



Protect Our Weslemkoon 2025 Action Tracker

How many actions can you check off in each category? 5 would be awesome - 10 would be amazing!

Conscientious Community Member Actions

These actions keep our community strong and connected....

We:

- ☐ Purchased our annual [LWCA membership](#)
- ☐ Convinced someone to join the LWCA
- ☐ Checked the [LWCA Facebook](#) page (LWCA) and [Instagram](#) (lwca_ontario) regularly
- ☐ Are members of the [LWCA Facebook Group](#) and check it regularly
- ☐ Read the LWCA [Quarterly Smore](#) and Communiques (email us info@weslemkoon.com to let us know if you are not receiving the Smore or Communiques)
- ☐ Contributed to LWCA conversations online (Facebook, Instagram, or in the #takingcare chat group)
- ☐ Subscribe to and read the [Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations \(FOCA\) elert](#)
- ☐ Attended the LWCA Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- ☐ Brought a friend/family member/new member to the LWCA Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- ☐ Attended a community event such as Maker's Market or webinar
- ☐ Submitted an idea, an article or some feedback to the Loon Call editor (info@weslemkoon.com)
- ☐ Volunteered to maintain a trail or build something needed for the LWCA
- ☐ Volunteered on a committee, at an event, or on the Board of Directors
- ☐ Donated books to the LWCA little library (soon to be located at Weslemkoon Marina)
- ☐ Borrowed and read books from the LWCA little library
- ☐ Completed a [Firesmart Canada](#) property check and maintenance
- ☐ Made or discussed an evacuation plan for fire emergencies with our family and neighbours
- ☐ Have an emergency kit at the cottage
- ☐ Have a fire pump and held our annual fire pump drill
- ☐ Have an Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED) at our cottage or share one with our neighbours
- ☐ Have valid First Aid and/or CPR training
- ☐ Have a sign on our dock to alert snowmobilers that we have a bubbler

Committed to Conservation Actions

These actions help to protect our lake and environment for future generations and all the other living things who call Weslemkoon home...

We:

- ☐ Checked our property for [Invasive Species](#) reported any that we find to [EddsMapps](#) or the Ontario Invasive Species Hotline 1.800.563.7711 and properly removed it if possible
- ☐ Plant/maintain native plants in our garden and on our property (see [Southern Ontario Grow Me Instead](#) for a guide of what to plant)
- ☐ Have a [naturalized and healthy riparian zone](#) and [shoreline](#)
- ☐ Have curved pathways and terraces to avoid erosion from rainfall runoff
- ☐ [Have bird safe windows](#)
- ☐ Use [dark sky friendly lights](#) on our property to avoid [light pollution](#)
- ☐ [Checked our septic](#) and had it pumped if needed
- ☐ Took our laundry into the city to do, OR we have a microfiber filter installed on the lake washing machine [in order to minimize microfibers from entering our lakes](#).
- ☐ Enjoyed septic friendly toilet paper or [bidets](#)
- ☐ Used soaps, shampoos and detergents that are free of harsh chemicals or phosphates
- ☐ Did not use [rodenticides](#) or [pesticides](#) to avoid bioaccumulation in the food web
- ☐ Used [Lake or Reef safe sunscreen](#) (look for one in a plastic free applicator)
- ☐ [Composted](#) our food waste ([DIY Composters](#))
- ☐ [Minimized plastic packaging when shopping](#) (the landfill site will thank you)
- ☐ [Clean Drain and Dry](#) our boats and other water vessels/toys before transporting them overland
- ☐ [Followed all provincial regulations when fishing](#) and used lead free tackle
- ☐ Ensured that we were [Wake Wise on Weslemkoon](#) & left no wake when less than 30 meters from shore.
- ☐ Free choice: We....

Family Fun Activities

These actions are fun to do as a family as we protect and learn more about the lake environment...

We:

- ☐ Participated in one [Citizen Science](#) activity as a family (or with friends)
- ☐ Hiked a trail together, picked up any garbage that we found, and followed [hiking best practices](#)
- ☐ Cleaned our shoes and dog's paws before hiking to avoid introducing invasive species to our forests
- ☐ Used the [Merlin App](#) to identify 3 birds by their songs
- ☐ Can name and mimic the [3 different Loon Calls](#)
- ☐ Explored our property and identified 3 plants and 3 trees using the [Seek and I Naturalist Apps](#)
- ☐ Learned about the Indigenous traditional uses of the plants on our property

- ☐ Used an underwater viewer to explore life beneath the water
- ☐ Explored our shoreline and checked for sunken trash
- ☐ Found 3 constellations in the night sky and learned the [Indigenous names and legends for them](#)
- ☐ Chose a [sit spot](#) and visited it regularly to observe nature
- ☐ Rescued a turtle from the road and took it to the [Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre](#) or contacted [Think Turtle](#) to arrange for transport to the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre.
- ☐ [Enjoyed firework-free celebrations](#) for our celebrations
- ☐ Found all the [geocaches](#) around Lake Weslemkoon
- ☐ Placed a new geocache
- ☐ Free Choice: We....

Net Zero Super Hero Actions

Climate change is a threat to our health and the health of our lake environment. These actions, both on and off the lake, can make a difference towards reducing emissions which will help to slow global warming.

We:

- ☐ Asked our federal and local governments to meet their emission reduction targets by emailing or calling our [MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman](#) and [MPP Ric Bresee](#)
- ☐ [Ate 1 or more meatless meals](#) per week
- ☐ Reduced our use of energy by using LED lights, turning off all lights and appliances when not in use.
- ☐ Followed the Reduce (bought only what we needed), Reuse (thrifed, repurposed, borrowed, shared), then Recycle hierarchy in order to minimize our use of the Earth's resources
- ☐ Enjoyed only non motorized sports (e.g., swimming, canoeing, kayaking, birdwatching)
- ☐ Generated some of our own electricity using wind or solar energy
- ☐ Avoided using [gas powered tools](#) (trimmers, blowers, barbeques)
- ☐ Used a backup battery instead of a gas generator
- ☐ Used a heat pump instead of a woodstove, gas or baseboard heaters (which doubled as an air conditioner during heat waves)
- ☐ Have an induction or electric stove
- ☐ Have a heat pump or electric water heater
- ☐ Drive an EV or hybrid or PEV or plan to purchase one for our next automobile
- ☐ Free Choice: We.....