



Photo by — Diane Araps

Welcome to Flying Pond

According to local lore, several members of the Eastern Abenaki tribe, traveling in their native land, were canoeing across the lake and were struck by its beauty. In hopes of sharing it with the other members of the tribe, they painstakingly marked it. However, upon return, they could not locate the trail and concluded “it has flown away”. What we know here in Mt. Vernon and Vienna as “Flying Pond” has been beloved for countless generations.

Living with Loons - On Flying Pond we love our loons. However, their nests and nesting habits are fragile and vulnerable to noise, boat traffic, and changes in water conditions. This link will explain loon nesting and why loons are not only loved, but an important, protected part of our lake ecosystem. maine.gov/ifw/wildlife/species/pdfs/livingwithloons.pdf



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Courtesy Boat Inspections & Invasive Plants - The future of our lake is dependent on keeping milfoil and other invasive plants and animals out of Flying Pond. Boat inspections at our landing and invasive plant patrols are vital to the life of the pond. Please be sure to inspect your boat whenever you are entering or leaving any lake. In an effort to avoid the struggles of some nearby lakes including Great Pond (Belgrade) and Androscoggin Lake (Wayne), the site below will help you to help us work together to maintain the health of our pond. mainelakes.org/invasives/courtesy-boat-inspections

Maine Boating - Maine law prohibits the operation of all powered vehicles, at a speed greater than headway speed while within a water safety zone which includes the area within 200 feet of any shoreline. As a frame of reference, most telephone poles are placed about 100 feet apart. “Headway Speed” (no wake) means the slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain steering and control of the vessel. The purpose is to prevent shoreline erosion and damage to boats tied up to docks. It is also an issue of safety for swimmers and other boaters. Many, but not all, of these areas are marked by “No Wake Zone” buoys. Shoreline erosion is a major factor influencing water quality. Maine Boating Laws - maine.gov/ifw/docs/maine-boating-laws.pdf & Flying Pond Wake Zone And Boating Map - fpia.weebly.com

Fishing Regulations - Flying Pond is stocked with several species of fish. For more information visit: Maine Dept of Inland Fisheries maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/fishing/laws-rules/index.html

Fireworks Laws And Courtesy - Please respect others and obey local and state laws. Sound travels much further and faster over water. The following link includes quiet hours beginning at 10 PM and other information. maine.gov/dps/fmo/inspections/fireworks/regulations

Maine Game Warden Service - To reach a Game Warden 24-hours a day, please contact the Augusta dispatch center at 1-800-452-4664. The game wardens in Maine protect our natural resources. They rely on the public to report suspected illegal activity.

Shoreland Development Regulations - Shoreland property is particularly important for our pond. Before doing any landscaping, tree removal or property work including building any structure especially within 200 feet of the shore, please check regulations. maine.gov/dep/land/slz/index.html



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30 Mile River Watershed Association -

30 MRWA is a non profit organization that promotes community collaboration for clean and healthy lakes, ponds and streams in our watershed. FPIA appreciates and benefits from their work. For more information about our watershed and the work of 30 MRWA, please visit: 30mileriver.org For details about the water quality on Flying Pond, please visit 30mileriver.org/flying-pond

LakeSmart - If every homeowner does a little, it protects our pond a lot! LakeSmart is a free, non-regulatory education program. It helps shorefront property owners manage erosion which helps keep stormwater pollutants, including phosphorous, out of the pond. For more information or to request a free evaluation, please visit: 30mileriver.org/lakesmart or lakes.me/lakesmart

Flying Pond Improvement Association -

We hope that you will consider renewing your membership, joining, and/or making a donation to FPIA. Yearly dues are \$60. All funds are used to help preserve and protect our beloved pond, including dam repair and up-keep. Dues/donations may be sent to FPIA, PO Box 143 Mt. Vernon, ME 04352 or paid online at fpia.weebly.com



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