

Volunteer Orientation

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WELCOME!



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Our Mission

The Lake Hopatcong Foundation dedicates itself to protecting the lake environment and enhancing the lake experience, bringing together public and private resources to encourage a culture of sustainability and stewardship on and around New Jersey's largest lake, for this and future generations.



Our Vision

A vibrant and healthy Lake Hopatcong
and surrounding community

Program Areas



ENVIRONMENT



EDUCATION



COMMUNITY



ADVOCACY

2024 VOLUNTEER IMPACT





230

Volunteers

Hours

3,892

\$138,166

Value

2025 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Water Scouts

SPRING/SUMMER – July and August

Water Scouts help prevent the spread of invasive species on Lake Hopatcong by paddling the shoreline in specific areas the scout selects at least once during the early summer season and removing and reporting back on invasive aquatic species, particularly the water chestnut plant.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITY – REGISTER NOW!



Trail Maintenance

ONGOING – spring & fall (recommended)

Trail maintainers make sure the Lake Hopatcong Trail remains clear and accessible. Activities include pruning, clearing, and making sure the trail is clearly marked. Maintainers also notify the Foundation of any issues such as downed trees or other obstructions. A training session can be arranged for volunteers without experience.

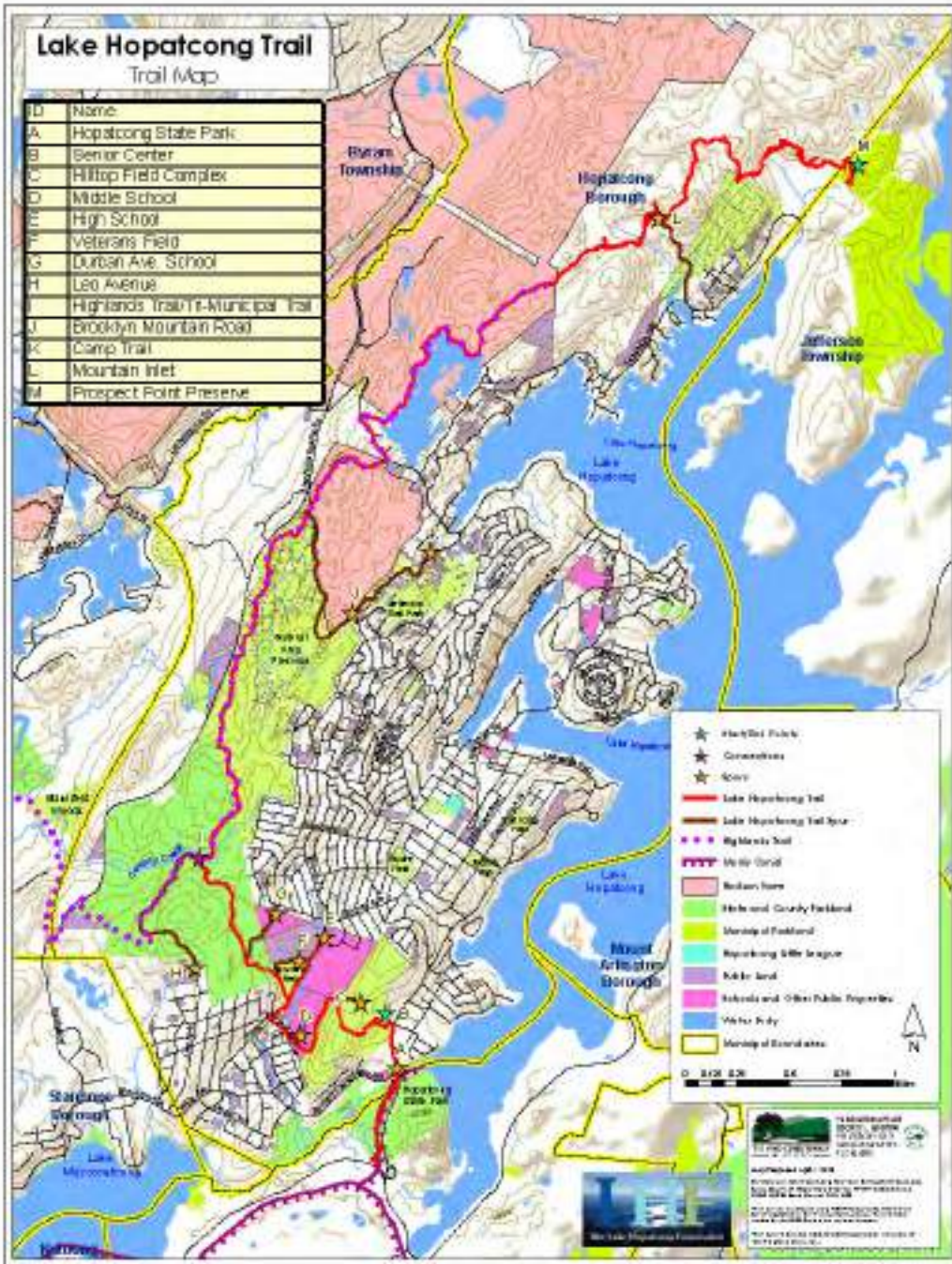
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Lake Hopatcong Trail

Trail Map

ID	Name
A	Hopatcong State Park
B	Senior Center
C	Hilltop Field Complex
D	Middle School
E	High School
F	Veterans Field
G	Durban Ave. School
H	Leo Avenue
I	Highlands Trail (Municipal) Trail
J	Brooklyn Mountain Road
K	Camp Trail
L	Mountain Inlet
M	Prospect Point Preserve



HAB and Salt Monitoring

HAB – June through September

Salt – November through April

Volunteers are needed to collect water samples and meter readings and complete data reports for Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) and for salt monitoring. Training is provided. Volunteers will pick up and return equipment to the Foundation office.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITY – Email

Donna@lakehopatcongfoundation.org



River and Road Cleanups

RIVER EVENT – Saturday, April 12, 2025

ROAD EVENT - Saturday, April 19, 2025

Each spring we assist the Musconetcong Watershed Association with the Hopatcong State Park location of their Musconetcong River Cleanup. A week later we hold our Adopt-A-Spot Cleanup along Mt. Arlington Boulevard in Roxbury.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITY – REGISTER NOW!



Educational School Field Trips

SPRING – Late April through Early June

FALL – Mid Sept. through Mid Oct.

The Foundation provides field trips for grade school and high school students at Hopatcong State Park. Students learn about watersheds and lake ecology. More than 150 opportunities! Background checks required.

SPRING OPPORTUNITY – REGISTER NOW!

FALL OPPORTUNITY – COMING SOON



Lake Hopatcong Block Party

EVENT – Saturday, May 17, 2025

The Lake Hopatcong Block Party brings visitors together with businesses, non-profit organizations, community groups, crafters, and food vendors for a community day like no other! The event takes place at Hopatcong State Park and requires close to one hundred volunteers to make the day run smoothly!

CURRENT OPPORTUNITY – REGISTER NOW!



Gala & Auction

EVENT – Thursday, July 17, 2025

The Foundation's annual gala is a social gathering and important fundraiser traditionally held in July. A committee of volunteers is needed to collect prizes, solicit sponsorships, and help ensure a great experience for guests. Volunteers who are comfortable with technology are also needed for event night tasks like registration and bid helpers for the auction.

Email kari@lakehopatcongfoundation.org



Lake Loop

EVENT – October 5, 2025

Our annual Lake Loop bike/hike/paddle challenge is great day to get active, have fun, and raise funds for a vibrant and healthy Lake Hopatcong. Volunteers are needed for set-up and break-down, registration, route guides, paddle helpers, rest stops, and more.

kari@lakehopatcongfoundation.org to volunteer for planning committee

Volunteer registration coming!



Administrative, Landscaping & Programs at Our Headquarters

ONGOING – as needed

Occasionally, volunteers are needed to assist with stuffing envelopes, assembling programs, or other administrative tasks. We also have opportunities for seasonal clean-ups, landscaping and gardening. And occasionally, volunteers are needed to assist with programming at our headquarters.





Corporate Volunteerism

Does your company organize company-wide service days?

We partner with companies near and far on community service days, working with the company's schedule and interests to tailor a project just for their employees.

Recent examples include trail maintenance, improvement projects at Hopatcong State Park.

Many companies will also make donations to organizations based on their employees' independent volunteerism with that organization.

Email Caitlin@lakehopatcongfoundation.org for more info!

Volunteer Communications





How to sign up

1. Visit our website at **lakehopatcongfoundation.org**
2. Go to “**How to Help**” and click “**Volunteer**”
3. Click “**register for volunteer email list**” and complete the signup, to be notified of upcoming opportunities

and/or

Click one of the available **volunteer opportunities** and complete the signup

New Opportunities

- **Website** – on our volunteer page
- **Email** – we will email you periodically with upcoming opportunities
- **E-Newsletter** – volunteer opportunities are sometimes announced in our weekly newsletter





Volunteer Handbook

- Shared Rights & Responsibilities
- Policies and Procedures
- Media release



Thank you for being here!

Questions?

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