

PEACEFUL

Many waterfront residents and visitors agree that life on Canobie Lake is exceptionally peaceful. This may be attributed to the ban on swimming and jet skis. This limits boating at high speeds, noise, rough water from boat wakes, and turbidity. Kayakers especially enjoy Canobie Lake because of the exceptionally calm and peaceful waters.

Boaters enjoy slowly cruising the lake and take great care to avoid disturbing the resident loons, fishermen, and kayakers. As the Town of Salem draws down the water (from April to October) the water level drops up to 3 feet (220 ft high to 217 ft low). Boaters must remain cautious of shallow areas. They also must avoid floating logs that are unique to Canobie Lake. The CLPA has removed more than 60 logs from the lake in the last 10 years!

Everyone loves the loons. Their welcomed call is a reminder of the peaceful and natural environment of Canobie Lake.



OUR MISSION

The purpose of the Canobie Lake Protective Association (CLPA) is to help protect, preserve, and improve the quality of Canobie Lake and the surrounding watershed, while maintaining and supporting the interests of lake users and watershed property owners.

CANOBIE LAKE FACTS

- Lake location: Town of Salem and Town of Windham, Rockingham County, NH
- Town of Salem (Drinking) water use: approx. 500 million gallons per year. Drawn down from the lake from May to October
- Surface elevation: ranges from 220 feet (full) to an average low of 217 feet. It has gone as low as 212.5ft
- Spring fed
- Gallons of water in the lake: 3 Billion
- Dam/spillway to Policy Brook and Spicket River
- Acres: 375
- Length: 1.5 miles/ Width: average .4 miles
- Max depth: 55 ft and Average depth: 28 ft
- Number of waterfront homes: approx. 178

FAQ'S (WANT TO KNOW MORE)

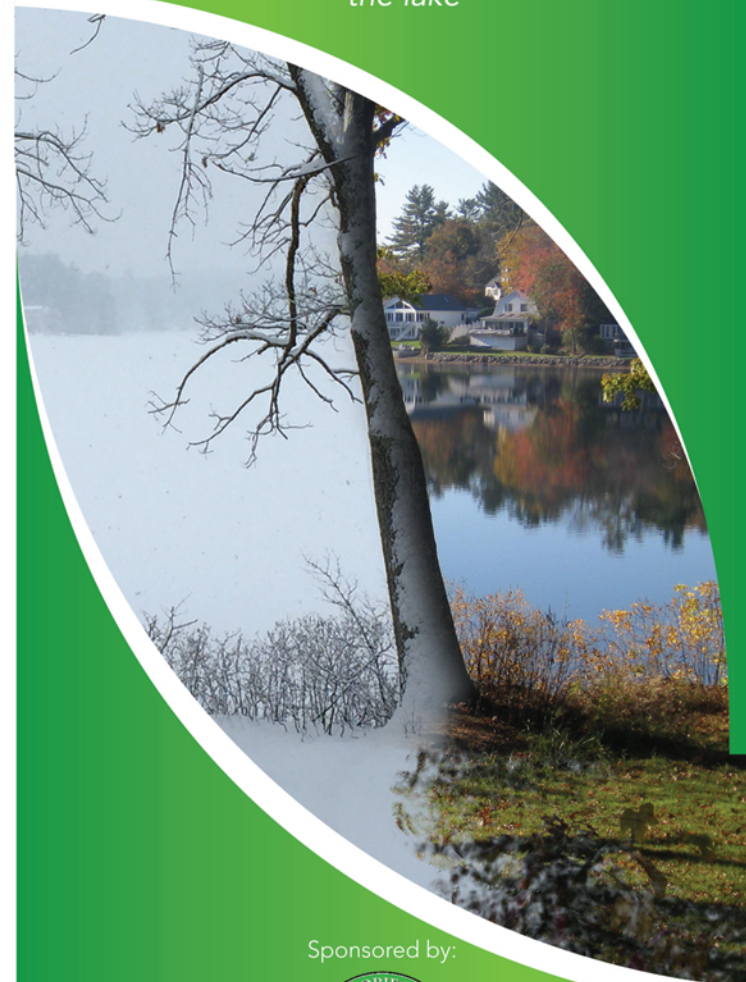
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CANOBIE LAKE IS...

BEAUTIFUL

Canobie Lake has beautiful clean and clear water. As a "class A" body of water it provides a wonderful and healthy environment where wildlife thrives. Protecting the ecosystem is crucial to insuring that the lake remains clean and clear. The Canobie Lake Protective Association (CLPA) participates in the **NHDES Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP)**. These evaluations of water samples show that Canobie Lake continues to remain chemically stable. Careful handling of: salt on our roads and walkways, household hazardous waste, **pesticide applications, lawn fertilization, septic system maintenance, and stormwater management** will sustain the lake at a Class A level for generations to come.

The native plants in Canobie Lake provide ample benefits including: spawning habitat, shelter for organisms, fishing, and wildlife viewing areas.

Most important is that, to date, there are **no known invasive species of weeds** in Canobie Lake. In 2013 the NHDES completed a **survey of weeds** where 19 varieties were identified. With growing concern for the volume of weeds, the study will serve as a baseline to judge future weed growth. The CLPA volunteers dedicated to **"weed watching"** help identify and monitor new growth.

Canobie Lake is home to many **birds and animals**. Of special note is a pair of nesting **loons** that have been residents of the lake for many years.



ENJOYABLE

Life on and around Canobie Lake has been enjoyable for families and visitors for hundreds of years. Every season offers a variety of activities. During the spring, summer, and fall seasons people enjoy boating, kayaking, sailing, and fishing. During the winter months, with the lake frozen, many enjoy skating, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

One of the most enjoyable activities sponsored by CLPA is the annual 4th of July boat parade. Boaters usually decorate their boats in some way to commemorate the birthday of the USA.

Fishing on Canobie Lake is excellent. The New Hampshire Fish and Game stock the lake each year with rainbow and brown trout. Some fishermen have reported catching largemouth bass as large as 6 pounds. Residents of Windham may launch their boat from the Hayes Hart Boat launch. Smaller boats (canoes, kayaks, row boats, etc.) can be carried into the water from the North Policy Street parking lot.

Unique to Canobie Lake is our neighbor and generous friend and supporter, Canobie Lake Park. All summer long the sounds from the park are festive and entertaining. Watching the Park's "Blue Heron" tour boat cruise the lake with happy and waving riders is enjoyed by all. Every Saturday night (from July 4th through Labor Day) Canobie Lake Park has a spectacular fireworks display. Many enjoy entertaining family and friends by watching the fireworks from their boats. At times there are as many as 40 boats with red, green, and white running lights slowly cruising the lake.



PROTECTED

There are many regulations governing the protection of Canobie Lake especially since it is the primary source of drinking water for the Town of Salem. Ultimately the health of the lake and water quality rests on those who are charged with the authority to enforce the laws and regulations. Every person who uses Canobie Lake must follow these regulations and best practices, as well as assist regulatory authorities in protecting our beautiful lake.

The regulations include (but are not limited to) the following:

Town of Salem – **Drinking Water Protection Regulations**: The town oversees the water quality and publishes the findings on their website. In 2008 the Town of Salem went to great lengths to defend, in court, the **ban on swimming** and any bodily contact with the water

State of New Hampshire – Ban on the use of **jetskis**

State of New Hampshire – Has categorized Canobie Lake as a "Class A" body of water. As such there are regulations to ensure that this quality is maintained.

State of NH, Department of Environmental Services (DES) – The Shoreland Protection Act regulates waterfront development and land use.

Town of Salem and Town of Windham – Building departments have zoning regulations governing the development of property.

Town of Windham – **The Cobbetts Pond and Canobie Lake Watershed Ordinance** offers an additional layer of regulations designed to protect the watersheds.

The Army Corps of Engineers – **watershed study**

State of New Hampshire – **Ban on the use of lead tackle**

State of New Hampshire – **Salt application certification program**

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