



TWO LOON NESTING PLATFORMS ARE BUILT AND PLACED Lend a hand to our loons



Loons face many threats, including lead toxicity and habitat loss due to development. Their eggs and chicks are highly vulnerable to predation and being swamped by wakes from boats and personal watercraft. Over the past decade, reproductive success of Wolfe Lake's loons has been poor. In hopes of facilitating loon nesting success this spring, the WLA has constructed and placed two nesting platforms on the lake. We used two different designs and will monitor each for loon activity (it is not uncommon for rafts to be ignored, especially the first year). If you see a loon nesting on a platform or a natural nest, PLEASE resist the temptation to linger or move closer. Loons may abandon their nest under pressures of human interference. Also, kindly refrain from creating large wakes around islands and shallow bays where loons nest and be highly vigilant for small chicks unable to dive to escape approaching watercraft. Let's all do what we can to give our resident loons a hand at nesting success.

Kudos to WLA volunteers Adriana and Sandro Gambarotta, Bruce Maynard, and Bill and Donna Garland who built and placed the platforms just after ice-out, in time for the return of our resident loons! Thank you!

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