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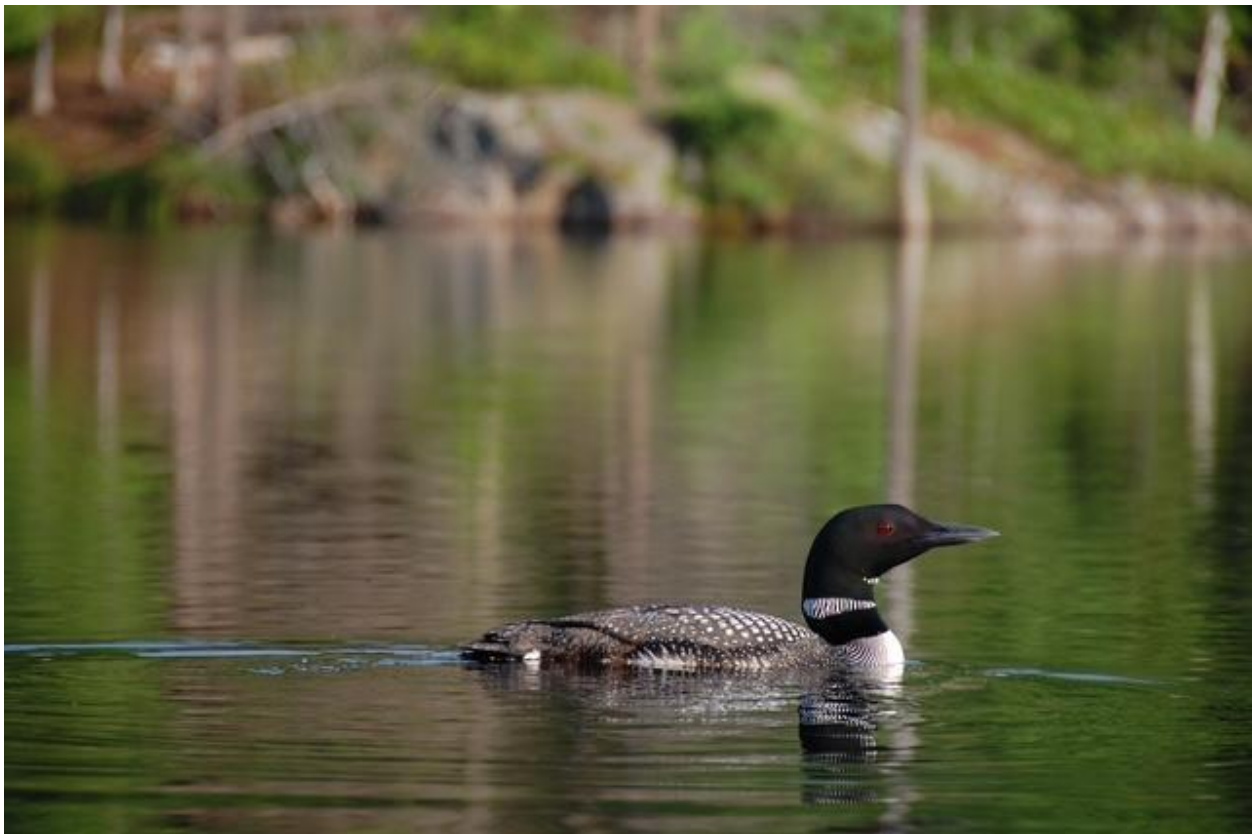


Photo by Sylvain Leduc, summer 2025.

Dear members of the Tamagor community,

We hope you've fully enjoyed the beautiful weather of the past few months and that it's allowed you to appreciate the richness and beauty our region has to offer. It is with pleasure that we present you with current topics of interest to our community in this newsletter. Happy reading!

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Important reminder: watercraft must be moved!



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As mentioned in last spring's newsletter, the uncontrolled accumulation of boats in the common area at the bottom of Pic-Bois Road has become a serious problem for several members of the Association. Boats are visibly abandoned, damaged, or chained to trees, while others were left on the lake's edge in the fall, exposed to the spring flooding. After the first snowfalls, a number of personal belongings, toys, life jackets, and paddles were also found in the common area. In addition to posing a risk of contamination to our beautiful lake, these boats and objects detract from the landscape and violate the rules to which the Association is subject in order to maintain its valuable status as a protected nature reserve.



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Watercraft reminder, continued

In this regard, we would like to remind members who live around Lac Noir that we have identified several boats in the 200-foot strip bordering the lake, which is part of the nature reserve. In principle, there should be no equipment in this area, but we understand the convenience of having one's boat close to the shore in the summer and we tolerate this. However, when autumn arrives, this situation should be rectified to reduce the risk of being fined for violating the requirements surrounding the nature reserve status.

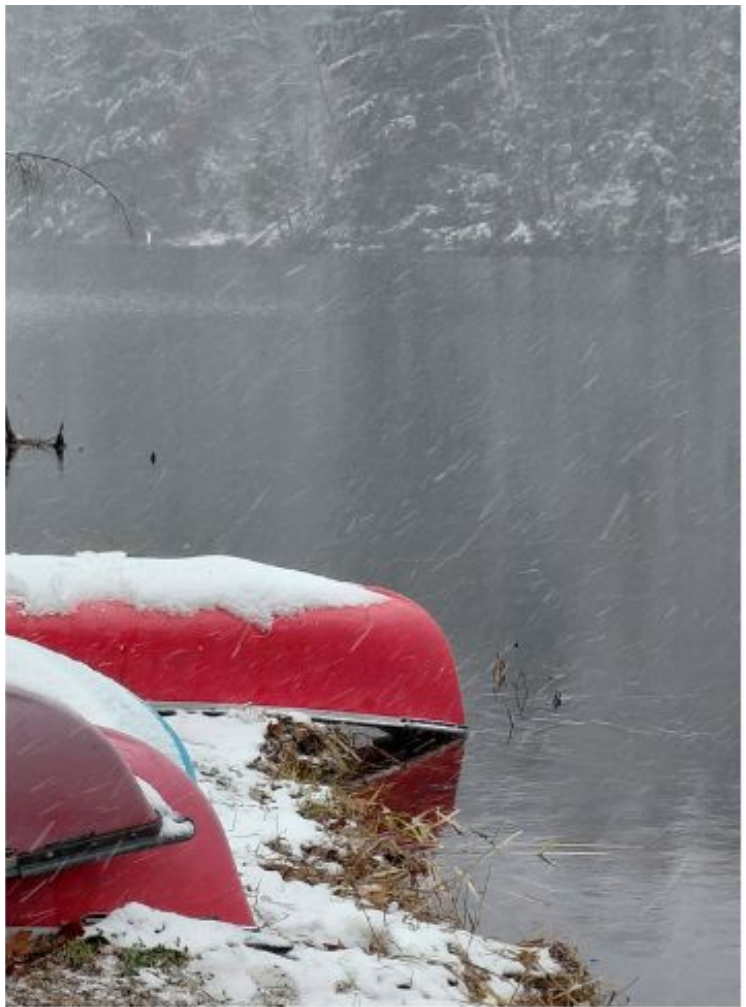


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Having been made aware of the problem, the board of directors and the environmental committee are considering a responsible way to resolve it in 2026: your suggestions are welcome. You will soon be notified by email of the cleanup procedure that will be implemented next year, so please stay tuned. Thank you in advance for moving your outdated boats in the spring.

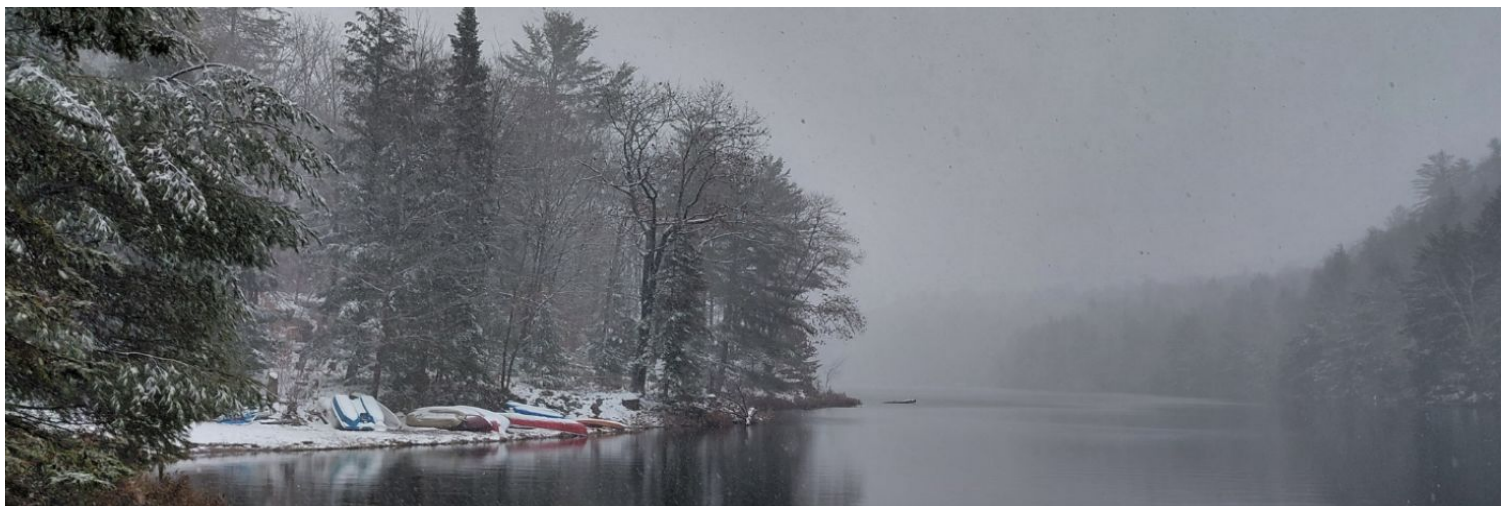


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Presence of watermilfoil in Lac Noir... update

As you know, the Environment Committee presented a detailed report on Eurasian watermilfoil in last spring's newsletter. This invasive plant has been found in Lac Noir. You may have noticed it too: it's that long alga that stretches to the water's surface. Once established, it has been shown to spread, displace other native plants, disrupt the biodiversity of a body of water's ecosystems, and interfere with water activities such as swimming, kayaking, paddleboarding, and fishing. The Environment Committee has therefore made combating Eurasian watermilfoil a priority in order to preserve the health of this exceptional body of water, Lac Noir.



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Thus, during the fall, the committee began discussions with [Fyto](#), a Quebec-based company specializing in the management of invasive aquatic species. An examination of samples taken from the lake confirmed the presence of Eurasian watermilfoil, and Fyto proposed conducting a complete inventory of the aquatic plants in Lac Noir, based on the following:

- **Mapping and Area:** Delineation of Eurasian watermilfoil beds and other aquatic species, whether invasive or native. The area of each bed would be calculated, clearly distinguishing between beds containing invasive exotic species and those composed solely of native species.
- **Species Identification:** For each bed, the dominant species would be identified, as well as the dominant subspecies (if applicable) and any other observed species.
- **Coverage:** Assessment of the percentage of aquatic plant cover in each bed.
- **Proportion of invasive species:** For seagrass beds containing Eurasian watermilfoil or other invasive alien species, estimate the proportion of these species relative to native species.

Eurasian watermilfoil, continued

The characterization report submitted by Fyto would provide a precise picture of the distribution of aquatic meadows, including both invasive species and native communities. Based on the results, it would also include a realistic action plan using various methods for controlling and managing Eurasian watermilfoil. The total cost of this inventory is \$4,950 (before taxes).

Over the next few months, the board of directors, in conjunction with the environmental committee, intends to explore ways to fund this project, which is of great importance to our community, and will keep you informed of its progress.

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Good news for hikers!

The trail around Lac Noir is now fully reopened to hikers!

A group of volunteer members from the association, equipped with gloves, pruning shears, saws, chainsaws, and plenty of water, dedicated several hours last summer to restoring the northeast and southeast sections of the trail that skirts the Lac Noir marsh. The trail is now marked with yellow squares throughout and offers hikers magnificent views of the lake, bays, and the marsh, which teems with life year-round.

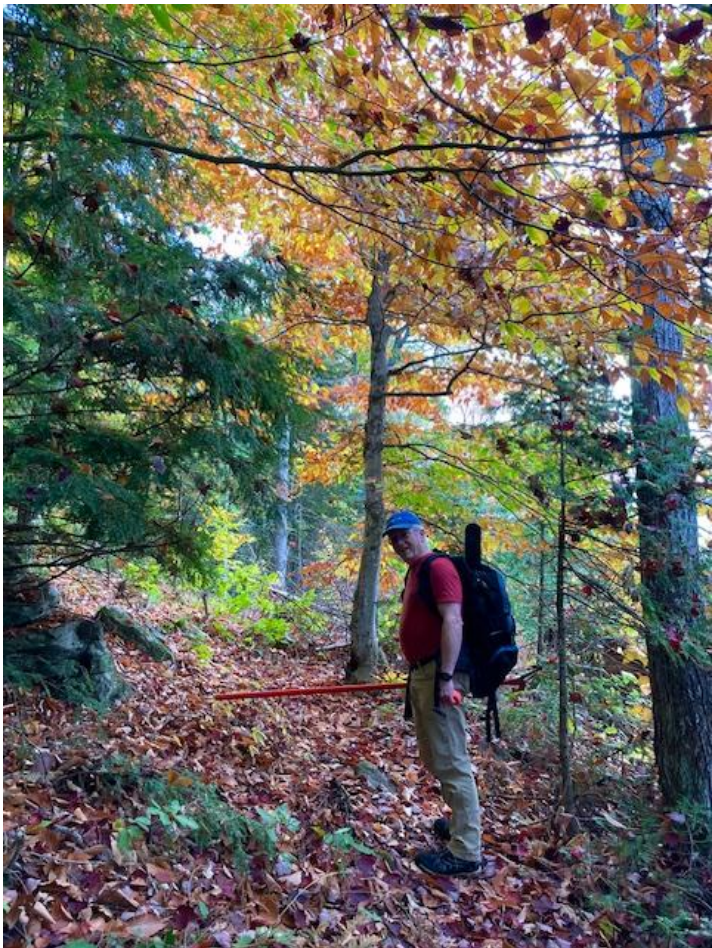


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A big thank you to Ann Carson, Magali Chouinard, Maurice Gendreau, Sylvain Leduc, Luc Millette and Nasya Razavi for successfully completing this project for the environment committee!

Good news for hikers, continued



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Here's a great opportunity for an outdoor excursion and to discover the wild beauty of the Tamagor Nature Reserve! It takes approximately one and a half to two hours to walk around the lake, either from the parking area on Pic-Bois Road or from Huard Road on the right (south) side of the beach. To preserve the fragile ecosystem of this area, we ask that you stay on the trail at all times, refrain from picking anything, and take your garbage with you.



Photo by Sylvain Leduc, summer 2025.

New children's play structure



Photo by Alizée La France, summer 2025.

It's finally here, much to the delight of the little ones! A huge thank you to all the donors and everyone who contributed to the construction of the children's play structure in the beach area. It's thanks to your generosity and involvement that the project has come to fruition. The space already seems to be a big hit with families.

A baby swing has been added to the park. There are still a few steps left before the project is complete: replacing the roof with a more durable structure made of sheet metal and wood, and installing new, more robust and natural climbing holds. We would also like to add a telescope so that people can observe the lake and its surroundings. We are therefore currently seeking donations to purchase one, if you are looking for a way to contribute to this wonderful initiative.

Thank you again for your continued support; it's thanks to you that this place for sharing and meeting is coming to life!



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End of the swimming season 2025

Thanksgiving Monday 2025 marked the end of the swimming season at Lac Noir. For this 35th edition, courageous members of our community braved the chilly water (15 degrees Celsius)!

The challenge is on! For those who aren't convinced, "studies show that exposure to cold water triggers increases in the hormones norepinephrine (alertness) and dopamine (pleasure). Plunging into an ice bath increases blood circulation, which makes the heart pump harder, resulting in a change in many hormones circulating in the body," explains John Holash ([Radio-Canada, 2024](#)).

Upcoming events:

- **Opening of the 2026 swimming season on Monday, May 18 (Victoria Day) at noon at Lac Noir beach.**
- **Spring cleanup and potluck: a Saturday in May. Stay tuned for the date which will be announced in our [Facebook group](#).**



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Species of the season: the Common Loon

The Common Loon, a mythical bird symbolizing nature and the vast Canadian wilderness, has always frequented Lac Noir. Despite the lake's small size, this jewel of our territory remains a preferred nesting site for the Common Loon thanks to the exceptional quality of its water, the abundant food it finds there, and the wild and pristine character of its shores. What could be more exciting than hearing its call of arrival in the spring as soon as the ice melts! Good news: Despite the many predators that threaten the chicks (large birds of prey, crows, ravens, foxes, raccoons, skunks, snapping turtles), **the summer of 2025 saw the survival of two young loons for the first time in five years!**



Photo by Sylvain Leduc, summer 2025.

From birth, the chicks follow their parents into the water: loons are not at all adept at moving on land! During the first few weeks of their lives, they spend most of their time on their parents' backs, safe from predators, and are fed small fish, snails, and leeches. At 11 or 12 weeks old, the young loons begin to dive to find their own food and are almost independent and capable of flight. Reaching maturity in the fall, they begin their annual migration with their parents to the saltwater of the American East Coast.

[To learn more about
the Common Loon](#)

[Dive into the life of a loon family
with this short documentary](#)

Thank you for keeping our environment clean

To all those who, year after year, with their hands and their heart, picked up garbage that was polluting our environment, you who did not disdain to get your hands dirty for the love of our corner of the territory: THANK YOU!! You will know who you are.



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To get involved



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Would you like to suggest a species of the season, or to submit a photo for one of our upcoming newsletters? Send it our way! For photos, please include the date, photographer and any details of the subject matter.

Would you like to get involved in the Tamagor Association's Environment Committee? Send us an email with a brief description of your relationship to the Association and how you what kind of participation you are interested in.

[Send an email to association@tamagor.ca](mailto:association@tamagor.ca)