



Lake valuable flood control resource for area

When Tropical Storm Hanna came barreling through the region in September, Lake Wallenpaupack was ready for the heavy rain accompanying the storm.

PPL's management of Lake Wallenpaupack plays an important role in protecting the region from floods.

Because of PPL's proactive lake level management, the lake had a "void" space of

43 percent, and was able to store the expected rainfall from Tropical Storm Hanna. The lake level was about 10 feet below the spillway gates.

PPL maximized the lake's ability to hold and store water by operating the hydroelectric plant, which is powered by water from the lake.

PPL continues to manage the lake level and maximize water storage capability.

For more information on the lake level targets and PPL's generation schedule, call 1-800-807-2474 or go to www.lakelevelppl.com.

Lake level targets for season are:

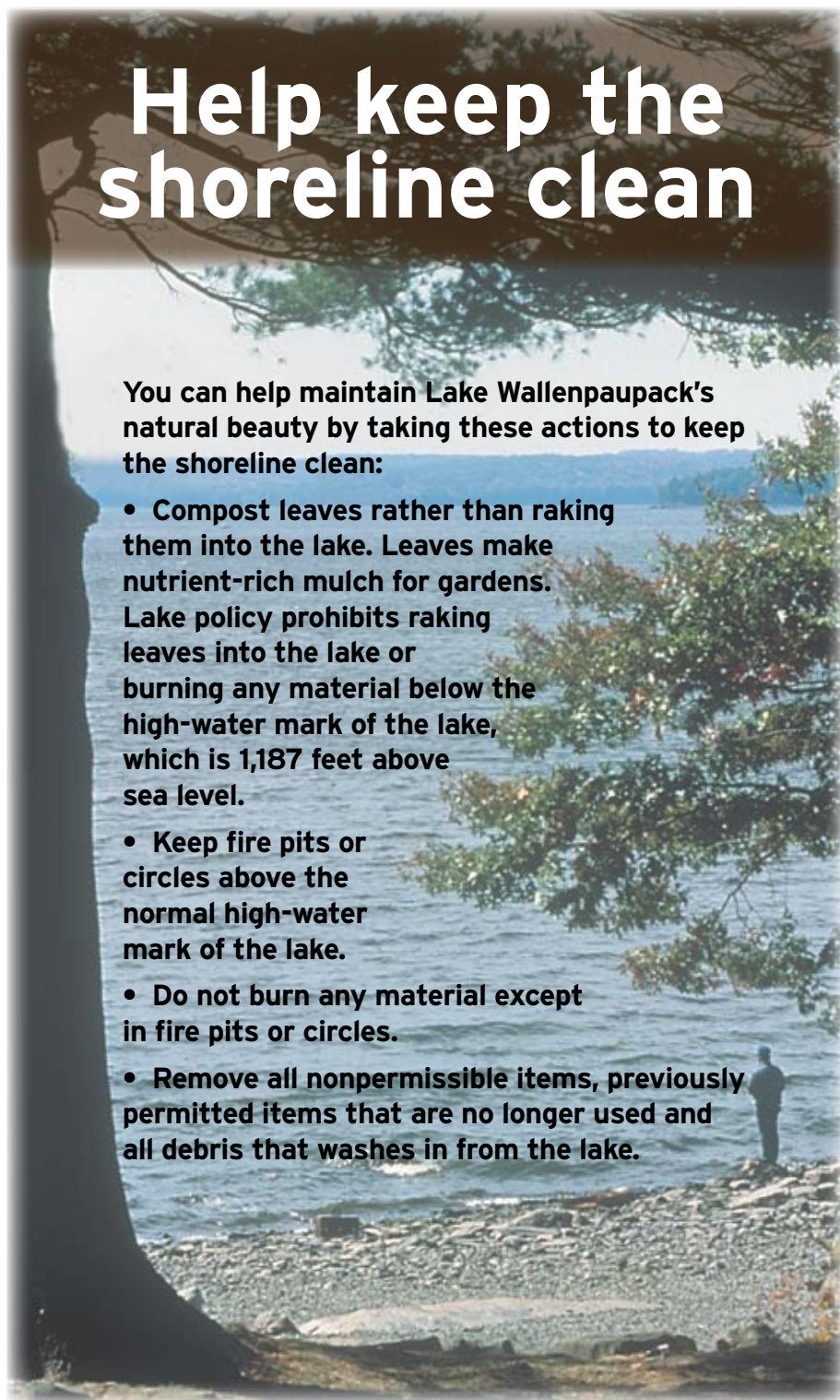
Oct. 1	1,179.0'
Nov. 1	1,181.0'
Dec. 1	1,182.0'
Jan. 1	1,183.0'

Elevation at top of spillway gates is 1190'.

Help keep the shoreline clean

You can help maintain Lake Wallenpaupack's natural beauty by taking these actions to keep the shoreline clean:

- Compost leaves rather than raking them into the lake. Leaves make nutrient-rich mulch for gardens. Lake policy prohibits raking leaves into the lake or burning any material below the high-water mark of the lake, which is 1,187 feet above sea level.
- Keep fire pits or circles above the normal high-water mark of the lake.
- Do not burn any material except in fire pits or circles.
- Remove all nonpermissible items, previously permitted items that are no longer used and all debris that washes in from the lake.



A bird's-eye view

The ospreys at Lake Wallenpaupack are well on their way south for their yearly migration after enjoying another successful summer.

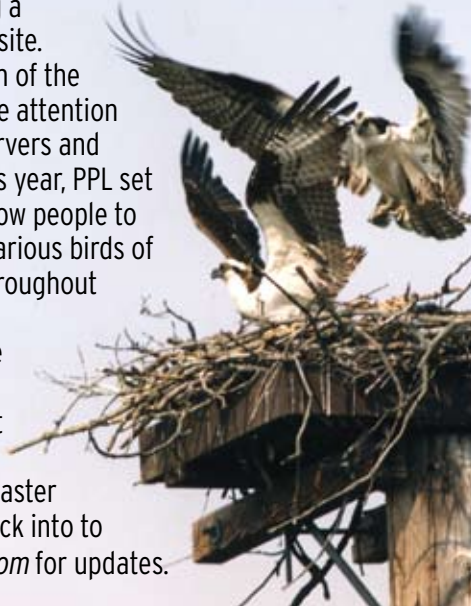
The pair welcomed two chicks this year. They have produced 22 young since taking up residence at Lake Wallenpaupack in 1998.

In 1997, PPL employees partnered with a local Boy Scout to build nesting sites to attract ospreys back to the area.

The following year, a pair of ospreys took up residence at the nest site by the Wallenpaupack Dam and two chicks were born, marking a successful nesting site.

The annual return of the ospreys attracts the attention of many local observers and photographers. This year, PPL set up a Web site to allow people to keep track of the various birds of prey at facilities throughout the state, including the ospreys at Lake Wallenpaupack.

We should expect to see them back here around Easter weekend 2009. Check into to birdsofpreyatPPL.com for updates.



More than 350 visit lake open house

More than 350 people attended Lake Wallenpaupack's Fourth Annual Open House in July to get a firsthand view of the hydroelectric dam and powerhouse, as well as learn more about a healthy ecosystem and get tips on how to save electricity.

"We're very proud of our facilities, and this event is an opportunity for us to get to know our neighbors better and educate the community," said Meg Welker, PPL's education relations director.

"Our Open House is a hit with the community, and we get great feedback from people about how much they enjoy the powerhouse tour and the day's activities."

The Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center was open to visitors of all ages. Children learned about microorganisms, insects, and the difference between incandescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs. PPL representatives led tours around the dam and the hydroelectric plant from 1-6 p.m. and spoke with visitors about shoreline permits, electricity usage and lake levels.

Local and state organizations, including the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection, also participated. The Wallenpaupack Historical Society and Pike County Conservation District were on hand to explain to visitors the history of the lake and the importance of its natural resources.

Clarification on permit invoices

Earlier this year residential front-lot owners should have received two permit fee invoices from PPL.

PPL's new computerized billing system did not allow us to bill for 2007 and 2008 in one bill, so residents received two invoices, one for 2007 and one for 2008.

We understand that this caused confusion among some residents, and we regret the inconvenience.

To make a payment, please send a check to PPL Corporation, P.O. Box 25222, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-5222. Include the invoice number in the memo section of your check. Electronic payments are not accepted for these fees.

If you have any questions, please call the lake office at 1-877-775-5253.

Hunting restrictions

Because of liability and safety concerns, hunting is prohibited on all of PPL's property at Lake Wallenpaupack.

Hunting is not permitted on the lake, at PPL's natural and recreation areas, on PPL shoreline property or on the islands.

Remember to store your docks

Front-lot owners are reminded that docks should be removed by Dec. 1. You can store your docks on PPL property above 1,195 feet if you do not need to remove trees, plants and other vegetation.

The lake policy, which has been in place for many years, states that you must move your dock and other floating structures to an elevation of at least 1,195 feet above sea level by Dec. 1 or prior to the formation of ice on the lake. Docks should not be placed back in the lake before April 1 of each year or until all ice has melted from the lake.



A trip down memory lane at Lake Wallenpaupack

A lot has changed in the 50 years since Shirley Dutt last visited her childhood Lake Wallenpaupack home, but memories stay the same.

"They say you can't go home again, but you can always try," Dutt said.

Dutt - the youngest of eight children and the only girl in her family - grew up in the Operator's Village at Lake Wallenpaupack in the late 1920s while her father worked as part of the crew building the powerhouse for the hydroelectric facility.

Dutt, who now lives in Easton, Pa., has been a PPL shareowner nearly all her life.

In May she attended the shareowners meeting and told Chairman Jim Miller about the company-owned home where she grew up. Miller arranged for Dutt and her husband to tour the area this summer with Brad Piatt, manager of Peaking Power for PPL Generation.

The old silk mill is now an antiques store, the ice cream shop is shuttered and a flock of deer was grazing in the forest where her home once stood, but Dutt was all smiles.

"PPL helped me fulfill a lifelong dream to visit the place where I grew up," she said. The Dutt's had attempted to visit the area last year but were unsuccessful because access is restricted.

Dutt has fond memories of her childhood in the Operator's Village, including getting picked up for school in a Pennsylvania Power & Light Company line truck.

The Operator's Village, which closed sometime in the 1950s, had about a dozen homes the company maintained for its workers. According to Dutt, every couple of years PPL would ask her mother what color she wanted her home painted.

"Because the area was so isolated, the company provided homes to its workers," Piatt said. "Over the years, the community grew and the industry changed."

Lake Wallenpaupack and the hydroelectric plant were completed in 1926.



Explore fall programs at learning center

The PPL Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center has plenty to offer nature enthusiasts who want to learn about wildlife at the lake and beyond. Try this featured program:

Energy Conservation Toolbox

6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12

Have you been wondering how to save money on energy bills but don't know where to start? Learn how to get the best bang for your buck from an energy audit expert. This is the perfect time to learn which improvements to make first and how to do them before winter begins. Get hands-on experience with items that you can buy from your local hardware store including insulation, light bulbs, weatherstripping, and programmable thermostats.

This program is free. Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact us at 570-251-6196 or pplpreserves@pplweb.com.

To learn more about the programs and activities available at all of PPL's environmental preserves, visit www.pplpreserves.com.





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View eagles at Lake Wallenpaupack

The habitat at Lake Wallenpaupack provides an ideal location for wintering eagles and now you can join PPL on a trip to view these majestic birds.

One of the benefits of producing hydroelectricity at Lake Wallenpaupack during the winter is that the flow of water into the Lackawaxen River prevents the river from freezing over.

Bald eagles migrating from Canada make their way down to the Upper Delaware region and find open water in which they can easily fish for food.

In early winter, Lake Wallenpaupack itself is a great place to watch eagles, especially from the Route 590 overlook.

"It's a great spot overlooking Mangan Cove, and you can view the eagles while staying warm in your car," said Katie Gill, PPL naturalist. "Just don't forget to bring binoculars."

PPL will be offering two eagle-viewing trips in 2009 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, and Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center.

There will be a short presentation at the learning center and then participants will board a bus with PPL and The Eagle Institute to view local eagles.

The program is free but space is very limited. Registration is required. To register, please contact PPL at 570-251-6196 or pplpreserves@pplweb.com.