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Lake Management Newsletter

With the official start of Summer just around the corner, the Lake Management team has put together some informative articles for this newsletter. Tomorrow, June 12th, Solitude Lake Management will be out on Ashmere Lake and Plunkett Reservoir to perform the herbicide application to control invasive and nuisance species in our lakes. **BOTH LAKES ARE CLOSED TO ALL ACTIVITIES ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023.** The targeted species surveys and the application areas maps can be found below. Plunkett has new neighbors at Camp Emerson, read about Duane Bruce's interview with the new camp director. Ticks are pervasive this year. Heather Lee suggests helpful ways to protect yourselves and keep them away from your property. To help you all stay safe on lake, we included online references to important boating safety links. Please refresh your memory when you have a moment to check them out.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Summer on Hinsdale's beautiful lakes!

Our Lakes' Herbicide Program

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023, PLUNKETT RESERVOIR AND ASHMERE LAKE ARE CLOSED TO ALL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES!

This means NO Boating, Swimming or Fishing on Monday. These three activities can resume on Tuesday, June, 13th. See posters below for additional use limitations. Under the posters are the pre-treatment survey maps and Ashmere's proposed herbicide application map. For Plunkett Reservoir, the herbicide will be applied to all the locations on the survey map where the targeted species were found. Any comments on the survey or treatment maps can be emailed to lakemanagement@hinsdalema.gov asap before the treatments occur.

WARNING

PLUNKETT RESERVOIR

TO BE TREATED ON

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

THESE WATERS HAVE BEEN CHEMICALLY TREATED
TO CONTROL THE GROWTH OF NUISANCE AQUATIC
VEGETATION

DO NOT USE THE WATER FOR THE FOLLOWING
PURPOSE(S) UNTIL THE DATE NOTED BELOW:

DRINKING AND COOKING	DO NOT USE
BOATING, FISHING AND SWIMMING	06/13/2023
WATERING OF LIVESTOCK	06/14/2023
IRRIGATION	06/18/2023

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ASHMERE LAKE

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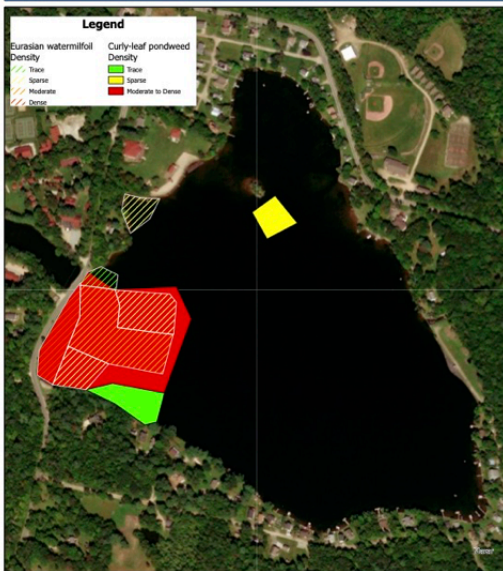
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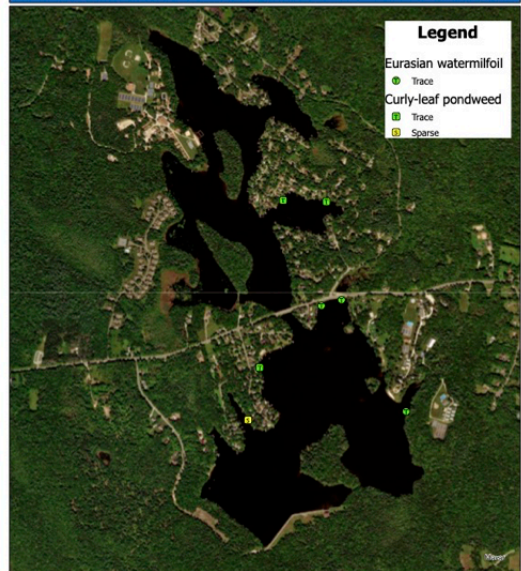
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FIGURE 1: Pre-Management Survey Invasive Vegetation Density and Distribution

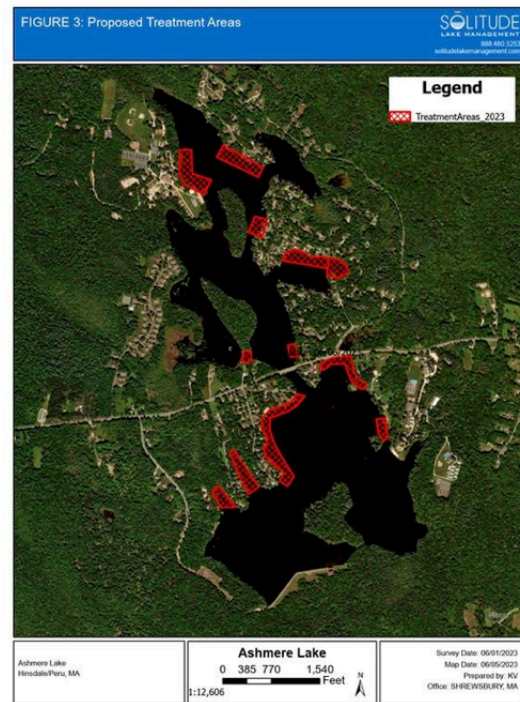
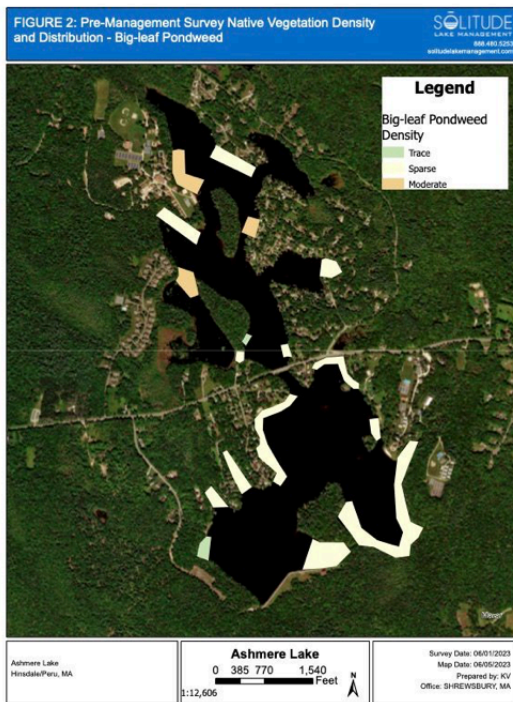


Plunkett Pond
Hinsdale/Peru, MA
Survey Date: 06/01/2023
Map Date: 06/06/2023
Prepared by: KV
Office: Shrewsbury, MA
Scale: 1:4,207

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Ashmere Lake
Hinsdale/Peru, MA
Survey Date: 06/01/2023
Map Date: 06/06/2023
Prepared by: KV
Office: SHREWSBURY, MA
Scale: 1:12,606



Lake News - The New Camp Emerson

This past February, Camp Group purchased Camp Emerson from the Lein family, which had owned and operated the camp since 1968. Camp Group also owns Berkshire Lake Camp at Lake Ashmere.

Zach Friedman has been named director of the new Camp Emerson. Zach grew up in the Boston area, graduated from Tufts University and the University of Pennsylvania, and has much experience in camp management.

This summer's camping season will run from June 24 through August 5, with a family camp scheduled for August 7-10. Camp Emerson will remain coed, serving boys and girls from seven to fifteen years of age. Not more than 200 campers are expected to attend any of the sessions scheduled between June 24 and August 5.

The camp's marina on Plunkett will function much as it always has, with two ski boats and small sail boats. Ski boat operators will be trained in safe and lawful boat operation, and the safety of the campers and others boating on the lake will be the top priority of the marina staff.

Zach and his staff are committed to being good stewards of the Emerson property and good neighbors to everyone in Hinsdale. The Lake Management Committee welcomes the new Camp Emerson to Hinsdale.

For more information about Camp Emerson, please go to the camp's website: www.campemerson.com.

Protect Our Lakes And Properties

Increase in Ticks in North East: The number of ticks has been increasing in recent years, and this trend is expected to continue. The increase in tick populations is a serious public health concern, as ticks can carry a number of diseases. There are a number of things that people can do to protect themselves from

ticks, including:

- Wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts when hiking or spending time in tick-infested areas
- Tucking pants into socks and shirttails into pants
- Using insect repellent
- Inspecting your body for ticks after spending time outdoors
- Removing ticks promptly if found

If you find a tick on your body, it is important to remove it promptly. You can remove a tick with tweezers by grasping it as close to the skin as possible and pulling it straight out. Do not twist or jerk the tick, as this can cause the head to break off and remain in the skin. Once the tick has been removed, clean the bite area with soap and water. If you develop a rash or fever after being bitten by a tick, see your doctor right away. Early diagnosis and treatment of tick-borne diseases is important to prevent serious complications.

Here are some tips for controlling ticks in your yard:

- Remove leaf litter and debris: Ticks like to hide in leaf litter and debris, so removing these items from your yard can help to reduce tick populations.
- Trim shrubs and trees: Ticks like to climb, so trimming shrubs and trees can help to make your yard less attractive to them.
- Create a barrier: You can create a barrier around your yard to help keep ticks out. This can be done by using a physical barrier, such as a fence, or by using a chemical barrier, such as a tick repellent.
- Inspect your pets: Ticks can often be found on pets, so it is important to inspect your pets for ticks after they have been outside.
- Wear protective clothing: When you are working in your yard, wear protective clothing, such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and closed-toe shoes.
- Inspect yourself: After you have been in your yard, inspect yourself for ticks. Ticks are often found in hard-to-see places, such as the scalp, armpits, and groin.

There are a number of effective tick sprays that can be used in yards with children, pets, and protected watersheds nearby.

The safest and most eco-friendly yard treatments for ticks are those that use natural ingredients or methods. Some of the most effective options include:

- Diatomaceous earth: Diatomaceous earth is a natural substance made from fossilized algae. It works by absorbing the oils from the tick's exoskeleton, causing it to dehydrate and die. Diatomaceous earth is safe for use around children, pets, and the environment.
- Neem oil: Neem oil is an extract from the neem tree. It has insecticidal properties that can kill ticks. Neem oil is also safe for use around children, pets, and the environment.
- Essential oils: Some essential oils, such as cedarwood oil, citronella oil, and peppermint oil, have insecticidal properties that can repel ticks. Essential oils can be diluted with water and sprayed on the skin or clothing to protect against tick bites.
- Beneficial nematodes: Beneficial nematodes are microscopic roundworms that can be used to control ticks and other pests. They are safe for use around children, pets, and the environment.

Some additional chemicals that are safe when you follow the directions include:

- Permethrin: Permethrin is a synthetic pyrethroid that is effective at killing ticks. It can be sprayed on clothing, shoes, and gear to protect against tick bites. Permethrin is also safe to use around children and pets, and it does not harm protected watersheds.
- DEET: DEET is another effective tick repellent. It can be applied to the skin to protect against tick

bites. DEET is safe for children and pets, but it is important to follow the directions on the label to avoid overexposure.

- Picaridin: Picaridin is a natural tick repellent that is effective and safe for children and pets. It can be applied to the skin or clothing to protect against tick bites.
- Icaridin: Icaridin is a synthetic tick repellent that is effective and safe for children and pets. It can be applied to the skin or clothing to protect against tick bites.

Here are some additional tips for using tick sprays in yards with children, pets, and protected watersheds nearby:

- Read the label carefully before using any tick spray.
- Follow the directions on the label.
- Do not apply more spray than is necessary.
- Do not apply spray to broken skin.
- Wash your hands thoroughly after using the spray.
- Keep the spray out of reach of children and pets.
- Do not spray the spray into the air or on food or water.
- Do not spray the spray near open flames.

It is important to note that there is no one-size-fits-all solution for tick control. The best treatment for your yard will depend on the specific tick population and the environment.

By following these tips, you can help to reduce the number of ticks in your yard and protect yourself and your family from tick-borne diseases.

Stay Safe On Our Lakes

Online links to a summary of Massachusetts boating laws is provided below. In addition to following these laws, there is a guideline practiced at both Plunkett Reservoir and Ashmere Lake that all motorboat and PWC users are asked to follow. **Please travel in a counter clockwise direction!** Our lakes are small and our channels are narrow. It is especially important when approaching a narrow channel or small cove to travel counter clockwise for a safe boating experience!

Accident Reporting: The operator of any motorboat involved in an accident which results in personal injury, death, or property damage (over \$500) shall immediately notify the MA Environmental Police and file the appropriate accident report within the required time frame. (2 days-fatality; 5 days - all other accidents). **Hinsdale Note:** For immediate response, to report any incidents occurring on or around the lakes call the Hinsdale Police, either by calling 911 or Hinsdale's dispatch number, [413-655-0201](tel:413-655-0201).

Safety Equipment: Most of the state equipment carriage requirements are similar to federal laws. This primary list includes life preservers, fire extinguishers, signaling devices, visual distress signals, and navigation lights. In Massachusetts, life preservers are required to be worn by: (1) youth less than 12 years of age (2) personal watercraft users (3) waterskiers (4) canoeists/kayakers from September 15 - May 15. A boat owner or a boat's operator is responsible to ensure that passengers on-board wear life preservers as required. Additionally, the state requires that all motorboats (with the exception of personal watercraft) be equipped with an anchor, manual bailer, and line. A paddle or an oar is required on boats less than 16 feet in length. Motorboats towing skiers must also be equipped with a boarding ladder. Registration and numbering of all boats powered by machinery is required.

Massachusetts Boating Law Summary

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-boating-law-summary>.

MA EP, Massachusetts Boating Laws

https://www.usps.org/e_stuff/documents/massachusetts-boating-law.pdf

MA EP, Boating Guideline and Responsibility Handbook

<https://assets.kalkomey.com/boater/pdfs/handbook/massachusetts-handbook-entire.pdf>.

LMC Monthly Meeting Date Has Changed

The Hinsdale Lake Management Committee has changed our regular meeting day to the **THIRD** Tuesday of each month at 4:00 PM in the Town Hall Downstairs Meeting Room. If you have any questions or concerns for our committee please email us at lakemanagement@hinsdalema.gov.



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