Mirror Lake: Protect It!

MLPA Education Committee
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Protection From What?

Cyanobacteria Blooms  Invasive Aquatic Plants

ADVISORY
High levels of potentially toxic CYANOBACTERIA have been identified in this water

WATER CURRENTLY NOT SUITABLE FOR WADING OR SWIMMING!

Exposure to blue-green scums may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or fever in humans and pets.

Anyone who comes in contact with blue-green scum should rinse off with fresh water

All current advisories posted at www.des.nh.gov
Click “beach advisory” in left column

CONTACT INFORMATION:
NHDES Beach Program
29 Hazen Dr.; Concord, NH
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Beach Advisory for Cyanobacteria
Reduce Phosphorus!
Septic Systems: The Scoop
Lake Wentworth Foundation  Lake Sunapee Protective Association
Thanks, No Dirty Water Wanted

phosphorus
Bioretention Cells
Ripples
Don’t “P” in the Lake

Lake Winnipesaukee Watershed Association
Contain Road Sediment

Site Tours: Photos
We Just Keep Growing
Exotic Species Program

*Simple Mantra*

Prevention
Early Detection
Rapid Response
Management

NH Department of Environmental Services (DES)
Plants
Protect the Good-Prevent the Bad
Best Management Practices
MLPA Education Committee

**To Do**
- Educate/build capacity
- Public outreach events
- Find plant photos
- Write a blog
- Site tours
- Develop info → → → → →
  - Septic systems
  - Storm water run off
  - Residential development
  - Residential conservation

**To Create**
- *Field Guide to Aquatic Plants on Mirror Lake*
- Enhanced webpage
- Facebook presence
- Info centers
Make A Difference

• Take photos (rain gardens, roads, plants)
• Distribute brochures to neighbors
• Write or “borrowing” brochures
• Help with To-Be-Named events
• Add to Facebook
• Add to Web page
• Write a blog
• Weed Watch
• Collect water samples
MLPA Website

www.mirrorlakenh.org
MLPA on Facebook

Facebook – Are you a Friend of the MLPA facebook page? Why or Why Not? - Use of Social Media today

• Who is the audience? Only those who elect to join
• Cost is free
• Our demographics are changing – pushes out the MLPA to next Gens
• Norma posts and notifications go out to Friends
• Interesting news for MLPA and affiliated organizations
• Event page – committees can use to get the word out & updates
• No need to track anyone’s e-mail address!
• Easily updated – not a “static site”
• Friends are “approved” by the administrator (limits spam)
• Photo gallery allows us to store photos submitted by friends
• Keeps us in touch, especially during the winter months
• Did I say No Cost?
• One “arrow in our quiver” for communication to interested parties

• Demo??
Together,
We Can Make a Difference