAKE

Kayak Academy (Ages 10-15)

Paddlers learn all the important fundamentals of kayaking including paddle strokes and techniques with an emphasis on water safety. Most importantly, Kayak Academy is a fun way to get future kayakers hooked on all kayaking has to offer! Four options are available, each with (2) two-hour sessions. Sign up for one or all four!

Dates/Locations to choose from:

JULY 9 & 11 10 AM-12 PM WAYNE MILL POND/POCASSET LAKE

JULY 23 & 25 1 PM-3 PM MINNEHONK LAKE

JULY 30 & AUG 1 10 AM-12 PM WAYNE MILL POND/POCASSET LAKE

AUGUST 6 & 8 1 PM-3 PM MINNEHONK LAKE

Seniors "Silver" Paddle

Kayaking is great for fitness and for escaping the hustle and bustle as well as being easy on the joints and body. Join us for your first time or your best time in these small group, stress-free paddles. Discover why kayaking is the new activity of choice for baby boomers and beyond!

Dates/Locations to choose from:

WEDNESDAY JULY 17 9 AM - 11 AM TILTON POND
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7 9 AM - 11 AM LOVEJOY POND

Discovery Paddle

Exploring nature in a kayak is a healthy and fun way to enjoy the outdoors. You will set out in a kayak with our Maine Guide and learn some tips and tricks of kayaking fun. Experience the freedom of skimming across the water, discovering all the beauty of the area. No experience is required, but taking a Kayaking 101 Class is recommended if you are a beginner; Ages 14 and up are welcome!

SATURDAY AUGUST 3 10 AM - 12 PM TAYLOR POND

Sunset Paddle

Break out of your usual evening routine and join our Sunset Paddle! Enjoy a peaceful paddle in the cooler evening hours led by a Maine Guide, and maybe even catch a glimpse of the setting summer sun while getting in some paddling practice. We provide kayaks and all the gear you need. No experience is required, but taking a Kayaking 101 class is recommended; Ages 14 and up are welcome!

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21 6 PM-8 PM TAYLOR POND

[Register for a Kayak Adventure](#)



ATTENTION:
Landowners,
Foresters,
Loggers, and
Woodland Owners

MANAGING WOODLANDS 'WITH BIRDS IN MIND'

Forestry for Maine Birds

The Forestry for Maine Birds (FFMB) approach integrates bird conservation into forest management and planning. You will learn how to:

- Improve habitat for priority forest birds and a variety of other wildlife species
- Take care of your woodland
- Work with other forest management goals
- Enhance the value and enjoyment of Maine woodlands for many generations to come

For more information contact ffmb@maineaudubon.org

FFMB WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17
9:30 am-2:00 pm

LOCATION
Mount Vernon Community Center
2 Main Street, Mount Vernon
(Next to the town beach.)

Register at maineaudubon.org/ffmb
Walk-ins welcome!

 MAINE AUDUBON

Hosted by  30 Mile River
WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

[FMI/REGISTER](#)

Are you looking for ways to give back?



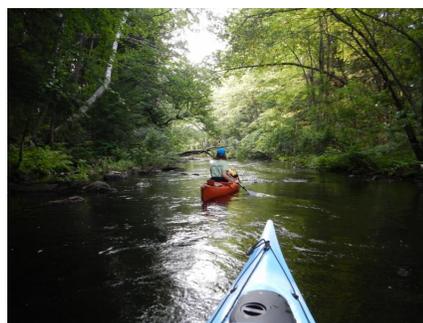
Are you interested in giving back and spending some quality time outdoors this summer? We are looking for volunteers interested in conducting Courtesy Boat Inspections. We are offering a free CBI volunteer training on July 18 from 6-7:30 PM at the Mount Vernon Community

Center. If you would like to join us, click on the link below. Pre-registration is required.

[FREE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Paddle Trek 2019

Our 11th Annual Paddle Trek will be held on Saturday, July 27th. This event offers paddlers an opportunity to experience the watershed from a new perspective as they travel by canoe and kayak through many of the lakes and streams that form the "30 Mile River."



This daylong, guided trip goes from Mt.

Vernon Village to Wayne Village, along 15 miles of connected water bodies, with varying lengths and ending points for those wanting a shorter trip.

The Trek begins at Minnehonk Lake in Mt. Vernon at 7:30 a.m. and ends in Wayne at approximately 3:00 p.m. Through this once-a-year opportunity, participants will be permitted to travel a continuous route, thanks to the generous landowners that grant permission to portage across their property for this event only.

The trip is split into four parts – with the option of paddling one, two, three or all four parts. Some parts require a person to portage their boat because of a dam or other impasse. Paddlers may join the group at any of the four meeting points, and return shuttles will be available at three locations. People of all ages and skill level enjoy this yearly event.

[FMI/Registration](#)

YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS



The YCC program of the 30 Mile River Watershed Association helps safeguard water quality by installing shared low-cost erosion control projects for landowners throughout our watershed.

- Do you see signs of soil erosion on your property?
- Does your yard have areas of bare soil?
- Does your driveway/path move downhill towards the lake?
- Do you have soil displacement under roof drip lines?
- Are your culverts not operating as they should?
- Is your shoreline eroding (undercutting, exposed roots)?



We are still taking on new projects for this summer's YCC program! Find out more about the YCC Program along with how to schedule your free site visit on our website or call (207) 860-4043

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[Schedule your free site consultation here!](#)

MEET THE 2019 YOUTH CONSERVATION CREW

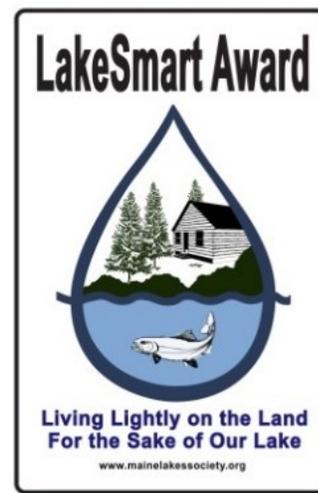


Get LakeSmart

Request a free site visit today

Protect your lake by addressing soil erosion

issues right on your own property. Not sure where to start? Request a free LakeSmart visit! We partner with our watershed's lake associations and the Maine Lakes Society to offer this program throughout our watershed. LakeSmart is a free, voluntary, and non-regulatory program designed to evaluate waterfront properties, assess the amount of erosion occurring on the property, and provide clear, low-cost solutions that reduce polluted runoff and protect the lake. A site visit from trained LakeSmart volunteers will help you understand what is working well and what could be improved. Qualifying properties receive the LakeSmart Award. To request a free LakeSmart visit, please contact Will Jeffries at william@30mileriver.org. To learn more about LakeSmart, visit <https://mainelakessociety.org/lakesmart/>



Lake Association Annual Meetings

Are you a member of your local lake association? We encourage everyone to get involved and attend your lake association's annual meeting. Here is this year's schedule for all of our member lake associations:

Parker Pond Association:

Saturday, June 29th, 5:30 PM, Mill Stream Grange, Vienna

Greater Minnehonk Lake Association:

Sunday, July 7th, 10 AM, Mt. Vernon Community Center

Flying Pond Improvement Association:

Saturday, July 13th, 7 PM, Mill Stream Grange, Vienna

Lovejoy Pond Improvement Association:

Saturday, August 3rd, 5 PM, North Wayne Church

Kimball Pond Association:

Saturday, August 3rd, 11 AM, Harvilles', Kimball Pond Rd, Vienna

Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corporation:

Saturday, August 10th, 8:30 AM, Androscoggin Yacht Club, Wayne

Pocasset Lake Association:

Thursday, August 22nd, 5 PM, Androscoggin Yacht Club, Wayne

When so many organizations are asking you to give, you may be wondering—why choose 30MRWA?

We'll tell you:

1) We take a multi-faceted approach to conservation. Our strategy is to protect, improve, prevent, understand, and educate. To do this, we offer many programs in our watershed such as water quality monitoring, courtesy boat inspections, invasive plant patrols, Youth Conservation Corps, camp road assistance, kayaking watershed surveys, and education programming. These programs cannot survive without your support.

2) We cover A LOT of water. We help conserve more than twenty lakes, ponds, and streams in Kennebec, Androscoggin, and Franklin counties, including Androscoggin Lake, Basin Pond, David Pond, Echo Lake, Flying Pond, Kimball Pond, Lovejoy Pond, Minnehonk Lake, Parker Pond, Pocasset Lake, and Tilton Pond.

3) We need your help. Donations from individuals like you are crucial to supporting all of our programming, which is carried out by our team of 3 year-round staff and 10 seasonal employees.

4) YOU LOVE YOUR LAKES! Now, more than ever, our lakes and ponds are at risk of losing their environmental, aesthetic, recreational, and economic value. Help us study, protect, and improve our lakes BEFORE it's too late.

**We hope you will consider making
a tax-deductible contribution today.
Your generosity will make a HUGE difference.**

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