



PPL partners with conservancy to make summer sojourn a success

Regardless of whether you prefer canoeing, kayaking or rafting, you can enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Lackawaxen River during a sojourn planned by The Lackawaxen River Conservancy for mid-June. PPL will partner with the conservancy by using water stored in Lake Wallenpaupack to help manage river levels to ensure the trip's success.

The sojourn is one of several events that will be held on or near the river to celebrate its recent recognition as 2010 River of the Year by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

"We're pleased to be a partner with the conservancy to help it celebrate the recognition of this important waterway," said Paul Canevari, regional community relations director for PPL. "Our company works with community officials and local residents to support a wide range of community interests, like canoeing, fishing, river water levels, flood protection and clean electricity generation."

PPL will work with the conservancy to help optimize river water levels for the rafting portion of the sojourn to be held downstream of its hydroelectric plant.

Lake Wallenpaupack, in addition to providing a source of water for renewable electricity generation, supports other important watershed management objectives in the region. It stores water to help with flood protection, it provides recreational opportunities that draw thousands of visitors to the region, and it can be used to manage water levels in the Lackawaxen River in support of recreation and fish habitat.

The DCNR recognizes Pennsylvania waterways to promote the protection of natural resources and to encourage local residents and visitors to see the region's natural beauty first-hand. The area hosts abundant bald eagles, and trout fishermen are drawn to the river's nearly 25 miles of clean, cold water flowing through three counties before joining the Delaware River.

You can find out more about the sojourn and other events by visiting the conservancy's Web site at www.lackawaxenriver.org or e-mailing Frederica Leighton at tlrc@ltis.net.



Community spotlight: **Wallenpaupack Communities Association**

Wallenpaupack Communities Association is a local organization that helps educate residents and business owners around Lake Wallenpaupack about effective community management. Smaller, private communities that do not have a professional staff can get first-hand information from professionals who manage and supply services to larger communities.

The WCA invites property owners and directors who manage communities to learn more about local issues as well as how to structure private communities at the association's annual kickoff meeting at 8:30 a.m. April 10.

A PPL representative will be the speaker for the meeting to be held at PPL's Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center. For more information or to join, contact John Carney at 570-689-4721 or jcarney@wleonline.org.





What's wrong with these docks?

Protect your dock, protect the lake by storing docks appropriately

If you couldn't tell from the photo, the three docks were all stored last October below the normal high water mark and were at risk for damage or loss when lake levels rise in late spring.

Docks stored below an elevation of 1,187 feet above sea level, which is the high water mark the lake usually reaches by June 1, often end up frozen in the lake during the winter and damaged during the spring thaw. Broken docks not only represent a loss to their owners, but also pose a hazard for others using the lake as well as to the hydroelectric dam. PPL retrieved 11 sections of dock from the lake last year.

Although PPL prefers docks to be stored above an elevation of 1,195 feet above sea level, under no circumstances will PPL allow docks to be stored below the normal high water mark of 1,187 feet.

If you are unable to store your docks above the normal high water mark, we urge you to consider hiring someone to store

your docks off-site for the winter season. PPL will not permit vegetation to be removed to accommodate dock storage on PPL property.

Frequently Asked Questions available on the Web

PPL has published a list of frequently asked questions on its Web site to help people better understand the company's shoreline policy. The FAQs and the policy can be found at www.pplweb.com/lake+wallenpaupack. If you do not have Internet access, call the Lake Office at 1-877-PPL-LAKE (1-877-775-5253) to request a copy.



Now available: handicapped- accessible fishing pier

You might notice a new fishing pier in Mangan Cove while fishing the lake this spring. This handicapped-accessible fishing pier will help persons with disabilities enjoy fishing in the area. Handicapped-accessible parking spots and a sloped path make it easier to access the pier.

Are you licensed? Jet skiers, like boaters, need safety certificate

Lake users are reminded that anyone operating personal watercraft, like Jet Skis or WaveRunners, must have a boating safety education certificate in their possession while using the lake. Additionally, people born on or after Jan. 1, 1982, need the certificate to operate boats powered by motors greater than 25 horsepower.

Other rules enforced by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for operators of personal watercraft include:

- Wear life jackets at all times. All passengers must also wear life jackets. Inflatable life jackets are not acceptable.
- Carry a fully charged fire extinguisher and sound-producing device on board.
- Attach the kill switch safety lanyard to clothing, your body or life jacket.
- Anyone operating a personal watercraft must have in their possession a boating safety education certificate.
- No one younger than 16 years of age may be rented a personal watercraft or may operate a rented personal watercraft.
- You cannot operate a personal watercraft from sunset to sunrise.
- You cannot tow a skier behind a personal watercraft with a capacity of two people or fewer, or tow more than one skier.
- No one 11 years old or younger may operate a personal watercraft.
- Children 12 through 15 years of age may not operate a personal watercraft with passengers who are 15 years of age or younger.



For more information about personal watercrafts and other boating safety requirements, visit the commission's Web site at www.fish.state.pa.us.

Free safe boating class available

In honor of National Safe Boating Week, PPL is offering a free safe boating class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 22 at the Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center. PPL has hosted safe boating classes in partnership with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for more than 15 years. Those who successfully complete the course will receive a boating safety education certificate, which is required for all operators of personal watercraft and those born after Jan. 1, 1982, who operate motorboats of more than 25 horsepower.

To register for the Saturday class, please contact Meg Welker at mewelker@pplweb.com or 570-253-7076.

Workshop planned to prepare lakeshore owners for 2011 drawdown

PPL is offering a free workshop to help educate front-lot owners about the types of work that can be done when PPL lowers the level of Lake Wallenpaupack about 5 feet more than its normal October level in the fall of 2011. The workshop will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 24, at the Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center.

The drawdown, done every five years, enables the company to perform maintenance and testing at the dam and associated facilities. It also gives front-lot owners an opportunity to perform certain work or activities on PPL property that is not normally accessible. Please remember that all work on PPL-owned property requires prior written approval.

The drawdown starts at the beginning of September and stops at about elevation of 1,174 feet in early October.

Participants in the workshop will review the application process for receiving written approval for work. Representatives



of local and state agencies will be available to answer questions. For more information or to register, contact Katie Lester at 570-251-6196 or kelester@pplweb.com.



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Lake Wallenpaupack Environmental Preserve

Pike-Wayne Earth Day Festival

Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PPL Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center

By mid-April, who doesn't need an excuse to get out of the house and avoid those spring cleaning chores? Take this opportunity to get some fresh air while you learn more about the various environmental and conservation organizations in our community. See what's in store for the 2010 celebration, which marks the 40th anniversary of the first Earth Day by visiting www.pikewayneearthday.org.

Lake Wallenpaupack Dam Tours

Friday, July 9, 1-6 p.m.; Saturday, July 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PPL Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center

Presenters: PPL staff. Handicap accessible: no

Not everyone has had a chance to walk across the

Wallenpaupack Dam to get a great view of the lake and the dry riverbed where the Wallenpaupack Creek once flowed.

Participate in this guided tour of PPL's renewable energy plant and learn about the increase in energy demand since Lake Wallenpaupack began operating as a hydroelectric plant in the 1920s.

For your safety, please wear close-toed shoes. Tours will run continuously during the times indicated. Please note: The powerhouse will not be part of these tours. If you are interested in participating in a tour, meet by the butterfly garden next to the dam. Visitors will be greeted by a PPL escort and guided out onto the dam in small groups. Registration is not required. For more information, contact PPL at 570-253-7076 or pplpreserves@pplweb.com.

Did you know?

The concrete that was used to build the dam in 1926 was supplied by Church Street Hardware in downtown Hawley.

Lake Office Summer Hours

The PPL Lake Office will now be offering Saturday hours by appointment on the following dates: May 8, June 12, July 24, Aug. 21. This should help many front-lot owners who are only at the lake on weekends. To make an appointment, please call the Lake Office at 1-877-PPL-LAKE (1-877-775-5253).