

## OLNA Public Access Area Rules

- Public use is restricted to the designated public access area from 1 April - 30 November.
- Access to the fen/bog from the shoreline is prohibited.
- Motorboats must be anchored offshore, afloat.
- Canoes and kayaks are restricted to the designated landing area.
- The OLN is closed from sunset to sunrise.
- Damage to plants and historic resources is prohibited.
- Found historic artifacts must be conveyed to the DNCR Natural Heritage Bureau.
- Digging is restricted to 12 inches and holes must be filled by sunset.
- The OLN has no bathroom facilities. The public must use marine toilets or return to land-based bathroom facilities.
- No fires or grills onshore.
- The OLN is a carry in/carry out area. DNCR prohibits the disposal of garbage, sewage, trash, debris or any other refuse or waste material of any kind.
- Glass is prohibited.
- Boats must maintain headway speed within 150 ft of swimmers, other boats and shore.
- Boat operators under the influence of liquor or a controlled drug will be prosecuted.
- DNCR prohibits loud or unreasonable noises without the consent of persons within ear-shot.
- Organized or special events at the OLN require a permit from the Commissioner of DNCR (on shore) or the Department of Safety (on water).

DNCR emphasizes communication as the means to manage the OLN. However, Forest Rangers and Marine Patrol will issue warnings or summons as necessary to ensure compliance.

The objectives of the OLN Management Plan are 1) to maintain the OLN for clean and safe recreation in designated areas and 2) to protect the natural and historic resources.

DNCR will end public access if recreation: 1) causes the loss of threatened and endangered plants or exemplary natural communities, or 2) prevents preservation of resources and reconstruction of historic record, or 3) results in an unsafe environment.

In case of emergency:

State Police Carroll County: **911**

DNCR Forest Protection Rangers: **603-271-2214**

Marine Patrol: **603-293-2037**

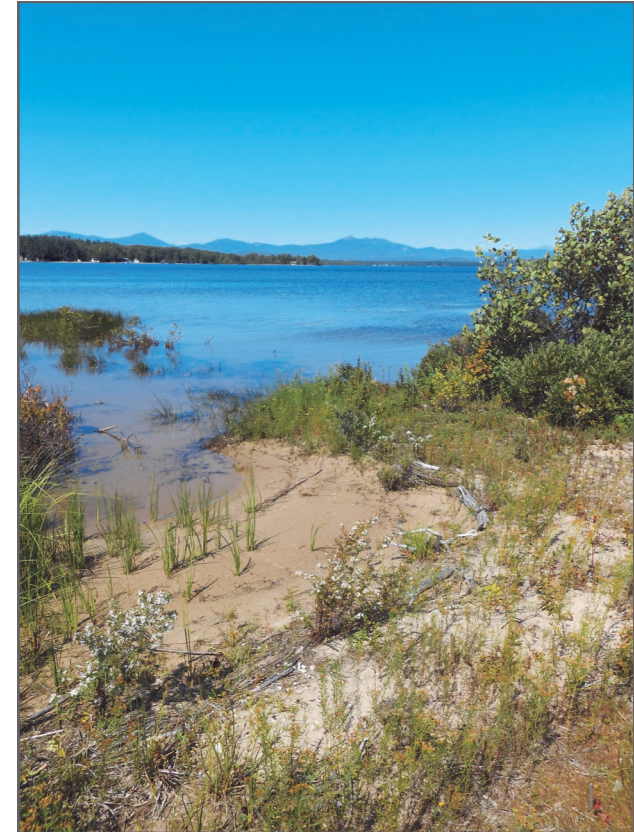


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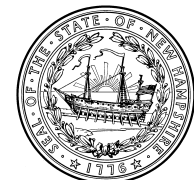
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The Ossipee Lake Natural Area (OLNA), managed by the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), is located at the south end of Ossipee Lake. OLNA is a total of 400 acres and is located on both sides of the Pine River.

The presence of rare native plant species and exemplary natural communities is one of the primary reasons for the creation of the Ossipee Lake Natural Area. The OLNA shoreline is a rare natural community system called a sandy pond shore system. It is comprised of four rare and imperiled natural communities. Two of the natural communities are globally rare.

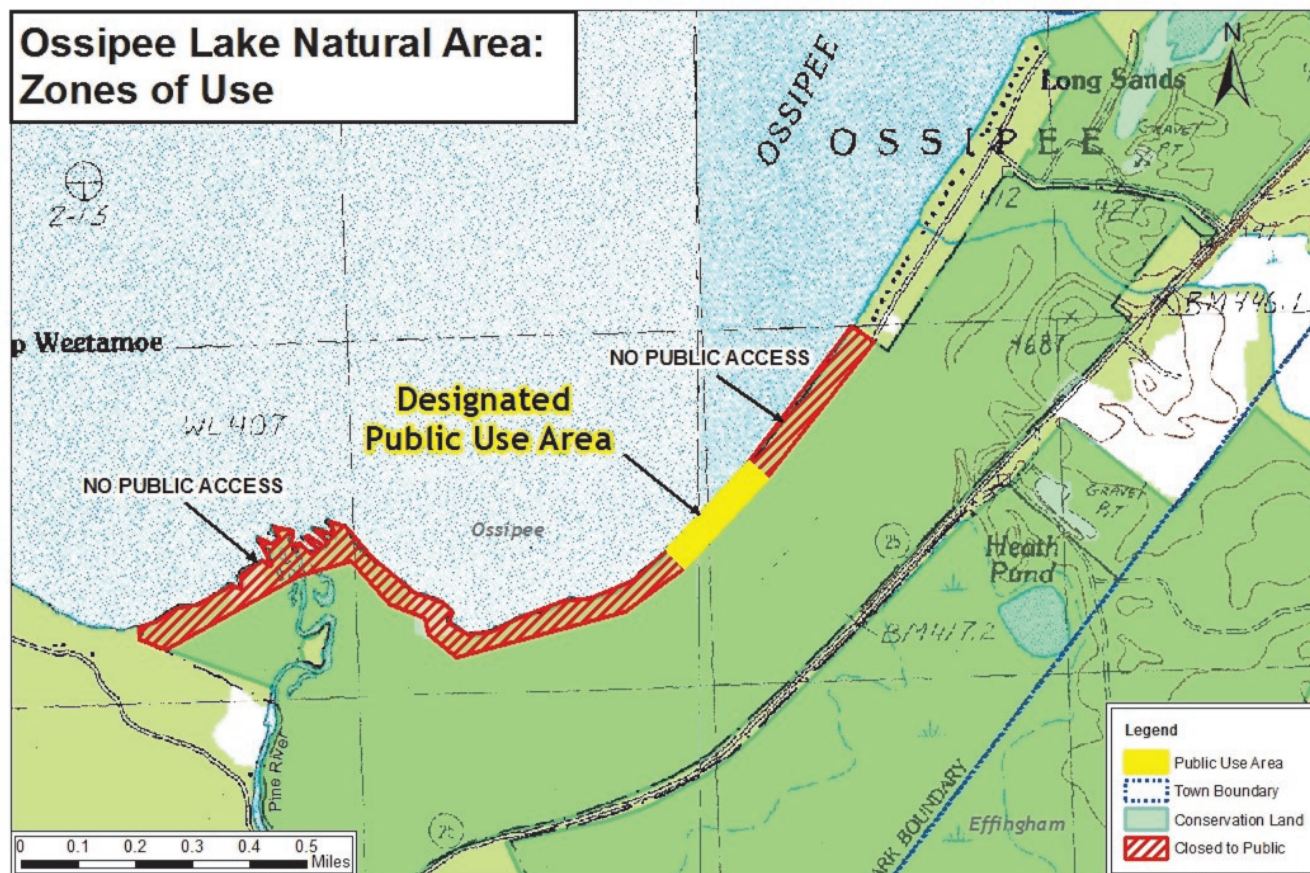
The OLNA is also an important archaeological site containing prehistoric artifacts. These artifacts occur throughout the site, and are nonrenewable, fragile, and rare.

The OLNA shoreline is one of the few remaining undeveloped public areas on Ossipee Lake, and has been an important recreation site since the mid 1900s. However, unmanaged recreation has contributed to the loss of at least two rare plants and caused a significant reduction of the remaining plants and communities.



State-threatened hairy hudsonia is extremely vulnerable to trampling. After closing off certain parts of the OLNA from public use, DNCR has seen a rebound in hudsonia populations.

## Ossipee Lake Natural Area: Zones of Use



### Public Access Area

DNCR welcomes public recreation in the designated area at the OLNA. The public access area is delineated with signage and characterized by one thousand feet of contiguous shoreline, a broad sandy area and extensive shallow nearshore water.

### Protection of Natural and Historic Resources

DNCR has posted "No Trespassing" signs indicating the parts of the OLNA closed to public use. The closed areas offer the best opportunity for protection and restoration of rare plants, exemplary natural communities and historic resources.

### Managing the OLNA

The OLNA Stakeholder Working Group is comprised of local representatives and is critical to the successful implementation and evaluation of the OLNA Management Plan.

Members of the OLNA Stakeholder Working Group are committed to working together toward balancing the protection of natural and historical resources with safe, public recreation.

