

Welcome

Welcome to the Watchic Lake community. Whether you're planning to be here seasonally or year-round, you've just discovered a hidden gem.

The Watchic Lake Association is made up of people like you, who own property on the lake or have deeded access to the lake. We meet annually, in July, and occasionally sponsor other events. The day-to-day business of the association is conducted by an elected board of directors. We are not a regulatory agency, but a group of your neighbors, working together to preserve and protect the water quality of Watchic Lake. To that end, we own and maintain the dam at the northwest end of the lake and sample the lake water several times each year to test for clarity, oxygen levels, etc. One of our major goals is to educate and inform all the people around the lake about the threats to the lake (there are many) and ways to improve lake quality. We hope you will join us in this effort.

As a homeowner, you are our best first line of defense against invasive plants. Please notify us if you notice any unusual plant growth in the water. Several of the association members are trained to identify invasive species of aquatic plants.

Among the items you will find in this informational packet are the following:

- An application for a free one-year membership in the Watchic Lake Association, effective July 1
- A list of important telephone numbers and websites
- The latest Watchic Lake Association newsletter
- Several brochures with information to help you protect the lake
- Suggestions for native plants that help to keep runoff out of the water

We hope you'll find time to read through this information and to visit our website at www.watchiclake.org. The website has information about the loons we have on the lake, as well as the LakeSmart program that awards certificates for lake-friendly landscapes.

If you have questions about the lake or the association, please contact us. If you have questions about building or tree cutting please contact the local code enforcement officer, at the number provided. Numbers for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife are also provided, along with many others.

We hope you will come to appreciate the treasure that is Watchic Lake as much as we do. By acquiring this property, you've just taken your first step to discovering all the pleasures (and responsibilities) of lake living.

Watchic Lake Association