



FALL NEWSLETTER 2017

Dear Friends of Trickey Pond,

What a summer we had on Trickey Pond! We hope that you spent the season enjoying our beautiful lake with your family and friends.

The highlight of our summer was the Trickey Pond Road annual 4th of July Parade. We hope that you were able to visit our TPEPA table and get one of our awesome TPEPA cups. If you didn't see us this year, make sure to look for us next 4th of July. The TPEPA was busy all summer conducting water quality surveys, and overseeing the construction of our updated public boat ramp!

As the leaves change to brown and the visiting families go home, the TPEPA is taking a step back to see how we can improve our services both to Trickey Pond and to our community. Your suggestions about how we can improve our connections with the community are always welcome.

To see all that was accomplished this year, be on the lookout for the TPEPA 2017 Annual Report early in the New Year. It will be posted on the website where you can see all that was accomplished and a list of our amazing supporters.

If you would like to support the TPEPA this year, you can quickly and easily donate online at our website, www.trickeypond.org.

We would love some new faces at the TPEPA, so please email us at info@tpepa.org if you would like to get involved.

Please stay connected with to find out more about what the TPEPA is doing. Please "like" the TPEPA Facebook page, and follow us on Instagram: @TrickeyPond. Join your Trickey Pond family on social media!

See you soon!
The Members of the TPEPA

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MILFOIL FOUND IN LONG LAKE!

An Article by the LEA

On August 1st the Lakes Environmental Association and Maine Department of Environmental Protection identified variable leaf milfoil growing in Long Lake. Long Lake had previously been thought to be safe from this invasive aquatic plant, but substantial growth has been found in Mast Cove in Naples. Variable leaf milfoil has the potential to occupy large areas of Long Lake because the water body is relatively shallow with many coves; perfect for milfoil growth. This invasive plant grows and spreads incredibly quickly. Any fragment larger than an inch can re-root and become a new infestation. Milfoil grows to the surface, and then spreads out in mats dense enough to prevent recreation and boating. The concern is that milfoil will quickly spread across Long Lake if not contained.

Long Lake has been protected from milfoil for years despite its connection to Brandy Pond and the Songo River, which have serious, but controlled, infestations. In the recent past, Milfoil had grown up to the bridge over Route 302, which separates Long Lake from Brandy Pond. Hard work by the Lakes Environmental Association Milfoil Control Team brought the Brandy Pond and Songo River infestations under control, and prevented fragments from reaching Long Lake. LEA also posts Courtesy Boat Inspectors to prevent the introduction of invasive plants like milfoil at the three public launch sites on Long Lake. However, there are numerous private access points that would be impossible to staff throughout the summer. A small private boat launch at the heart of this new infestation is the prime suspect for introducing this variable leaf milfoil.

LEA is acting quickly to attempt to control the new infestation before it can spread any further around Long Lake. LEA brought in their Milfoil Control Team and Diver Assisted Suction Harvester in August and most accessible plants were removed during the first few weeks of work. Regrowth, however, is inevitable. This is the same veteran crew that successfully controlled variable milfoil on the Songo River. Several surveys were also undertaken in the southern portion of Long Lake. Early detection is key to preventing any additional plants from developing into large patches that are difficult to control. The LEA advises boaters to stay out of Mast Cove, remove and dispose of any plant fragments, and to contact LEA at 647-8580 if they see any suspicious plants.

As you know, Milfoil is a serious problem that can destroy a pond, and the values of the homes on that pond. We at the TPEPA remain committed to keeping this invasive plant out of Trickey Pond!

TRICKEY POND'S NEW BOAT RAMP

NOW OPEN

After many long months, the new boat ramp is open. The new ramp features a storm water basin system that will collect and filter surface runoff. The ramp itself was upgraded from a 10- foot wide ramp to a 12 -foot wide ramp. The parking and turnaround areas have also been improved.

The TPEPA will remain vigilant that the boat ramp is a prime location for invasive species to be brought into our pond. While we are excited that the ramp is now designed properly to protect our waters, we must recognize that the improved ramp may increase public boat traffic on the pond. This potential for increased boat traffic makes our mission to raise money for full time boat inspectors even more urgent.



Picture shows the ramp toward the end of construction.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR TPEPA!

As you know, one of the primary purposes of the TPEPA is to raise money to take care of Trickey's pristine waters.

In 2018, we hope to:

- Increase the hours that boat inspectors are at the public ramp to keep milfoil and other invasive species out of Trickey pond.
- Continue our relationship with the LEA specialists to conduct water quality surveys throughout the year.
- Hire a loon specialist to study the nesting habits of our loons, and provide a plan for better protecting their habitat.
- Engage with the community through education and social networking.

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Type "Trickey Pond Environmental Protection Association" to find the TPEPA!

0.5% of every purchase you make will go to protecting Trickey Pond

Also, please make a tax-deductible donation before the end of the year!

Our hope is that every home owner will help protect Trickey Pond.

You can donate on the website with a credit card: www.trickeypond.org

OR

Mail a check: TPEPA, P.O. Box 417 Naples, Maine 04055

