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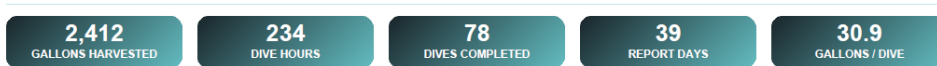
September 2026

Invasive Plant Harvesting Operations



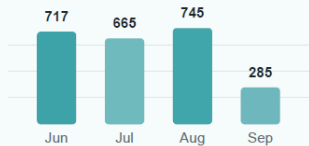
2026 Balch Lake Harvest Season Summary

Reporting period: June 15 - September 6, 2026
Aquatic plant hand-harvest operations

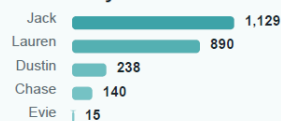


Harvest by Month

Sep through 9/6



Harvest by Diver



Harvest by State

NH 1,487 (61.7%) ME 925 (38.3%)

Harvest by Location

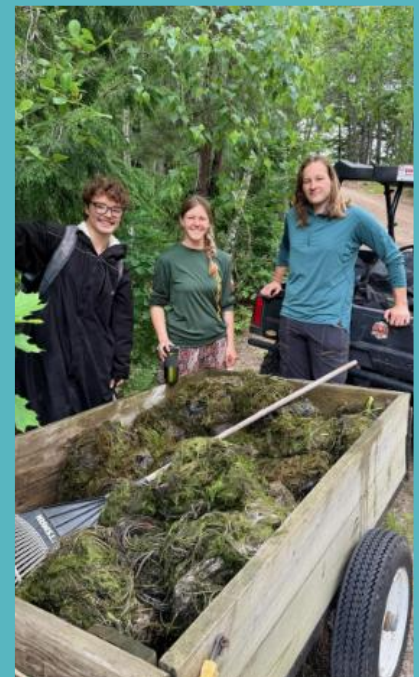
All recorded harvest locations

Stump Pond (H20)	718	Channel (A02)	42.5
Wyman Cove West (E11)	340	Wyman Cove East (E12)	35
Stoddard Narrows (B03)	285	Perrault Cove (K15)	30
Foye Cove (J22)	171	The Ridge East (B27)	25
McVaugh Cove (B07)	105	The Dam (A01)	22.5
Jennifer Lane (H17)	95	Wyman Cove Mouth (E13)	20
Carlberg Cove (C06)	85	Sunset Beach (B05)	15
Rodgers Cove (A04)	75	Whitehouse Cove (D10)	7.5
Little Cove (I21)	70	Floating Islands (G19)	7
Shepards Island Causeway (C09)	70	Smith Cove (C10)	5
Ridge West (C28)	69	Pickering Cove (D08)	4.5
Green Bay (C25)	59	Channel No Wake Zone (G16)	1
Ridge Midway (C26)	55		



The Aqualogic dive team was back in late August-early September. (L to R)- Aqualogic team working on Balch Lake this season...

Chase, Lauren and Jack



Prepared by Jack Utermoehl

Aqualogic

Please reach out to your associations BLIMP Representative to report milfoil. See the last page for details on BLIMP Representatives per association and their contact information.

Event updates

We closed the fundraising season off strong.

Thank you for all your continued support for BLIMP!



Harrison Goodell performed for the third year in a row. It was a beautiful night to enjoy a concert on the lake.

Thank you to Harrison for performing, Tom Turner, Pat Avery, Ralph Milliken for coordinating and to Chris and Sharon McCarthy for hosting the event.



Lake-Wide Blimp Bake Sale

Saturday Aug 22, 10-12
Shady Nook Rec Center

Drop off baked goods at Rec Center 8-10



Pies, cakes,
muffins, cookies,
brownies, jams,
breads, etc

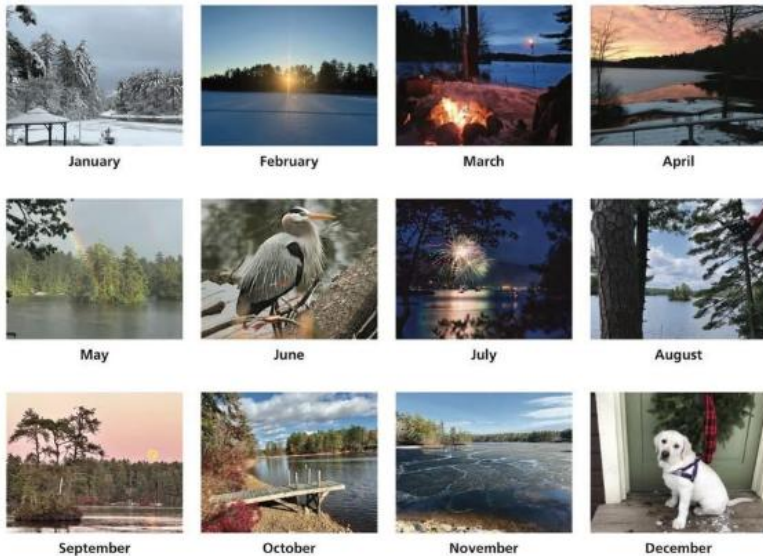


Please package all
baked goods and
label for nuts!



Info call: Elaine Hall 207-636-3814

Thank you to Elaine Hall, Joanne Kelcourse, Sue Stadtfeld and Anne Willson for all the hard work and coordination of the annual Bake Sale. It was another successful year.



There are **four** 2027 Balch Lake calendars remaining, contact Donna Lefebvre @ Donna.Lefebvre.Blimp@gmail.com to get one.

I am excited to introduce you to Diane Landry...she is joining the BLIMP event planning/fundraising team for 2027 season. Diane's family has a legacy with BLIMP with her father Lee Willson being one of the founding members of BLIMP. Please join me in welcoming Diane to the team and together we look forward to bringing more fun events to the lake community in 2027!



Diane Landry

Donna Lefebvre

FUNDRAISING

Diane Landry and I are already working on events for next season and we look forward to having as much fun next year as we did this year. Stay tuned.



Use the above QR code to make donations directly to BLIMP. *When making donations, please include your lake association in the notes.*

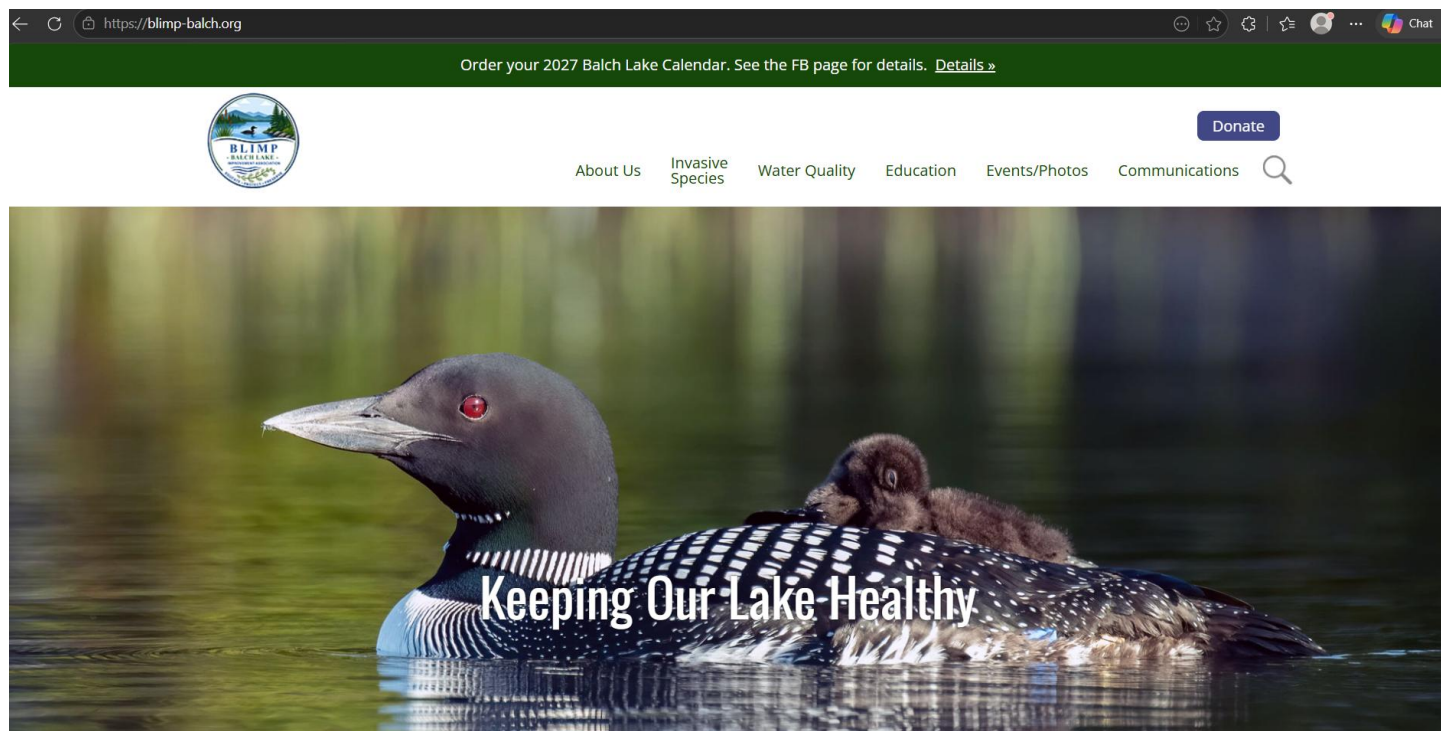
Balch Lake Dam Keeping

Please note that the dam is managed by the Town of Newfield so if you have any questions or concerns you can reach out to the Town at 207-793-4348. [The plan is to open the dam on October 13, 2026 so please plan accordingly to remove your boats and prepare docks.](#)

BE SURE TO VISIT THE NEW BLIMP WEBSITE

In July we introduced the new BLIMP website which will provide you a one stop shop for anything and everything you need to know about BALCH Lake. The website will allow us to:

- *Promote our successes and accomplishments*
- *Provide education about invasives, laws and other elements of being a “good lake citizen”*
- *Encourage financial support through fundraisers*
- *Promote volunteerism*



[Visit BLIMP-Balch.org](https://blimp-balch.org)

Water Quality- Testing

We did our semi-annual chemical testing in early August, and the results came back once again with no detectable contaminants. The next sampling will be mid-October.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you're interested in being a water sampler, please contact Tony Taglierro (tonytag63@gmail.com). No scientific background or experience is necessary—just a willingness to pay careful attention to the sampling procedures that we'll show you how to do on your first time out! Samplers are typically assigned to go out 2-3 times per season with at least two other people. It takes about an hour-and-a-half and is a relaxed, sociable trip. Couples are most welcome!



Pictured are the new members of 2026 team of BLIMP water testers that accompanied Ginny(photographer), Tony, and Chris Fanger, boat driver, for testing on Friday, August 31st.

Newly-acquired Blimp flag and accessory flags were a welcomed addition to our testing session, thanks to fellow tester, John Castellot.

Seated left to right: Henry Lovejoy, Bill VanderClock, Tom Eichner, Chis Fanger, Dave LaFrance, Terry Hart, Scott Inman, Tony Tagliaferro,; missing, Steve Perry.

BLIMP- Loon Preservation

BABY LOON UPDATE:

Lisa and Henry Lovejoy completed a Loon census in early August, finding 8 healthy loons in total on the lake. The parents and chick are doing great, with the chick constantly diving and appearing to be quite self-sufficient now! There is also now one group of three, I believe youngsters, that are particularly playful and perhaps scouting out their location for next season. What a beautiful day!



Mom and loon chick on Balch Lake July 2026

BLIMP is asking boaters to please be "Loon-Aware". We worked with the Loon Preservation Committee of New Hampshire to develop signage. Our hope is that with more education and signs that boaters can see, we can help reduce the chances that another loon will be killed on Balch Lake. The signs will be 2' x 3' and placed at strategic locations around the lake with landowner permission.

BLIMP Association contact list - 2026

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We continue to work with all the associations around the lake to identify the BLIMP Representatives. Please contact Donna Lefebvre @Donna.Lefebvre.Blimp@gmail.com to update the information for your association.

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