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Lake Hopatcong Foundation launches new app to help inform lake boaters and residents

LAKE HOPATCONG—Looking for historical information about sites around Lake Hopatcong? Or for a kayaking launching spot? Or for a place to grab a bite, a fuel fill-up, or a round of mini golf on the lake? The Lake Hopatcong Foundation has launched a new free and easy-to-use app, Lake Hopatcong Guide, which puts the answer to those questions in the palm of your hands.

The app was created in an effort to give locals and visitors a tool that gives easy access to look up lakeside businesses, historical information, recreational trails, news, events, maps, weather, and more. Using GPS location, it will allow users to see where they are on the lake, and where to find what they're looking for, whether it's a bite to eat or a place to fill up the motorboat gas tank.

"The Lake Hopatcong Guide has something to offer everyone," said Lake Hopatcong Foundation president Jessica K. Murphy. "Whether you're a local or a visitor, and whether you're into boating, kayaking, hiking, or just learning about lake history, there's something in this app for you. It also offers alerts for things such as when the lake is in a high-water wake restriction, and makes it easy to call the State Police if you witness anything unsafe happening on the water. It's really an all-encompassing tool that we hope will only improve the Lake Hopatcong experience."

The app will be regularly updated to make it the most up-to-date way to get all kinds of lake information at your fingertips. It can be downloaded here: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lake-hopatcong-guide/id656656096?mt=8> for Apple devices, and here: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.lhf.lhguide&feature=search_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwxLDEsImNvbS5saGYubGhndWlkZSJd for Android devices.

The app was created by Mercury Development, based in Aventura, Fla., and guided by Lake Hopatcong Foundation volunteer George Damerel of Jefferson Township.

"We hope this app serves the community well," Murphy said. "It is the product of a lot of hard work by our volunteers, especially George Damerel, who put in countless hours to make sure it was as useful and intuitive as possible. We have something here that truly enhances the experience of being on Lake Hopatcong."

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