

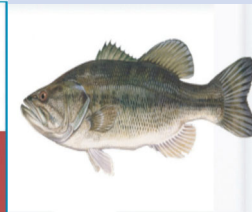
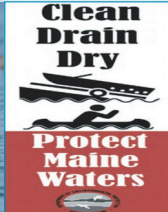
Welcome to Crescent Lake

Nestled in the heart of Maine's Lakes Region, Crescent Lake offers stunning scenery, abundant wildlife, and year-round recreational opportunities. Covering 716 acres with a maximum depth of 54 feet, the lake spans the towns of Casco and Raymond. You can also access Panther Pond via the Tenny River. Around the lake, you'll find Camp Laurel South, Camp Crescent Cove, Camp Agawam, Camp Pinehurst, and Kokatosi Campground. Stay safe, enjoy your time at Crescent Lake, and create lasting memories. Have a wonderful visit!

How did Crescent Lake get its name? Crescent Lake, previously known as Great Rattlesnake Pond and Rattlesnake Pond, received its current name in the summer of 1925. The name change was initiated by summer cottage owners who were looking for a more appealing name. They chose "Crescent Lake" because they thought it sounded better and likely more inviting for residents and visitors. The earlier names were derived from the nearby Rattlesnake Mountain and the presence of rattlesnakes in the area, with the last recorded capture of a rattlesnake occurring in 1870.

Living with Loons - On Crescent Lake, we love our loons. However, their nests and nesting habits are fragile and vulnerable to noise, boat traffic, and changes in water conditions. Loons are not only beloved but are also an important and protected part of our lake ecosystem. To learn more about loon nesting, the "Look Out for Loons" program, and why loons are vital to our ecosystem, visit the Maine Audubon and Maine Lakes website. There, you can find loon counts and download the "Living in Loon Territory" pamphlet.

Courtesy Boat Inspections (CBIs) & Invasive Plants - The future of our lake depends on preventing milfoil and other invasive plants and animals from entering Crescent Lake. Boat inspections at our Raymond landing and the Crescent Lake Invasive Plant Patrollers (CLIPPers) are vital to the lake's health. Always inspect your boat whenever you are entering or leaving any lake. For more information, visit the Lake Stewards of Maine and Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) websites. Let's work together to maintain the health of our lake.



Be Wakewise - Maine law restricts operating any powered vehicle at speeds exceeding headway speed within a water safety zone, defined as the area within **200 feet** of any shoreline, including islands. **Headway speed, or no wake speed**, is the minimum speed at which a vessel can still be steered and controlled. Additionally, wake boats and wakesurfing are prohibited within **300 feet** of any shoreline or in water shallower than **15 feet**. For context, most telephone poles are spaced approximately 100 feet apart. These regulations aim to prevent shoreline erosion, protect docked boats, and ensure safety for swimmers, other boaters, animals, and wildlife. Boaters are responsible for any damage their wakes cause. Since shoreline erosion significantly impacts water quality, compliance with these rules is essential. For more information, take the free Maine boater's safety course on the Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) website and review the Wake Zone and Boating Map on the CLWA website.

Fishing - Crescent Lake offers excellent water quality for warmwater fisheries management, making it ideal for species such as smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, chain pickerel, and white perch. Known for some of the best bass fishing, it attracts anglers from near and far. For more information, visit the Maine IFW website. Remember to dispose of your fishing line in the container provided at the Raymond boat ramp. Reel in a big catch!

"Enjoy stunning sunsets, magnificent cloud formations, crystal clear water, & enchanting wildlife."

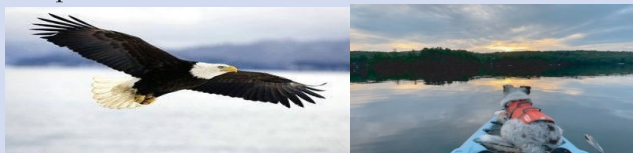
Trouble by the Bucketful! Help combat this serious issue. It is illegal to transport live fish without a permit. It is also illegal to dump unused bait fish into any waterway. To report illegal introductions, please call 1-800-ALERT-US (253-7887) immediately or report the offense on the Maine Operation Game Thief website.

Protect Loons and Other Wildlife - Fish Lead Free - The Maine Audubon provides lead-free fishing tackle, offers lead tackle recycling assistance for anglers, and raises awareness about Maine's current lead tackle laws. For more information, visit the Maine Audubon website.

Maine's Lead Tackle Law: The sale and use of lead sinkers and bare jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2.5 inches long or less is prohibited.

New Addition: Beginning September 1, 2024, the **sale** of painted lead jigs within this small size range will be prohibited. Starting September 1, 2026, the **use** of painted lead jigs within this small size range will also be prohibited.

Fireworks Laws and Courtesy - Please respect others and follow local and state laws. Keep in mind that sound travels much further and faster over water. For information on quiet hours starting at 10 PM and other regulations, visit the Maine Department of Public Safety/Office of State Fire Marshal website. Enjoy July 4th fireworks on the lake, hosted by several camps!

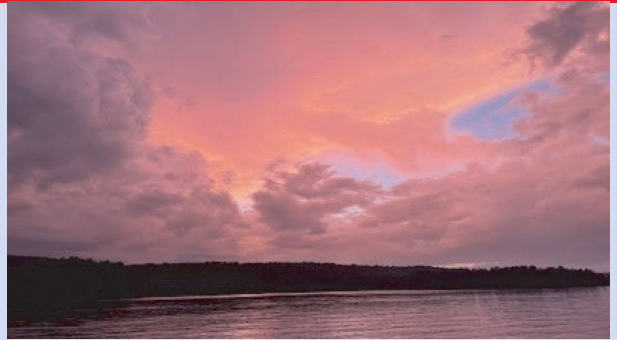


Maine Game Warden Service - To reach a Game Warden 24-hours a day, please contact the Augusta dispatch center at 1-800-452-4664. The game wardens in Maine protect our natural resources. They rely on the public to report suspected illegal activity. You can also report a violation anonymously through Maine Operation Game Thief by visiting their website or calling 1-800-ALERT-US (1-800-253-7887).

Shoreland Development Regulations - Shoreline property is vital for our lakes. Before undertaking any landscaping, tree removal, or construction, especially within 250 feet of the shore, please review the Maine DEP website and contact the town's code enforcement office.

LakeSmart - If every homeowner contributes a little, it greatly protects our lake! LakeSmart is a free, non-regulatory education program designed to help shorefront property owners manage erosion and keep storm water pollutants, including phosphorus, out of the lake. For more information or to request a free evaluation, visit the CLWA, Maine Lakes, and Maine DEP websites.

Trails - Discover picturesque hiking, paddling, snowshoeing, and snowmobile trails encircling the lake. For additional details, refer to trail apps.



Water Quality - Crescent Lake currently boasts clear water and is free from invasive species. However, it is classified as "Threatened/Sensitive" due to potential pollution risks. Keep an eye out for the CLWA's lake monitoring pontoon boat as they conduct water quality tests throughout the summer. For more information on water quality, watershed surveys, and protection and implementation plans, visit the CLWA, Lakes of Maine and Maine DEP Non-Point Source (NPS) websites.

Crescent Lake Watershed Association (CLWA) - is an all volunteer-driven organization dedicated to fostering community collaboration for the preservation and protection of our lake, ponds, and streams. Our mission is to safeguard the ecological, economic, recreational, and aesthetic value of our watershed. For more information, please visit the CLWA website.

We invite you to support our stewardship of Crescent Lake by volunteering your time or making a donation to CLWA. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, your donations are tax deductible. Contributions can be mailed to Crescent Lake Watershed Association, P.O. Box 1298, Raymond, ME 04071, or made online.

Websites - Scan this QR code to visit our website, where you'll find direct links to all the websites listed above!



July is Lakes
Appreciation Month!

