

Kiawassa Lake

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Last Surveyed: 2017

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Lake Description

Kiawassa Lake is 613-acres and has 4.73-miles of shoreline. It is located in the town of Saranac Lake, Franklin County and lies in the St. Lawrence watershed. The team launched one motorboat at the boat launch on Lonesome Pond Road, located at the northwest of the lake.

Aquatic Invasive Plant Presence

No invasive plants were detected. Eurasian watermilfoil and clasping leaf pondweed have been documented from Kiawassa Lake, however we did not observe any. This is because we were following a harvest by Invasive Species Dive Company.

Native Plant Biota

Comprehensive surveys of all the native plants found within the lake were not prioritized in 2020 as this data has previously been collected in 2017. A combination of native floating and submerged plants was detected. These species include: *Nymphaea odorata* (white water lily), *Nuphar variegata* (spatterdock), *Potamogeton amplifolius* (large-leaf pondweed), *Elodea canadensis* (common waterweed), *Potamogeton robbinsii* (Robbins' pondweed), *Utricularia macrorhiza* (bladderwort), *Potamogeton perfoliatus* (clasping-leaf pondweed), *Brasenia schreberi* (watershield).

Aquatic Invasive Animal Presence

Sediment sieves were taken to determine the presence of *Corbicula fluminea* (Asian clams). None were found. Three plankton tows were also conducted with no invasive zooplankton detected.





