

White Oak Pond Watershed Association - WOPWA

Mission Statement

Purpose of WOPWA as written in the WOPWA Bylaws, "The object for which this corporation is established is to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants in and adjacent to the watershed of the White Oak Pond: (1) the conservation of the natural resources of the land, water, marshland, woodland and open spaces, and the plant and animal life therein; (2) the maintenance of the unique scenic and historic sites; and, (3) the protection of the waters of White Oak Pond and its tributaries."

WOPWA - Ongoing Pond & Watershed Management

- Annual water quality monitoring with reports to NH DES and organization members.
- Water level & dam management in collaboration with Town of Holderness to protect wildlife and property frontage
- Educational outreach to those living in the watershed with suggestions for minimizing impact on the watershed (septic system runoff, road salt, lawn fertilizers, etc.).
- Coordination with Squam Lakes Assoc. (SLA) on various lake management efforts including monitoring Milfoil and other invasive plants.
- Cooperation with Squam Lakes Conservation Society and Lakes Region Conservation Trust on land conservation easements.
- Mary Perry Fund to help defray costs of conservation easements.
- Assistance to the marine patrol with enforcement of 10HP limit and introduction of invasive weeds on boat motors.

Importance of watershed

- Waters from the watershed flow into the Squam Lakes so protecting the water quality and land use density of the watershed is of critical importance.

Benefits of WOPWA Membership

- Help WOPWA fund ongoing pond & watershed management, especially water quality monitoring.
- Help protect the lakes in the watershed —water from the watershed flow into White Oak Pond (WOP) and then directly into Squam Lake.
- Meet others who live in the watershed and/or care about protecting this valuable natural resource.

Who Should Join

- Those who wish to protect the quality of the Pond and the area surrounding it
- Those who enjoy White Oak Pond in all seasons for its peaceful beauty while observing wildlife, taking photographs, painting and relaxing, or while fishing or indulging in water and small craft sports.

How to Join

- Complete membership form (available at website: www.wopwa.org)
- Write check for dues (\$10.00) made out to White Oak Pond Watershed Association
- Write your check for more than \$10 as a donation to help further the efforts of the organization.
- Send to WOPWA, PO Box 214, Holderness, NH 03245

White Oak Pond Facts

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| • Location: | Holderness, NH, off Route 3/25 |
| • Pond Size: | Surface area of almost 300 acres. |
| • Depth: | Maximum depth 32 feet. Mean (average) depth 16 feet. |
| • Watershed Size: | Approximately 3,000 acres. |
| • Flushing rate: | Time required to replace the entire water volume is 1.2 times per year. |
| • Outflow: | Outlet waters flow underneath Route 3/25 into Squam Lake. |
| • Inflow: | Lamb Swamp serves as the primary surface water inlet for the pond, but several smaller intermittent inlet streams flow into the pond. |

More Information – Please visit us at www.wopwa.org

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