

## Eagle Lake 4-21-2023 update, petition, donation, causeway, more

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Thank you, all of you!!

Just a quick note of thanks to all of you for signing and getting the word out for the EL boat launch petition. As of noon 4/21 the total count is 1,250. The count rate has slowed in the past 48 hours, but our total is fantastic. In looking over the list we see lots of familiar names from property owners on the lake and what looks like relatives based on common last names. Not surprisingly there are also a lot of signatures who have emails located in Ticonderoga and Crown Point. One could surmise that this is a "hot" topic by the fact that the petition has only been posted for 10 days. The signatures list will be shared with the government officials helping us with the fight to oppose the change in access. A local, in person, meeting with many of them is scheduled for next week April 26th. I would like to personally say thank you to all that signed, but this is not possible as there is no contact list provided. So absent that, please reach out again to your friends, neighbors, community members, etc. and say Thank You to them for us.

There is still time to sign; <https://www.change.org/p/save-the-eagle-lake-boat-launch-from-closing?redirect=false>

If you have not seen it yet, local reporter Don Lehman, of NY Outdoor News, wrote a nice article detailing our opposition to the closure to float off launching at EL. A link can be found here: [2024 Eagle Lake boat launch change facing questions in New York - Outdoor News](#)

The full article without needing a subscription is in the attached PDF file. The more we can get and keep the word out in the community the better our chances to have the APA decision modified or changed. It is interesting to read the last sentence of the article provided by a DEC spokeswoman, in that DEC has no usage data but points out we have trailed launching from private property. It amazes us how they (DEC and APA) can make decisions for us but have no clue of what the conditions around the lake are like.

We just received the article attached at the end regarding the closure of the beach at Broadalbin on the Great Sacandaga Lake. We ask that you read it. What the DEC is saying, as to how they are closing it and subsequently going to manage it, might have parallels to how we may need to deal with a similar public comment period as associated with the proposed Eagle Lake changes.

On a different note we found out last week that Donna Wadsworth, Communications Director for Sylvamo Paper, has been able to secure for us a donation of \$750.00 for use to offset the costs associated with water testing. Please consider sending her a note of thanks. [donna.wadsworth@sylvamo.com](mailto:donna.wadsworth@sylvamo.com)

Our annual request letters to the Town of Ti Police, NYS Troopers and the Essex County Sheriff for increased road patrols will be sent out this weekend. Just remember that they can not be selective in issuing tickets, if you have a heavy foot you have been advised. Here too, consider saying thanks if you see an officer in Town or as you travel the area. The patrols here are done by a small group of officers and talking to one is akin to talking to all. They do appreciate the feedback.

And in closing, contractor Peter Reale appeared to have been successful in setting the RT 74 northside bridge abutments on Tuesday 4/18 as there was a crane onsite in the morning and by midday it had packed up and was gone. Watching the camera video for the remainder of the week, it looks like they are making good progress on the reinforcement of the approach banks.

Three reminders here;

- First, RT 74 will be totally closed on May 5th from 6pm until 6am May 8th, weather dependent.
- Second, there is currently NO boat access under or past the causeway due to the turbidity curtains that are in place.
- Third, the contractor has asked if we can keep the lake level at the “winter level” for a slightly longer time after ice out to allow his crews easier access to “in-water work” on the bridge. This work should be completed in mid May which is about the time the boards are normally placed into the dam.

Again we ask that you be patient when traveling through the construction site, consider stopping for a moment, if you can, and saying thank you to the crews that have worked through much of the winter’s cold and snow on this project so that it didn’t impact our summer travels. We would also like to wish the crews well as they prepare for a long weekend of work on May 5th. If you go to watch in person, give the crews the space they need. For those that can’t be at the lake to watch, the EL camera will capture the event in time lapse fashion. See [Webcam Selector | Eagle Lake](#)

As a parting shot this image was taken at 6:00 am, 2 days prior to ice out from the Tiedemann “boat house” private camera. It’s looking east to Conklin’s Island and Ti Bay.

Have a great weekend!

For the board, Keith Park



Outdoor News article Don Lehman 2023-3-28.pdf  
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