



**Surface Use Restriction**  
**North Pond, Smithfield & Mercer, Maine**

Pursuant to 38 MRS §1864, the Maine Departments of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) hereby establish a temporary surface use restriction (SUR) on three parcels totaling 25.7 acres in portions of North Pond, Smithfield and Mercer, Maine. The approximate boundaries of the restricted area are shown on the image attached to this document.

The purpose of this surface use restriction is to, 1) support work to manage the aquatic invasive plant curly-leaf pondweed, 2) prevent spread of this plant to other parts of North Pond, 3) prevent spread downstream, and 4) provide a safe work environment for divers doing manual removal work.

By this Order, the restriction on watercraft during 2026 is as follows:

From April 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 (unless canceled in writing by the Commissioners), no watercraft of any type may enter or travel the area of North Pond indicated on the image accompanying this order.

Exceptions to this Order are limited to boat travel 1) in emergency situations where property or human safety is endangered, and 2) specifically allowed by the DEP or DIFW to survey for, remove invasive plants, deploy and retrieve fragment nets and buoys, and maintain fragment nets.

Buoys labeled "Area Closed" will be deployed along the boundary of the restricted area in the lake.  
ORDERED BY:

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Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Protection

2/24/2026  
Date

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Judith Camuso, Commissioner  
Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

2/25/2026  
Date



# North Pond, Smithfield, ME 2026 Surface Use Restriction



2026 SUR  
Public Boat Ramp



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0.75

1.5 Miles

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