

National DRINKING WATER WEEK

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Portland Water District



Photo by: Susan Landry

Celebrate your drinking water

Attend one of our free events to learn more about your water!

WIND OVER WINGS

Birds of prey rely on healthy ecosystems & clean water

Monday, May 4 | 6-7 p.m.

Jeff P. Nixon Development Center
225 Douglass Street, Portland



In this popular program, you will have up-close encounters with four different birds of prey, including a red-tailed hawk, great horned and eastern screech owls, and a golden eagle!

Experts will share stories about each bird to foster connections with wildlife, water, and stewardship of our local environment. *Registration required by 5/3.*

PIPES, PUMPS, METERS & MORE

Water system exhibit

Tuesday, May 5 | 5-7 p.m.

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A fifth of Maine's population relies on the Portland Water District to deliver clean, safe drinking water every day. Much of our water system – pipes, pumps, meters, and more – is underground or hidden

from the public eye. Current plans include significant upgrades to our aging pipe network. District staff will provide up-close displays of the tools and methods we use to monitor and repair the underground system you don't see. *Outdoor event – held rain or shine. Registration required by 5/3.*

1000 MILES OF PIPE

The history of your water & wastewater systems

Wednesday, May 6 | 5:30-7 p.m.

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The history of public drinking water in Greater Portland began just after the Civil War and continues today. The first drop of Sebago Lake water reached Danforth Street in Portland on Thanksgiving Day, 1869, and since that time the water system has grown so that all the pipes laid end to end would stretch more than 1000 miles. With the construction of the first wastewater treatment facility in 1978, the area's wastewater system began to take shape. Learn about the people, events, and public works projects that created the water and sewer systems that today provides drinking water and protects our local water ways. *Registration required by 5/5.*

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TOUR OF THE SEBAGO LAKE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Treatment & testing of your water

Thursday, May 7 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sebago Lake Water Treatment Facility
2 White Rock Road, Standish



The Sebago Lake Water Treatment Facility treats an average of 21 million gallons of drinking water per day. View recent upgrades to the facility and learn how both ozone and UV are used to treat your

drinking water. The tour includes a visit to the laboratory, where scientists will discuss how the quality and safety of your drinking water is tested. *Registration required by 5/5.*

Join our email list to receive information about other outreach events. Email sebagolake@pwd.org to sign up!

Join us on Facebook to learn more about our events and efforts to protect Sebago Lake!

Check out our Trail Day activities on the other side!

REGISTER Today

Email sebagolake@pwd.org
or call 774-5961 x 3324



Celebrate forests, recreation, and clean water

The 1,700 acre Sebago Lake Land Reserve is a managed forest intended to protect Sebago Lake, your source of drinking water.

Join us for the Third Annual Trail Day Saturday, May 16 (rain date: Sunday, May 17) Sebago Lake Land Reserve, Standish & Gorham

INTRO TO KAYAKING CLINIC

9:00-11 a.m.

Ages: 8 & up. Limit: 12



Learn recreational kayaking skills and tips in this clinic hosted by Windham's Sebago Trails Paddling Co. Brand new and novice kayakers will get on Otter Pond and learn entering/exiting techniques, basic paddling strokes, and safety tips. Kayaks, paddles, and life jackets/PFDs provided. Put your new skills to the test and take a paddle after your session!

Notes: 300 lb. weight limit maximum. When registering, please indicate child's height if under 15 years of age to ensure appropriately sized equipment. Children aged 8-11 years must be accompanied by a participating adult.

NATURE WALK: TREASURES TO CRAFT

9:45-11 a.m.

Ages: 3-7. Limit: 15



Pair up with your young one to explore and collect treasures on a short guided walk along a Land Reserve trail. Pine cones, sticks, acorn tops, and feathers are just a few you may discover. Join PWD educators to transform these treasures into a nature-inspired craft. This event is geared towards young naturalists, aged three to seven. Each registered child will take home their hand-made craft.

LEARN TO FISH!

9:15-11 a.m.

Ages: 6-15. Limit: 15



The Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's "Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs" program promotes family togetherness through fishing in Maine, and will offer a learn-to-fish event at Trail Day. Participants will learn fishing basics at the Otter Ponds on the Land Reserve. Equipment, bait, and tackle are all provided. Each registered participant will take home a fishing rod and goody bag from Cabela's!

SEBAGO TO THE SEA TRAIL WALK

9:30-11 a.m.

Ages: 14 & up. No limit



Presumpscot Regional Land Trust has been an important player in the coalition to establish the Sebago to the Sea (S2S) Trail, completed in 2013. PRLT will lead a relaxed, two to three mile walk on the S2S segment that runs through the Sebago Lake Land Reserve. Guides will discuss the inception of S2S as well as the importance of the Mountain Division Railroad to the both the trail and the westward growth of commerce. Terrain is uneven and ranges from level to moderate inclines.

TRAIL RUN & FITNESS WALK

10-11 a.m.

Ages: 14 & up. No limit



PWD will lead a trail run and a fitness walk so you can work up a sweat on the trail! To accommodate various fitness levels, runners and walkers are welcome to stay with a group or run and walk at their own pace between the two groups. Four and two mile loops will be marked and maps will be provided. Terrain is uneven and ranges from level to moderate inclines.

TRAIL MIXER

featuring the Maine Game Wardens & Northwoods Law!

All events end at the Pavilion at 11:00, where participants will be treated to trail snacks and water provided by PWD. Join the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife's Game Warden Service for an air boat demonstration, and meet Peter Herring, a featured warden from Northwoods Law!



REGISTER SOON Space is limited and fills up quickly!

To register or FMI visit www.pwd.org

or call 774-5961 x 3319

The first 75 participants that register for the kayak clinic, trail run/fitness walk, or S2S walk will receive moisture-wicking, athletic shirts made locally from recycled materials; adult sizes only.

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