

# 12 Shore Things

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As the soft waves lap at the shore, the distant drone of powerboats can be heard, and the smell of hot dogs permeates the air. It's another summer season on beautiful Lake Wallenpaupack.

The lake is one of the biggest attractions in our area, providing numerous recreational activities such as boating, swimming, water-skiing, and fishing. Summer is the lake's busiest season with fun things to see and do not just on the lake, but also along its fifty-two miles of wooded shoreline and beyond.

With so many can't miss events happening throughout July and August, including the three F's—fireworks, fairs and festivals, your calendar will fill up before you know it. Enjoy the lake and everything our area has to offer this summer. It is sure to be a season to remember!

## Fireworks

### Lake

**Wallenpaupack-** The annual Independence Day fireworks display over beautiful Lake Wallenpaupack is one of the most anticipated events of the summer. The Pocono Lake Region is known for presenting one of the best fireworks displays in the tri-state area, drawing thousands to our local restaurants, motels, marinas, merchants, campgrounds, and resorts. The lake and surrounding shoreline is the place to be on the Fourth of July as people gather close to watch the colorful display from their boats, docks, homes, cars, and anywhere else they can catch a glimpse of the vivid sparklers. The fireworks are made possible every year through donations and sponsorship. They are held at dusk on July 4 and the rain date is July 5. For more information, call (570) 226-3191 or visit [www.lakeregioncc.com](http://www.lakeregioncc.com).



**Honesdale-** The spectacular annual fireworks celebration on July 3 in Honesdale's Central Park features summer fun for people of all ages with music, games, and refreshments in the afternoon. The daytime events are hosted by the Wayne County Creative Arts Council. The day of fun culminates with the grand fireworks display, which is hosted by the Greater Honesdale Partnership. The glorious display takes place from Irving Cliff at dusk, providing a wonderful vantage point for people throughout town to view the shower of color. The rain date for this event is set for July 6. For more information, call (570) 253-5492 or visit [www.visithonesdalepa.com](http://www.visithonesdalepa.com).

**Narrowsburg, NY-** On July 4, the Narrowsburg Fire Department and the Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce present an Independence Day celebration to remember. The festivities begin at 3 p.m. with the annual parade along Erie Avenue, Main Street, and Bridge Street. The fun continues with live music throughout town, chil-

dren's games, the 3rd Annual Antique and Classic Car Show in the Library parking lot, the Narrowsburg Country Market with various food and craft vendors, and the Narrowsburg Fire Department's Chicken BBQ from 4 to 6 p.m. at the firehouse. The festive day ends with an impressive fireworks display, beginning at dusk. Crowds line the streets of Narrowsburg, the bridge over the Delaware, and the railroad tracks along the river to view the fireworks. For more information, visit [www.upperdelaware.com](http://www.upperdelaware.com) or [www.tusten-narrowsburg.org](http://www.tusten-narrowsburg.org).

## Fairs

### Wayne County Fair-

A local favorite, the Wayne County Fair features nine days of family fun. The annual county fair is held this year from August 6th through the 14th and features a live monster truck show, thrill shows, truck, tractor and horse pulls, demo-derby, fireworks, harness racing, livestock exhibitions and competitions, games, rides, numerous food vendors, live entertainment, and more. Admission is \$8 a person and includes free parking, rides, and most entertainment. For more information, call (570) 253-2942 or visit [www.waynecountyfair.com](http://www.waynecountyfair.com).



**The Greene Dreher Sterling (GDS) Fair-** For those who love fun, nature, and food, head to the annual GDS Fair. The fair takes place in Newfoundland's quaint downtown district near the South Elementary School, and this year will run from August 31 through September 6. This is a charming country fair the entire family will love with exciting rides, old-fashioned games, delicious food, fun entertainment, wonderful crafts, and, of course, farm exhibits. For more information, call (570) 676-4047 or visit [www.gdsfair.com](http://www.gdsfair.com).

**New Jersey State Fair-** The annual fair takes place just a short drive away at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta, New Jersey. This is one of the biggest fairs around, and this year, it runs from August 6 through the 15th. Enjoy everything from farm tractor pulls and demo-derbys to topflight entertainment. If you love food, this is the fair for you since it features home-baked goods, fair food, and exotic food from around the world. In addition, rides of all kinds from kiddy rides to high-speed carnival rides provide thrills for the young and young at heart. The area's rich agricultural tradition is evident through the livestock exhibitions in the barns and other displays and exhibits. For more information, call (973) 948-5500 or visit [www.newjerseystatefair.org](http://www.newjerseystatefair.org).

## PPL

## Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center



PPL's Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center is located on Route 6 adjacent to the Wilsonville dam.

PPL built Lake Wallenpaupack in 1926 as a hydroelectric project, serving as an important electric generating facility in times of high electricity demand. PPL owns most of Lake Wallenpaupack's shoreline, and the land is managed in harmony with the environment. Visitors and local residents enjoy the area for its camping, hiking, fishing, boating, and water-skiing.

Every summer, the learning center features fun festivals and events that are environmentally conscious. All of the programs offered at the center are free and open to the public unless otherwise specified. Some of this summer's events include Getting to Know Your Lake and Dam Tours, Basic Boating Safety Courses, a Drawdown Workshop, Little Bugs for Little Kids, Water Bugs for Little Kids, Big Bugs for Little Kids, Birds for Little Kids, Saving Bats, Wallenpaupack Creek Trail Hike and more.

For additional details on these events, call (570) 251-6196 or (877) 775-5253. You can also visit [www.pplpreserves.com](http://www.pplpreserves.com) or email [pplpreserves@pplweb.com](mailto:pplpreserves@pplweb.com).

## Sand Sculpture Contest



Let your inner artist shine through for this event! The Lake Region's very own Sand Sculpture Contest takes place on July 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Palmyra Township Public Beach on Route 6 overlooking gorgeous Lake Wallenpaupack. The contest is jointly sponsored by the Palmyra Township Public Beach and the Pocono Lake Region Chamber of Commerce.

The contest is in its second year and proceeds go toward new sand for the beach. People of all ages have fun with this event and can enter by themselves or as a group. Last year, about thirty people entered and the theme was animals.

This year, Chamber officials hope even more people enter and the theme is "buildings," so people are encouraged to be as creative as possible. All sand sculptors must pick an object in this category. The sand sculptures will be judged around 5 p.m. the day of the contest, and prizes will be awarded for Best Overall, Originality,

and Who Traveled the Farthest.

Shovels and pails are provided, but participants must supply their own special carving tools or anything else they need for their sandy creation. The cost to enter is \$5 and no advance registration is necessary.

The rain date is set for July 25. For more information, call (570) 226-3191 or visit [www.lakeregioncc.com](http://www.lakeregioncc.com).

## Wally Lake Fest

A brand new week-end-long festival hits the shores this summer and you won't want to miss it! From live music to boat parades, this is an exciting summer celebration centered around Lake Wallenpaupack and the immediate surrounding area.

The first Annual Wally Lake Fest takes place from August 27 through the 29th along the lake's shoreline. The festival features events located throughout the Lake Region, including the Lake Wallenpaupack Visitors Center, Downtown Hawley, the new Lake Wallenpaupack Nature Trail, and area businesses around the lake.

The new Lake Wallenpaupack Nature Trail begins at the dike overlook, winds its way behind the new Lake Wallenpaupack Visitors Center, and continues along parts of the Palmyra Township Public Beach, through sections of the Wilsonville Recreation Area, on toward the Wallenpaupack Area High School and ends near the PPL Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center.

This new festival is presented by the Downtown Hawley Partnership. Events include a Friday Night Music Tour with live entertainment at The Settlers Inn, the Pub at Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort, The Boat House Restaurant, and The Ritz Theater. Other events include an open market fair held at the Lake Wallenpaupack Visitors Center, a boat parade on the lake, kite flying at the beach, free sailboat rides at the Wilsonville Marina, souvenir photos during the Wallenpaupack Scenic Boat Tour, PPL Dam Tours, kayak demonstrations in front of the Lake Wallenpaupack Visitors Center, an ice cream social, and live marching band performance at the AM Skier Insurance Agency Gazebo in town, live entertainment at Gresham's Chop House, an evening of shopping and dining in downtown Hawley, a golf driving challenge at Costa's Family Fun Park, and more.

Another event during Wally Lake Fest is the Art Extravaganza at Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort. The Art Extravaganza takes place on August 29 from 12 to 5 p.m. It will feature over thirty artists' booths from the tri-state area, local and out-of-state art galleries, art auctions, live music, food, and a cash bar. During the event, the artists will be able to showcase and sell their artwork.



The event is run by a planning committee of about eight local business people including Dr. James Tickner, Deborah Bailey, Lucille Norella, Carol King, Amy Alpaugh, Mary Gridley, Mike Stanton, and Jackie Dienst. Some of the area galleries participating in this event are Lizza Studios in Tunkhannock, The Hanson Gallery & Decorium in Honesdale, and The Willow River Gallery in Honesdale. There is a \$10 admission, and the event benefits the children's programs at the Community Library in Hamlin.

For more information about this exciting event, call (570) 226-2141.

## Claws 'N' Paws Wild Animal Park

Located on Route 590, four miles east of Hamlin, this outdoor wild animal park features over 120 rare and exotic species. Claws 'N' Paws allows animal enthusiasts to get close to the animals. When people enter the park, they receive a schedule sheet telling the times of all of the animal shows, Dino Digs, and giraffe and lory parrot feedings.

The giraffe is very friendly and loves to visit people, give kisses, and eat carrots. The lory parrots are small parrots found mainly in Australia and Indonesia, and they love eating chunks of apple. Don't be surprised if one lands on your shoulder to grab a piece.

In addition to the animal shows and feedings, this zoo also features a petting zoo with tame deer, lambs and goats, a dinosaur outpost with the Dino Digs and fossil hunts, a turtle town where children can mingle with African tortoises, and much more. Other animals that live at the zoo include white tigers, black panthers, bobcats, alligators, beavers, otters, owls, rattlesnakes, monkeys, and black bear.

The park is open from May 1 through mid-October from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

For more information, call (570) 698-6154 or visit [www.clawsnpaws.com](http://www.clawsnpaws.com).

## Greater Honesdale Partnership (GHP) Events

**Fabulous Fifties Sidewalk Sales-** Sidewalk Sales are always a big hit in Honesdale, and this one marks the 50th anniversary of the event. The purpose of the event is to celebrate all of the downtown Honesdale businesses, and the theme will be the Fabulous Fifties with activities centering on this nostalgic decade. The Sidewalk Sales take place on July 22 and



23rd from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the 24th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Some merchants may greet their shoppers in 1950s costumes, and many of the stores and restaurants in downtown Honesdale will offer sales and specials. In addition to the Honesdale businesses, there will be numerous local vendors and non-profit organizations present at the event.

On Saturday evening from 3 to 6:30 p.m., there will be a car cruise featuring the Coastal Car Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania in the Park -N- Shop Lot followed by a Sock Hop at Joey C's Restaurant. The Sock Hop will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. and is a fundraiser for the proposed Honesdale skate park, which would be located in Apple Grove Park. The Sock Hop will feature 50s music, dancing, a 50s costume contest, a hoola-hoop contest, raffles, T-shirt sales, 50s style food like malts, shakes and hamburgers, and more fun for the entire family.

The Sock Hop is a public event and is \$10 a ticket. Tickets can be obtained during the Sidewalk Sales at some of the local business or at various booths along Main Street. For more information, call (570) 253-5492 or visit [www.visithonesdalepa.com](http://www.visithonesdalepa.com).

## Audubon Art and Craft Festival



Art meets nature at this unique festival.

This is the 25th annual gathering of over 100 of America's finest wildlife artists and craftsmen. It is known regionally as the finest Art and Craft show in the Poconos. This non-profit event raises money for student scholarships and environmentally threatened areas in the Northern Poconos.

The festival will be held July 17th and 18th at the Wallenpaupack Middle School Complex from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The school complex is located on Route 6, two miles southeast of Hawley on the eastern shore of Lake Wallenpaupack.

Some of the festivities include a wildlife fine art sale, nature films, craftsmen demonstrations, nature center displays, and children's activities. Craft exhibitors and artists will be coming from thirteen states and Canada. They will demonstrate and sell their unique and original work. Some of the quality craftsmanship featured at the festival includes pottery, woodworking, fine glasswork, woodcarving, leather carving, sheepskin, wheat weaving and metalworking. In addition, there will be a Wildlife Art Show, wildlife presentations with various live animals and reptiles and activities for the children.

Parking is free and the event is \$5 for adults and free for kids 12 and under. For more information, call (484) 256-4485 or visit [www.audubonfestival.com](http://www.audubonfestival.com).

