



Newfound Lake Weed Watcher

Volunteer Position Description

Program Overview

Newfound Lake remains the largest lake in New Hampshire that is free from invasive aquatic plants. While preventing the introduction of these aquatic invaders is paramount, Weed Watcher volunteers form an important early detection network necessary to field a rapid, lake-wide response should an introduction occur. Weed watchers are trained by NLRA staff in how to identify native and invasive aquatic plant and complete visual surveys of Newfound’s near-shore area.

For more information and resources for weed watchers, visit <https://newfoundlake.org/invasives/weed-watcher-toolkit/>

Position Summary

Weed Watching is a seasonal volunteer position overseen by NLRA’s Conservation Program Manager. Once a month during June, July, and August weed watchers conduct visual surveys for invasive aquatic species for a chosen stretch of shoreline and report their findings to NLRA. Weed Watchers are also encouraged to join Weed Watcher group paddles and participate this the annual Newfound Lake Weed Stampede.

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<p>What’s Involved Independently survey a 1-1.5 mile stretch of shoreline for invasive aquatic species and report back to NLRA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about lake ecology while becoming more familiar with your favorite parts of the lake. Weed watching can be done from any boat. Weed watchers can paddle NLRA’s clear kayaks out of Grey Rocks or arrange to borrow them for up to a week to survey for other areas of the lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three monthly surveys June–August Flexible schedule. Head out when the water is still and the weather looks good. 1-2 hours per mile of shoreline 	<p>Join NLRA staff for one of our scheduled trainings or guided weed watcher paddles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 hours For details visit: https://newfoundlake.org/events/ <p>Can’t make it one of our scheduled training but have a group of potential Weed Watchers? We will come to you and train your friends, family, or neighbors on what to look for right off your dock! This is a great way to get school groups, camps, and home owner associations involved in protecting Newfound Lake.</p>

Volunteer Responsibilities

- Follow established protocols to conduct visual surveys for invasive aquatic plants.
- Accurately record your survey tracks using a free GPS app and email saved tracks to NLRA
- Following each survey, file an online weed watcher report
- Report total time spent volunteering including date and hours worked using the Volunteer Log Form.

Requirements

- Volunteers must provide their own boat. Weed watching can be done from any type of boat but canoes, kayaks and paddle boards work really well and allow volunteers to get into shallow areas.

- File at least one report monthly for the same stretch of shoreline in June, July, and August.

NLRA Responsibilities

- Provide all training, instruction, and necessary volunteer coordination.
- Provide optional survey aids including ID guides, view scopes, and buoys.
- Compile survey data and communicate areas in need to coverage.

Point of Contact

Questions can be directed to:

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Our mission

The Newfound Lake Region Association's mission is to protect Newfound Lake and its watershed. The Association – through education, programs, and collaboration – promotes conservation and preservation of the region's natural, social, and economic resources.

Thank you for supporting NLRA with your time and talents!



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