

# Water Fest Day 2024 - Appreciating and Honoring All Our Waters

## Details:

We are NOT canceling for rain—only a thunderstorm. It IS a Waterfest, after all. If the weather is in question, check the website, [www.AllianceMRW.org](http://www.AllianceMRW.org), the evening before and on the event day.

**7:30-9** For early-bird hikers! Choose easy or rugged guided hikes on Lantern Hill - directions to come.

**9:30-4 Waterfest 24**, Long Pond (between Homestead and Long Pond roads) Tables open at 9:30 am - 4 pm

**9:45** Boat-cleaning demo: With hydrilla and other aquatic invasives threatening our lakes and rivers, everyone needs to observe best practices when moving a boat (even with a kayak or canoe) from place to place.

**10** Yootây Singers honor the water that gives us life

**11** Conversation Circle: Rahiem Eleazer, Tobias Glaza, Ed Lamoreaux, Maggie Favretti, and Brenda Geer lead a discussion about collaborating across local cultural boundaries.

## Lunch

**11:45 and 1:45** Boat-cleaning demos before guided paddle adventures: with hydrilla and other aquatic invasives threatening our lakes and rivers, everyone needs to observe best practices when moving a boat (even with a kayak or canoe) from place to place.

**12 and 2** Guided Paddles to see where the fishway will go

**1 pm** Conversation Circle: Pollution Solutions and Other Ways to Make a Difference

**3 pm** ....

**All Day:** Swimming and Paddling

**Boaters:** Remember PFDs for everyone in your vessels.

Fun Learning Activities and opportunities to share your knowledge and hear from local experts about how to care for the water and keep each other safe. Scavenger Hunts

Participate in building our huge relationship map that shows how we know everyone among us!

Also, visit the Mashantucket Pequot Museum's Harvest Moon Market, just four minutes away! (11-3).

More Details to follow....

## **DIRECTIONS TO WATER FEST DAY 2024 LOCATION BY TOWN:**

Location: Bob and Betsy Graham's Private Beach, west side of Long Pond, Ledyard - GOOGLE MAPS to 79 Homestead Rd, Ledyard; go past the Private Drive sign, through the stone walls onto the gravel drive; volunteers will be directing.

### **Google Earth Map of Grahams' Beach (private), Long Pond**

[https://earth.google.com/earth/d/1h0XWUeS6Dndh\\_fIN2\\_yoMVMMyHndAbz4t?usp=sharing](https://earth.google.com/earth/d/1h0XWUeS6Dndh_fIN2_yoMVMMyHndAbz4t?usp=sharing)

### **Ledyard to Long Pond, Grahams' Beach**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/aWH5yHMyVRStJ8iFA>

### **North Stonington to Long Pond, Grahams' Beach**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/uNt8afBNsa7e9As8A>

### **Groton to Long Pond, Grahams' Beach**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/1KN7HstcipgNRUdv9>

### **Mystic to Long Pond, Grahams' Beach**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Wd1vF1yJ31uBgi3V9>

### **Stonington to Long Pond, Grahams' Beach**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/ni6WSbJrtG4Lnf2p7>