

Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association

A community focused on protecting, nurturing and cultivating the natural, physical and social characteristics of Leonard Lake



LEONARD LAKE REGATTA

reEst:  2025

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH
- Rain Date SUNDAY, JULY 27TH -
12:00 p.m.(ish)) - 4:00 p.m.(ish)



GAMES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS!

EGG RACES, WATER BALLOONS AND CANOE RACES FOR ALL AGES - THIS WILL BE A FUN, EXCITING DAY!

Location: 1228 Leonard Lake Road 2
Finkbeiner Property
Directions by land or lake to come.

Everyone on Leonard Lake is invited to bring their camp chairs and children (young and older) to our new Leonard Lake Regatta. We'll be doing egg events and supervised races for the little ones - biggest splash, paddle board and canoe races for everyone. Prizes, hot dogs and lots of laughs - and don't forget the sunscreen!

LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

Tell us if you and your family are coming to the Regatta, and indicate how many adults / youngsters, so we can prepare.

Email the Leonard Lake Regatta Committee at:

leonardlakeregatta@gmail.com

MICHAEL'S CORNER

The White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*) and the Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*) are small, nimble songbirds commonly found in much of North America. There are additional nuthatch species found in North America; however, only the white-breasted and red-breasted are typically seen in Ontario. Though these two are closely related and similar in behavior, they differ in appearance, vocalizations, and habitat preference.

The White-breasted Nuthatch is the larger of the two species, measuring about 13–15 cm (5–6 in) in length and weighing 18–30 grams (0.6–1 oz). It has a white

face and underparts, a black cap, and blue-gray upperparts. Its tail is short, and it often displays modest chestnut coloring under the tail.



The Red-breasted Nuthatch is smaller, measuring 11–13 cm (4.3–5 in) in length and weighs 8–13 grams (0.3–0.5 oz). It is most easily recognized by its reddish-orange underparts, black eye stripe, and a highly distinctive white stripe above the eye.



Both species are known for their ability to climb down tree trunks headfirst, searching for insects and seeds in bark crevices, and they often visit feeders, especially in winter. However, the Red-breasted Nuthatch tends to be more secretive and is more commonly found in coniferous forests, while the White-breasted Nuthatch favors deciduous or mixed woodlands and is more conspicuous in suburban areas.

Vocalizations also set them apart. The White-breasted Nuthatch has a nasal, honking “yank-yank” call, while the Red-breasted Nuthatch produces a higher-pitched, tinny “yank-yank” that sounds more like a toy horn or a squeaky rubber duck. If you are thinking that this sounds like a very subtle distinction, I agree. But I’d also note that nuthatches are quite vocal and are very often heard. Therefore, if you listen for nuthatches, you’ll often hear them, and then see them, and quickly learn the vocal differences.

In terms of distribution, the White-breasted Nuthatch ranges across much of the United States and southern Canada, and more rarely in the far north and denser coniferous forests. The Red-breasted Nuthatch, by comparison, is more often spotted in northern and mountainous regions with extensive conifer cover and tends to migrate more noticeably in winter, sometimes moving further south in irruptive years. You will often see both at Leonard Lake, but the White-breasted Nuthatch is reported more often; it’s bigger and it’s louder!

MICHAEL HATTON, ROAD 2

LOST AND FOUND (floating in Leonard Lake!)



Q: WHEN I BATHE AND SHAMPOO IN THE LAKE WHAT TYPE OF SHAMPOO AND/OR SOAP IS OK TO USE.

A: NONE!

DON'T BATHE IN THE LAKE!

ALL SHAMPOO AND SOAPS (YES, EVEN BIO-DEGRADABLE) ARE DAMAGING TO AQUATIC LIFE AND WATER QUALITY. ALSO PLEASE BE AWARE THAT MANY OF US DRINK THE WATER YOU ARE POLLUTING!

IF YOU USE LAKE WATER TO BATHE OR WASH HAIR AL FRESCO, OUT OF COURTESY TO OTHERS, AND THE LAKE , DO SO 30 FEET BACK FROM THE SHORELINE, AND RINSE WELL BEFORE JUMPING BACK INTO THE WATER.

SINCERE THANKS FROM OTHER LL RESIDENTS, THE FISH AND PLANT LIFE.



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