

## BECOME A CERTIFIED LOON FRIENDLY LAKE!

*It's Easy!*

Contact the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation at [info@adkloon.org](mailto:info@adkloon.org) or 518-354-8636 to set up a training workshop!

The ACLC staff will provide you with information and materials, including signage, a fishing line recycling container, and educational brochures, to conduct projects to improve your lake to better protect the loons breeding there for years to come.

Upon successful completion of the Loon Friendly Lake Certification Program, your lake will be recognized by the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation as an "Adirondack Loon Friendly Lake."

*Thank you for helping to make the Adirondacks a better place for loons and lakes!*

*Note: There is no charge to participate in the Loon-Friendly Lake Program. However, an annual donation to the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation will help continue this program.*



## FOR MORE INFORMATION



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The Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation conducts scientific research and engaging educational programming to promote and inspire passion for the conservation of Common Loons (*Gavia immer*) in and beyond New York's Adirondack Park.

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## Adirondack Loon-Friendly Lake Certification Program



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# THREATS TO ADIRONDACK LOONS

Adirondack loons face many threats — some natural, and some caused by humans, including:

- ◆ Loss of nesting habitat due to shoreline development
- ◆ Human disturbance of loon nests and families
- ◆ Injuries due to fishing line entanglement, boating accidents, predation, and fighting with other loons
- ◆ Flooding of nests due to water level changes from climate change related torrential rain events, or hydroelectric reservoir management
- ◆ Lead poisoning from accidentally eating lead fishing tackle
- ◆ Environmental pollutants, including mercury and flame retardants, that accumulate in the aquatic food web
- ◆ Avian diseases and parasites

By working together, Adirondack residents and visitors can help minimize and address many of these challenges to better protect Adirondack loons and the lakes they share with us and other wildlife.

# ABOUT THE ACLC'S LOON-FRIENDLY LAKE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation initiated the Adirondack Loon-Friendly Lake Certification Program in the summer of 2020 to increase awareness about and address threats to loons and the lakes where they live.

With the help of Adirondack lake associations and other community groups, this program will lead to enhancing understanding of loon natural history and behavior by Adirondack residents and visitors; cleaner lakes; improved loon nesting success; fewer loon injuries from fishing line and lead tackle; and reduced human disturbance of loons, their nests, and chicks.

*Thank you for working together with the  
Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation  
to help protect Adirondack loons!*

# LAKE CERTIFICATION PROJECTS

Small actions will make a big difference to the loons on your lake—*Thank You!*

- Keep shorelines with natural vegetation and edges
- Use non-toxic fishing tackle (*lead is poisonous to loons and other wildlife*)
- Install and manage a fishing line recycling container on your lake
- If indicated, contact the ACLC to place educational buoys or signs near loon nests to protect them from human disturbance
- Organize a community lake cleanup on the Annual Loon Census and periodically throughout the year
- Place “*Help Protect Loons*” signs at boat launches
- Provide ACLC’s educational brochures to renters and visitors to your lake
- Help prevent climate change by recycling, conserving energy (e.g., using a 4-stroke motor in your boat or lawnmower), and more!

