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Downeast Lakes Landings

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[Closing the Gap: Progress toward West Grand Campaign Deadline](#)

With your help, we're working to close a gap - in more ways than one. The **West Grand Lake Forest** conservation easement will conserve 22,000 acres around the village of Grand Lake Stream, filling the largest gap in a huge conserved landscape Downeast and extending into New Brunswick. How big? Think Grand Canyon National Park.

But, the December easement purchase deadline is rapidly approaching, and a funding gap remains. Good news this week, the gap has narrowed to \$1.5 million, which means over 90% of the required funding is committed to the project. Supporters have an opportunity now, with their **pledge or contribution**, to help ensure these lands around Grand Lake Stream remain one of Maine's treasured landscapes.

Tom Curren Honored with Downeast Award

At our July 29 annual picnic, Downeast Lakes Land Trust honored Tom Curren with the **2012 Downeast Lakes Conservation Award**. Syd Lea presented Tom with a canoe paddle hand-crafted by Dale Tobey and customized by Deb Cochran. Dale harvested the white ash for the paddle on the Farm Cove Community Forest. Through his leadership of the Northeast Land Trust Consortium, a program of The Pew Charitable Trusts, Tom has played an instrumental role in the success of each of Downeast Lakes Land Trust's conservation projects.



Help! Land Trust Wants your Opinion (5 minutes)

Connor O'Neill, a University of Maine student completing a volunteer internship with Downeast Lakes Land Trust has created a brief survey. Please contribute just a few minutes of your time to help Downeast Lakes Land Trust understand what is important to you - and how we may be able to do our job better. If you haven't already completed Connor's survey, please give us your opinion: **QUICK LINK TO SURVEY**. Thank you!



Two chances! Mushroom expert Greg Marley

How many times have you promised yourself to learn the wild mushrooms that abound in Maine forests?

You are invited to learn with the noted amateur mycologist **Greg Marley**:

- Learn how to identify and collect mushrooms safely,
- Know the best edible and medicinal mushrooms and how to avoid toxic mushrooms.
- Learn how to prepare and preserve the best wild edibles,
- Learn about the ecology and folklore of mushrooms.

An evening program Thursday Sept 6th is offered free of charge (courtesy of Downeast Lakes Land Trust). If you want to learn more, come back for a **Sept. 7th Mushroom hike with Greg Marley**, from 9 am to 3 pm. **Reservations are requested**, and class size is limited. The land trust is subsidizing the class, available at a reduced cost of \$30 per participant. Class will be held rain or shine.

Instructor Biography:

Greg Marley has been pursuing his passion for mushrooms for more than 35 years. He has led countless walks and classes on mushroom identification and frequently lectures on mushrooms across New England. He is the author of *Mushrooms for Health; Medicinal Secrets of Northeast Fungi* and the award-winning *Chanterelle Dreams and Amanita Nightmares; The Love Lore and Mystique of Mushrooms*.

West Grand Lake Race Results

A strong south wind didn't deter paddlers from a successful West Grand Lake Race on August 6, though most paddlers opted for the 4 or 6 mile courses instead of the 12 mile paddle. A new course record was set for the 6 mile race around Kole Kill Island, with a time of 56:50, by a war canoe paddled by Mark Ranco, Chip Loring, Dan Jones, and Terry Wescott. Make plans now to join us on the first Sunday in August next year, August 4th, 2013.

Click here for complete results, and visit our **Facebook page** for pictures – while you're there, "like" the page to easily help DLLT and get more information.



Interns Reflect on Working in Grand Lake Stream

For the second year, Downeast Lakes Land Trust has hosted a team of two interns from the Acadian Internship program. Katherine Pierce and Fiona Dearth have spent four weeks in Grand Lake Stream, helping with everything from community events and education programs to forest monitoring and aquatic habitat projects. **Read about their experiences here.** (The program is a partnership of the University of Maine, Quebec-Labrador Foundation, SERC Institute, and Acacia National Park.)



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