

# May—June 2010 Events for Grafton Lakes & Cherry Plain State Park



*Please note parking fees may apply from May 1-Columbus Day.*

## MAY

- 6 Thur- Friends of Grafton Lakes State Park Spring Meeting at 6:30pm.** Held at Shaver Nature Center, 194 Shaver Pond Road in Grafton. Support the park and join the Friends!
- 8 Sat- March for Parks, sponsored by Empire State Capital Volkssporters: 10k & 5k Walks & Picnic from 9-3pm.** Join this regional walking club for a 10k or 5k hike on park trails and roads. Meets at Deerfield Pavilion. Email Mary for information: gagars@nycap.rr.com
- 14 Fri- Star Watch at Grafton Lakes State Park at 8:30pm.** Join with members of the Albany Area Astronomers and come explore the night sky. Meets at Main Lot. Rain date: Saturday, 5/15. Call 658-9144 to confirm.
- 22 Sat- Great Strides for Cystic Fibrosis. Check-in 9am, Walk 10am.** Walk for a cure for this life-threatening genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. For more information, call Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at 783-7361.
- 23 Sun- Trail Work Day at Cherry Plain State Park.** Details pending. Contact Friends of Cherry Plain State Park for more information: rgibbs@nycap.rr.com or call Grafton at 279-1155.
- 27 Fri- Camping** on weekends begins at Cherry Plain State Park. Open daily starting July 1st-Labor Day. Visit [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com) to make a reservation.
- 29 Sat- Memorial Day Weekend: GLSP Beach Opens for the Summer.** 10-6pm, Friday-Tuesday through Labor Day. Closed Wednesday and Thursday.
- 31 Mon- Memorial Day Annual Sand Sculpture Contest .** Registration begins at Noon at Beach Nature Center. Prizes for all participants with grand prize for various age categories. Family teams welcome!

## JUNE

- 5 Sat- National Trails Day.** Come out for a morning of fun cleaning up the parks trails and enjoy a complimentary barbecue and prize raffle at noon. Registration at 9am. Work from 9:30-12. If you'd like to participate in the lunch, please pre-register by June 2nd by calling Liz at 279-1155.
- 13 Sun- Painting A Landscape** from 1-3pm. Adult Art class offered by local artist Nancy McGrath. Any level is welcome. \$12 per person. Call for a supply list. Pre-registration required.
- 18 Fri- Star Watch at Grafton Lakes State Park at 9:00pm.** Join with members of the Albany Area Astronomers and come explore the night sky. Meets at Deerfield. Rain date: Saturday, 6/19. Call 658-9144 to confirm.
- 19 Sat- Survival Skills Series begins with "A Dozen Ways to Light A Fire Without Matches."** Led by primitive skills enthusiast Larry Montalto. 2pm at tent by Long Pond beach.
- 26 Sat- Free Fishing Clinic** from 1-3pm with DEC Fisheries Educators. Meets at Long Pond dam, near boathouse. As part of free fishing weekend, no license is required, but kids can always fish freely if under 16 years of age. Fishing poles provided free of charge.

**Weekend vehicle fees from May 1st- May 23rd are \$6/car. Daily fees are \$8/car starting Memorial Day weekend and running though Labor Day.**

*Schedule of events is tentative. To confirm, call the Grafton Lakes State Park office at 518-279-1155 or visit [www.nysparks.com/parks](http://www.nysparks.com/parks) for updates and event additions.*