Vermont Invasives Patrollers - 2023

Are you ready to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species?

Please join Vermont Lakes & Ponds Program staff at *free* online workshops and paddle sessions offered to train Vermont Invasive Patrollers (VIPs) to monitor lakes and ponds for invasive species, survey healthy native plant populations, and reduce the threat for invasive plant species introductions. If attending a paddle session, you must provide your own watercraft and other on-the-water equipment.

Vermont Aquatic Invasives Program

Vermont Invasive Patrollers for Animals (VIPA)

Take part in the Lakes & Ponds Program's pilot community science project, VIPA. Stemming from the VIP program, VIPAs will be trained to identify, survey for, and report a group of aquatic invasive animals. VIPA volunteers will be provided with a kit including all the necessary equipment to survey for the mollusks, crayfish, and fish included in the program. Attend a virtual training and a field session to participate; no watercraft necessary.

2023 Training Sessions

❖ **Tuesday, June 20 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm Online**
VIP/VIPA Online Training Workshop Link to Workshop

❖ **Sunday, June 25 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Lake Champlain Maritime Museum**
VIP/VIPA Workshop and Field Survey Training Session (More Information Soon)

❖ **Thursday, July 13 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Harvey's Lake**
9:00-12:00 pm VIP In-Person Training Workshop **McIndoes Library**
12:30-2:00 pm VIP Paddle Survey Training **Harvey's Lake VT Fish & Wildlife Access**

❖ **Saturday, July 22 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Eden Lake (Rain Date – July 23)**
9:00-12:00 pm VIP In-Person Training Workshop **Eden Elementary School**
12:30-2:00 pm VIP Paddle Survey Training **Eden Lake Recreation Area**

Training Workshop Topics

- Aquatic invasive species identification, biology, and lake ecology; Aquatic invasive species threats to native species; Surveying and monitoring techniques; Overview of invasive plant treatment methods and tools.

Field & Paddle Survey Training Topics

- Surveying and monitoring demonstration; Hands-on aquatic plant identification; Using field guides to key out specimen; AIS specimen review.

Pre-registration is required. Online training will use Microsoft Teams.
Please register for all VIP or VIPA trainings by clicking here .
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