

LAKE PARKER BOAT AND WATER SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT
2025 ANNUAL MEETING

In the month of June, I observed multiple paddleboarders without any life jackets. A group of young people came from the north end of the lake paddleboarding with no life vests, and I found out where they came from. I will continue to have one on one conversations and continue our education efforts. In their plane, they create very large waves. The main is from the shoreline, which

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The Committee has been involved in various endeavors this past year including:

1. Facilitating the State's stocking of Lake Parker with 900, one year old, 9.5" rainbow trout which occurred on 7 May 2025; please let me know at FishWildlife@lakeparker.org if you have caught or observed any!!

2. Viewing and reviewing reports from others of eagle and other bird sightings!! Seem to be less cormorants so far this year....

3. Monitoring of nuisance beavers at the south end of the Lake; so far, their dams have not impacted the walking trail this year, but the beavers have been active over by Stevens Brook.

4. Observing loons, geese, osprey, ducks, mink, painted turtles, bears and foxes at various locations around the lake.

5. Participating in the Responsible Wakes for Vermont Lakes (RWVL) volunteer committee meetings and reviewing the State's progress regarding the use of wake boats on VT lakes and ponds and their detrimental effect on lakeshores, docks, swimmers, canoers, kayakers, sailors and stand up boards; relaying updates regarding the Petition and ANR's proposed rules to our membership. PLEASE SEE THE SEPARATE REPORT ON WAKE SPORTS.

6. Monitoring the VT Fish and Wildlife website at <https://vtfishandwildlife.com> which provides lots of interesting and educational information as well as the requirements for fishing and hunting licenses. The new Game Warden for our area is Kody Jackman, Cell 802 917 5211.

7. After consultation with Eric Hanson of the Vermont Center for Ecological Studies, the floating loon raft which had not been utilized by the loons was removed from Lake Parker last Fall, to be deployed on another lake, hopefully with positive results! As of 22 June 2025, while we have observed 2 and sometimes 3 loons on our lake, we have not observed any signs of loon nesting. It is getting late in the season for loon nesting.

8. Working with the VT Center for Eco Studies, we have emptied the lead weight and fishing line disposal receptacle installed at the Lake Parker boat launch area; this Spring the receptacle contained only a dead mouse and a small piece of pizza!!

HOPING ALL ARE KEEPING SAFE AND ARE ENJOYING THIS SUMMER,

Respectfully Submitted, John Wooten, Chair of the Fish and Wildlife Committee

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