



HUYCK PRESERVE

AND BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH STATION

We're Getting Ready For Summer at Lake Myosotis!

After a long year, we can't wait to open the beach and enjoy beautiful Lake Myosotis with you. Pending approval by the county and guidelines from New York State, we plan to open on time on June 26th! Though the pandemic is not fully behind us, as of now we are able to relax some of the beach protocols that were in place last summer, while keeping others to help the program run safely and smoothly. We're sure you've missed family beach picnics and swims to the platform – well, they're coming back!

2021 Lake Myosotis Beach Protocols

These protocols are subject to change depending on Covid-19 conditions, regulations and guidelines from NYS and Albany County Department of Health, and user behavior.

Thank you in advance for doing your part to enjoy summer on Lake Myosotis while working together to ensure the safety of Huyck Preserve visitors and staff.

1. The capacity of the beach will increase to 50 people, while the capacity of the water will be set at 25 people to allow for physical distancing.
2. Beach passes will only be available to the immediate family living in a household, but there are options to accommodate guests (see beach pass form for more information):
 - a. Each beach pass will come with five opportunities to bring guests with you.
 - b. Members may buy an additional week-long guest beach pass for \$40.
3. The beach will be open Wednesday through Sunday and will be closed on Monday and Tuesday. Beach hours will be from 1-8pm in July and 1-7pm in August. Unlike 2020, we do not plan to have distinct sessions within our open hours.
4. Access to the beach is on a first-come, first-served basis. Access will only be available through the gate off Pond Hill Road, and those entering will show their swim pass and photo id to and be signed-in by a Preserve staff member stationed at the Pond Hill Road entrance gate. If our maximum capacity of 50 people is reached, the beach access will be closed until additional space is available.
5. Face masks, properly covering nose and mouth, must be worn when six feet of physical distancing is not possible with people outside your family. Unlike in 2020, spots will not be marked on the ground at the beach.

6. Physical distancing must be practiced when swimming with people outside of your family.
7. Grills and picnic tables will return to the beach and boat launch. Please follow mask and physical distancing protocols when not seated at a table.
8. As of now, the changing rooms will continue to be closed for the season.
9. Porta potties and handwashing stations will be available.
10. There will be no public access to the lifeguard shed.
11. The diving platform will return this year! Only one person or one household is allowed on the platform at one time.
12. There will be no pick-up sports (e.g. soccer) at the beach.
13. All signs must be read and instructions followed. Rules must not be debated with Huyck Preserve staff.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in the loss of beach access (see 2021 Beach Pass Form). These procedures are in addition to pre-existing rules for beach use in place prior to the pandemic.