

Newsletter IRLC

Indian River Lakes Conservancy

SUMMER 2003-SPECIAL EDITION

The goal of the Indian River Lakes Conservancy is to preserve the natural character of the area, with a focus on protecting clean water, fish and wildlife, and the scenic vistas along the shores of the lakes and the Indian River and to educate ourselves and the community about the natural habitat in which we live.

Formed in 1998 to conserve critical lands in the Indian River Lakes Area of Northern New York, the IRLC is a non-profit land trust with 501(c) (3) tax exempt status operating in a manner consistent with the published standards of "Land Trust Alliance", a national organization.

FAMILY CONSERVES LAKE FRONTAGE, FORESTS AND WETLANDS

GRAND LAKE RESERVE

The Henry Carse family of Hinesburg, Vermont has donated more than 800 acres of land to the Conservancy.

This spectacular gift of land to the community features 2 miles of shoreline on Butterfield Lake and forests and swamps reaching over to Grass Lake with an additional ½ mile of shoreline there. The Reserve includes over 300 acres of wetlands and over 500 acres of forest. The name, Grand Lake Reserve, is both historical and descriptive. Butterfield Lake was known as Grand Lake before W. W. Butterfield bought up much of the shoreline in the second half of the nineteenth century and changed the name to Butterfield Lake. The Reserve is made up of remnants of abandoned farms in the area, including the Butterfield, Evans and Foltz farms. The Conservancy will monitor hiking trails, conduct a permitted hunting program and promote educational activities which will focus on the natural environment. This is the second donation of land to the Conservancy by the Carse family. In 1999 they preserved the 26 acre Osprey Marsh, a maple bush swamp, to be set aside as forever wild.

Grand Lake Reserve currently has two hiking trails that adjoin Burns Road. There is a ½ mile long trail to Grass Lake and a 1-1/2 mile long trail to Butterfield Lake. The Conservancy will promote these trails for public use with an emphasis on the natural surroundings. We are a community organization, and in keeping with our Mission, this Reserve will provide a wonderful educational environment for the Indian River Lakes Area.

The Conservancy empowers landowners that wish to set their land aside to conserve our increasingly vulnerable resources. All of our individual memberships enable IRLC to help shape the future of the community and ensures the existence of scenic and tranquil places; wetlands, woods and shoreline that enrich the quality of life for people now and for generations to come. Be part of the effort to retain the rugged beauty and wild natural character of the Lake's Region. Help support the educational and recreational opportunities that the Conservancy offers.

IRLC NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW! Funding is required to establish a conservation plan for the Reserve and to steward and maintain this plan. We will also need volunteers to help steward this property. Grand Lake Reserve will need the support of the entire community. As we establish programs for the Reserve, additional volunteers will be needed. Please volunteer your time and effort with us on our projects!

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DONATION TODAY! HELP US CONSERVE FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR GRANDCHILDREN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT THAT WE HAVE INHERITED.

Please Join Us!

Support Grand Lake Reserve

Today

Reminders:

Wine and Cheese Lake Cruise to celebrate the acquisition of Grand Lake Reserve

Saturday, August 9th 5:00 – 7:00 \$15.00/person - \$25.00/ couple

Camp #29, Linda Vista Butterfield Lake 482-2446

Paddle and Oar

1:00 Meet at Millsite Lake Boat Launch

Sunday, July 27th paddle on Grass Lake

Saturday, August 23rd paddle on Muskellunge Lake

New Event Planned:

Hike on Grand Lake Reserve

1:00 Sunday, August 31st

Meet on Burns Road, watch for signs

INDIAN RIVER LAKES CONSERVANCY

Name: _____ E-Mail _____

Annual Membership

Member - \$20.00

Permanent Address:

Supporter - \$35.00

_____ Phone: _____

Conservator - \$50.00

Seasonal Location _____ Phone: _____

Protector - \$100.00

Benefactor - \$250.00

Eagle - \$1,000.00

Seasonal Mailing Address: _____

Please accept my donation for the Grand Lake Reserve \$ _____

I'm not a member and would like to join now \$ _____

Total Check \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Indian River Lakes Conservancy** and mail with this form to **P.O. Box 27, Redwood, NY 13679**. Thank You.

Know of someone who might be interested in joining? Please give us their name and address

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