



LAKE WALLENPAUPACK



# NEWS

Spring 2009

## PPL welcomes new Lake Wallenpaupack Visitors Center



The new Lake Wallenpaupack Visitors Center on Route 6 in Palmyra Township is a place for people to learn more about the rich lake region of the Pocono Mountains.

"PPL supported this effort to enhance tourism and recreation, which is vital to the economy of the lake region, by donating 10 acres for the visitors center," said Paul Canevari, PPL's regional community relations director, at the April 25 dedication of the center. "We're glad the land donation was able to bring to life a vision the Pocono Mountains Visitor Bureau had been working on for a number of years."

Built by the bureau, the 5,300-square-foot building on the scenic shores of Lake Wallenpaupack will welcome visitors to the lake region and is the new home of

the Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupack Chamber of Commerce.

"The facility will be open year-round and share with more visitors all the beauty and recreational opportunities the region has to offer," Canevari said. "As an integral member of this community, PPL has supported the tourism and recreation industry in the lake region for decades."

PPL built Lake Wallenpaupack in 1926 as a hydroelectric plant. It serves as an important electric-generating facility in times of high electricity demand.

The lake, 13 miles long and about 60 feet at its maximum depth, is an



important year-round tourism and outdoor recreation destination. Camping, fishing, boating and water-skiing are just some of the attractions.

PPL owns most of Lake Wallenpaupack's shoreline. Land is managed in harmony with the environment. PPL also provides environmental education and awareness opportunities at the lake. An environmental learning center gives teachers and students tools to discover the lake's natural resources.



## Some guidelines for your spring cleanup

This time of year everyone is anxious to get their yards and properties cleaned up for summer use. If you're thinking of burning yard waste on PPL property, there are some basic guidelines that should be followed.

For safety reasons, PPL does not permit burning of any type to occur below the normal high water mark – elevation 1,187 – or on the shoreline. Also, under PPL's Shoreline Policy, any fire burned on PPL property must be contained in a loose stone fire pit or circle.

Burning in the fire pit or circle is subject to local ordinances and restrictions. Only natural materials such as leaves and vegetation may be burned on PPL property. Any burning of garbage or household waste in the fire circle is strictly prohibited.

Spring cleanup can include raking leaves or using a leaf blower to remove the leaves from PPL property. To protect the health of the lake, PPL does not permit the leaves to be raked or blown below the normal high water mark of the lake or into the lake.

If you're removing leaves from PPL property, they should be raked or blown into the woods on PPL property fronting your property, burned in a fire pit or circle or removed from PPL property altogether. Composting leaves, which makes nutrient-rich mulch for gardens, is another option. Please do not rake or blow the leaves onto the PPL property fronting an adjacent front-lot owner.

### Normal lake level targets for the coming months are:

June 1: 1187 feet (Normal high-water mark)

July 1: 1185 feet

Aug. 1: 1182 feet

Sept. 1: 1181 feet

## PPL conducting shoreline inspections

### *Inspections of PPL's shoreline property at Lake Wallenpaupack continue this year*

PPL's management of the Lake Wallenpaupack shoreline plays an important part in keeping the lake beautiful and clean for all who use it and protects property values for all front-lot property owners.

For everyone's benefit, please ensure that all uses of PPL property comply with your permits or license agreements. Front-lot owners will be notified in writing of any violations of PPL's public lake use and shoreline use permitting policy found during the inspections.

The policy allows PPL to have access to front-lot properties to perform inspections. The people performing inspections will have PPL identification cards. For your safety, please do not provide access to your property unless you are shown valid PPL ID.

For a copy of PPL's current policy, please contact the lake office at 1-877-775-5253 or e-mail a request to [lakewallenpaupack@pplweb.com](mailto:lakewallenpaupack@pplweb.com).



Mangan Cove is a popular recreation area on the north end of Lake Wallenpaupack.

## What's going on at Mangan Cove?

To help more people enjoy Lake Wallenpaupack, PPL is constructing a handicap-accessible fishing pier at Mangan Cove, a popular recreation area off Route 590 adjacent to the dam.

The pier, expected to be finished for the summer recreation season, will be large enough to accommodate 20 anglers. There will be new reserved parking spaces as well as a walkway to the pier. The project is part of PPL's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license at Lake Wallenpaupack.

Jointly developed by PPL and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, the Mangan Cove area includes a boat ramp provided by the commission and picnic facilities offered free of charge by PPL.

# Osprey pair set up housekeeping on PPL nesting platform



Lake Wallenpaupack osprey pair have produced 22 young since 1998.

A pair of osprey are making a home on a nesting platform near PPL's Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center off Route 6.

Since 1998, the ospreys have nested on the Route 590 overlook nest, which was erected by PPL and a local Boy Scout. They have successfully produced 22 young to date.

This year, for the first time, they have chosen to build their nest on a platform erected by PPL in 2006 on the opposite side of the dam. As part of PPL's commitment to protect the abundant wildlife at Lake Wallenpaupack, the company built the platform after the pair decided to try to build a nest on a crane on the dam.

The female has been incubating since Easter weekend, and the young raptors are expected to leave the nest to learn to fly in July.

You can keep track of their progress at [www.birdsofpreyatppl.com](http://www.birdsofpreyatppl.com). The PPL Web site provides

information about the birds of prey that have taken up residence at the company's various locations throughout Pennsylvania.

To make the most of your osprey viewing experience and minimize disturbing the birds, please keep these things in mind:

- Avoid loud noises such as yelling or slamming car doors.
- Use binoculars or a spotting scope instead of trying to get "a little bit closer."
- Don't do anything to try to make the osprey fly.
- The nest is in a restricted area, so please respect posted signs.

## Lake Wallenpaupack Environmental Preserve

### NATIONAL TRAILS DAY NATURE HIKE

Saturday, June 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m., PPL Shuman Point Natural Area  
Route 590, Hawley

National Trails Day has grown to inspire nearly a million trail enthusiasts to flock to and celebrate their favorite trails the first weekend in June each year. Join "Hiking Jane" Frye on this three-mile hike and discover all that nature has to offer. PPL's ownership of these 350 acres protects Shuman Point as one of the last large undeveloped natural areas on the shoreline of Lake Wallenpaupack. A hike on this

trail includes moderate changes in elevation and fantastic views of the lake. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for the weather. For more information, contact PPL at 570-251-6196 or [pplpreserves@pplweb.com](mailto:pplpreserves@pplweb.com).

### LEDGEDALE MUSHROOM WALK

Saturday, June 13, 1:30-3 p.m., PPL Ledgesdale Natural Area  
Enjoy this leisurely walk with local herbalist, Nathaniel Whitmore, as he identifies local mushrooms found in

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PPL's Ledgesdale Natural Area. Whitmore will discuss how to differentiate between poisonous and nonpoisonous mushrooms, and in what types of environments they can be found. With any luck, the moist weather has brought an array of mushrooms out in this old hemlock forest. Local wild edible plants will also be discussed. For more information, contact PPL at 570-251-6196 or [pplpreserves@pplweb.com](mailto:pplpreserves@pplweb.com).

### **BOOKS ON BUGS (AGES 4-8)**

Wednesday, June 24, 11 a.m. to noon  
PPL Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center

Children ages 4-8 are invited to explore the wonderful world of insects during this program that combines a love of reading and nature. Enjoy an insect book while learning about the different insects that live outside your home. Get an up-close look at various bugs and discover what makes each one unique. This program is not open to preschool or day care groups. For more information, contact PPL at 570-251-6196 or [pplpreserves@pplweb.com](mailto:pplpreserves@pplweb.com).

All programs are free and will be held at the PPL Wallenpaupack Environmental Center, unless otherwise noted.

Registration is required. For more information about the programs PPL is offering and to register, contact us at 570-251-6196 or [pplpreserves@pplweb.com](mailto:pplpreserves@pplweb.com).

The Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center provides opportunities to learn more about the environment as well as cultural and historical resources of the lake region. Highlights include informative displays, library, water quality laboratory and an auditorium. A Native American dugout canoe, discovered following Hurricane Diane in 1955, is displayed in the auditorium.

The PPL Lake Office is located in the lower level of the Learning Center. PPL staff is available by appointment only, and this office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Also included in the Learning Center are offices for the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District and the Wallenpaupack Historical Society.

To learn more about the programs and activities available at all of PPL's environmental preserves, visit [www.pplpreserves.com](http://www.pplpreserves.com).