

# Friends of Perch Lake

2015 Newlsetter

## Trumpeter Swans Visit Lake

The rare trumpeter swans spent a day of their migration feeding on aquatic tubers along the shore. The native plants are making a come back thanks to the Eurasian milfoil control efforts in the lake. FOPL in conjunction with park staff and Beaver Creek reserve with a grant from the state have been raising native weevils which have been attacking the invading Eurasian milfoil with a voracious appetite. St. Croix Scuba has continued to organize volunteer divers to pull milfoil from the swim area.

## Eagle Scout Built Steps

Ben Wothe of troupe 905 Hudson installed limestone steps to the water by the watercraft area as his eagle scout project.



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## The Bookworm Trail



**-Readers for the Bookworm trail wanted for June 10, July 8, and August 12 5-7 pm.**

The Bookworm Trail is a series of small buildings holding books for families to read as they walk the ½ mile paved trail. There are new books each week in each building.

*The Bookworm Trail is a community supported Literacy program and a No child left behind project. For more information please call 715-549-6515*



Big dipper over Perch Lake by Linda Rutherford. [lruther1@comcast.net](mailto:lruther1@comcast.net) to order prints on 8.5X11 paper for \$10. 13X19 paper for \$25.



March 7 33 area children enjoyed learning to ice fish on the lake. The event is coordinated by FOPL, St. Croix County parks, and the St. Croix Sportsmen's Alliance.

Volunteers drilled holes, checked kids in, documented the event, and served snacks and cocoa provided by the Sportsmen's Alliance; which also supplied bait and rods for the kids to use. FOPL also donated prizes. Additional prizes were provided by corporate sponsors: Bass Lake Cheese Factory, Farm & Home Store, Fish Trough, inc, and Fleet Farm. WI DNR provided each child with a set of ice fishing regulations. The same groups also sponsor a summer kids fishing contest. This year **Kids Fishing** will be Saturday June 6 from 9-11AM. Volunteers are welcome. Bait hooks, teach, check or weigh-in. Contact [justin.Townsend@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:justin.Townsend@co.saint-croix.wi.us) to **volunteer**.

### FOPL ANNUAL MEETING

Will be Saturday, May 2; 1:00 p.m. at the Park, in maintenance building if bad weather. Items for the agenda may be sent to [dmdseim@aol.com](mailto:dmdseim@aol.com) Your support is welcome. See the enclosure for support forms.

### FOPL BRAT ROAST FUNDRAISER

July 24 & 25 at RJ Meats in Hudson. Three volunteers will be needed for 3-4 hour shifts. Contact [dmdseim@aol.com](mailto:dmdseim@aol.com) with availability.

### PENNIES FOR THE PARK

Good search donates a penny per search on behalf of the charity selected in the search box. Just type in Friends of Perch Lake and click on the verify button to have us automatically inserted in the charity box each time you access the site from that computer. The Good Shop link connects you to stores that will donate a percentage of the mail order purchase made when you use that link to get to the site. There are almost 500 stores contributing. Need to order bulbs, inkjet cartridges, make plane reservations? All of these and more generate funds for the capital fund raising for the learning center at the park with NO COST TO YOU. <http://www.goodsearch.com/> There is also a mobile app for download available.

### OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Park at below email to volunteer:

**[Justin.Townsend@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:Justin.Townsend@co.saint-croix.wi.us)**

-May 15th I have 2 **Service Learning Day** classes coming from New Richmond. If I could get a few volunteer adults then we could split up and do several things at once.

-A new **Bookworm trail station** is being built. The new Bookworm Trail station is going to be sponsored by the St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners. There is going to be several build days. If you have people contact me we can work out some days.

-**wood chips** maybe going on Aggies Alley  
-there is some **brush cleanup** from dead pine removal.

Osceola Hatchery planted 1,400 **Rainbow trout** 1st week in April & planted about another 1,400 end of April. All the trout are 9 to 9 1/4 inches long.