

2009 YORK COUNTY INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES PROJECT
1st Annual York County Aquatic Plant Survey Week – Sat. Aug. 8 to Sun. Aug. 16

JULY 30th UPDATE

Begin the week with Laurie Callahan (*Aquatic Biologist*) learning & practicing aquatic plant identification and surveying skills. On Saturday we'll paddle on 3 small, relatively undeveloped ponds. On Sunday the outings will be to Shapleigh Pond, which is below Balch Lake, and to a couple of sections of the Little Ossipee River.

Saturday, Aug. 8

Moose Pond, Acton, 9-11 AM; meet at hand-carry launch at north end of pond on H Road

Symmes Pond, Newfield, 12-2 PM; meet at launch at south end of pond on Rte 11.

Websters Mill Pond, Limington, 3-5 PM; meet at launch on Rte. 11, just NE of Rte 25 intersection
Attendees will need to provide their own canoes/kayaks and other necessities.

Sunday, Aug. 9

Shapleigh Pond, Shapleigh/Newfield, 9 AM -12 Noon; meet at launch at the NE outlet end of pond.
This small pond is along the flow of the Little Ossipee River. The outlet of Balch Lake is about 2 miles upstream. Variable Milfoil was found in Balch Lake in 2001/2002. During the paddling visit to Shapleigh Pond the outlet and inlet ends of the lake will be inspected for invasive aquatic plants (IAP).

Attendees will need to provide their own canoes/kayaks and other necessities.

Little Ossipee River, below Balch Lake, 12:30-1:30/2;

Meet at the outlet dam of Balch Lake on Acton Ridge Road.

We will walk a section of the river and check for invasive aquatic plants (IAP).

**ADDED
ITEM**

Little Ossipee River, below Lake Arrowhead, 2:15- 3:30

Meet at the outlet dam of Lake Arrowhead on New Dam Rd. (At IF&W boating access.)

We will walk one or 2 sections to view variable milfoil in the flowing waters of the river.

Canoe/kayak will NOT be needed for the afternoon Little Ossipee River outings – we will be walking/wading, so bring tall rubber boots, waders or wear clothes/shoes you can get wet.

Attendees do not have to stay for an entire session,

but if leaving early must plan to travel back to the launch/start site without L.Callahan.

Field visits will be cancelled if major hazards (severe thunder, lightning, strong winds, etc.) exist.

**UPDATED
ITEM**

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Thursday, August 13, 6:30-9 PM

Challenges of IAP Infestations – Firsthand News from Local Associations

Waterboro Town Hall, Townhouse Rd. in Waterboro Center

Presentations by York County lake shore residents that are actively involved in the planning & implementation of IAP control projects at Balch Lake, Lake Arrowhead and West Pond – all in the Little Ossipee River watershed.

A brief update of IAP locations in ME and surrounding New England states will also be covered.

Fresh and pressed invasive and native aquatic plant samples will be on display.

UPDATED ITEMS

AQUATIC PLANT IDENTIFICATION SESSIONS

Sunday, August 9, 5-6:30 PM & Saturday, August 15, 5-6:30 PM

Anderson Learning Center, Bradeen St., Springvale

Attend for a whole session or just drop-by. Bring plant samples, questions - you can even bring your dinner!

To bring a plant specimen - carefully collect the plant sample, put in a plastic bag. Record date, time and location.

Laurie Callahan will be present to identify the sample, assist you or determine if it needs follow-up.

There will be references/resources available to use

and there will also be fresh and pressed invasive and native aquatic plant samples on display.

To RSVP for any of these events (preferred, not required) or for more information contact:

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Visit the YCSWCD online - www.yorkswcd.org – for more info about 2009 YCIASP events.

All of these listed project events are free and open to the public.

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