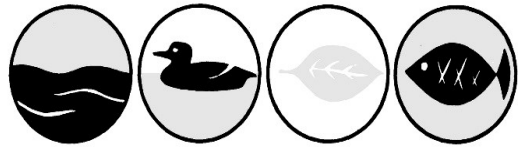


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July 2022 Newsletter

Alana Bartolai from Lake County Health Department gave a presentation on ticks for our monthly Nature Talk on June 15.

There are two species of ticks in Lake County: deer tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) and wood tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*). Of these two species, only deer ticks can pass on Lyme disease. However, wood ticks, also referred to as American dog ticks, do have the ability to pass on other bacterial infections such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tularemia.

Wood Tick



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Unlikely to transmit Lyme disease
Twice as large as a deer tick
Dark body with white markings near head (female). Dark body with white markings covering back (male).
Found most commonly in grassy and shrubby areas. Also referred to as American dog tick. Can transmit bacterial infections, such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tularemia.



Alana with Sue & Phil

Deer Tick



They can transmit Lyme disease. Very small in size. Brownish-orange with black spot near head (female). All black with thin brown border on rear edge (male). Found most commonly in wooded areas and leaf litter. Also referred to as black-legged tick. Can transmit other pathogens, such as Babesia and Anaplasma.

Before you go outdoors Choose light-colored, long sleeve clothing. Tuck long pants into socks. Apply insect repellent with DEET to your clothing (avoid your skin). Products with permethrin can kill ticks; used to treat boots, clothing and gear for extended protection. Know where to expect ticks; most commonly found in wooded areas and tall grasses. Stay in center of trails when hiking; ticks wait on vegetation and grasp onto anything that passes. Keep lawns and grass around play equipment trimmed short.

After you come indoors, check your clothing and pets thoroughly. Remove ticks found on your clothing or pets and dispose of them. Place clothing in a dryer on high heat for one hour to kill ticks and prevent them from dropping off in your home to search for a host. Check your body thoroughly for ticks. Shower soon after coming inside; this provides the best view (also helps prevent poison ivy reactions).

If you find a tick embedded in your skin, follow suggestions above to find ticks on your body before they bite. If a tick is overlooked and is later found attached to the body: Remove it immediately using small tweezers. Grasp the mouth parts, as close to your skin as possible. Pull it straight out slowly and avoid squeezing its body. Wash the wound site and your hands thoroughly. Visit a physician if unexplained rash or illness accompanied by fever develops.

The July Nature Night will be about Pond Management



This spring, Paul Yucas one of the members who mows the grounds, came across this baby deer who was just a day or two old. This baby was so new, that he didn't even know that he should be worried about Paul approaching him to take his picture. Paul, said that the mother was just feet away, the edge of the tree line, watching him and the baby. After a few minutes the baby did get up and run to his mother. Paul said it was so cute because the baby was so unsteady on their feet.

Thank you, Paul, for sharing this photo, and thank you for mowing the grounds

Outdoor Education Day July 16

Come to the event to learn some skills in fishing, archery, shotgun (trap) shooting, air rifle shooting, wild game cooking, and tomahawk throwing. When registered, everyone will be assigned to a group and that group will rotate through the different stations throughout the day.

There will be a special demonstration at lunch. We're still working on the details, but it will not disappoint.

This event is open to everyone ages 10 and up (including adults that want to participate). Please watch our Facebook page or our website for additional information. Space is limited, so you'll want to reserve your spots! Sorry, no walk-ins you must be registered in advance. Registration for the event will close July 9th, or when full.

PLEASE NOTE: With concerns over COVID-19, if this event does not take place, we will issue refunds. However, at the current time, we have every intention of proceeding. If you wish to wear a face mask and gloves, please bring them - none will be provided. If there are still concerns as the date approaches and you do not wish to attend, please notify us 2 weeks in advance and we may be able to issue a cancellations after the 2 week mark may not be refunded.

<https://pfgf.myeventscenter.com/event/4th-Annual-Outdoor-Education-Day-61635>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 16	Outdoor Education Day	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
July 18	General/Board Meeting	7:00 pm
July 20	Nature Night - Pond Management	6:30 pm
Aug 15	General/Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Aug 17	Nature Night - All about Falcons	6:30 pm
Sept 12	General/Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Sept 21	Nature Night - Pollinators & Open Spaces	6:30 pm
Oct 10	General/Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Oct 19	Nature Night - Honey Products	6:30 pm
Nov 7	General/Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Dec 5	General/Board Meeting	7:00 pm