

Sacandaga Lake

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Last Surveyed: 2020

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Lake Description

Sacandaga Lake is 1607-acres with 13.2-miles of shoreline. It is in the town of Lake Pleasant, within Hamilton County, and lies in the Upper Hudson River watershed. The team launched a motorboat from the boat launch at Moffitt Beach State Campground. The weather was mostly sunny with a strong breeze.

Aquatic Invasive Plant Presence

No aquatic invasive plant species were detected. We did record two small beds of purple loosestrife on the shore.

Native Plant Biota

Though comprehensive surveys of native aquatic vegetation were not completed the following native plants were identified: *Potamogeton amplifolius* (largeleaf pondweed), *Zostera spp.* (eelgrass), *Nymphaea odorata* (white water lily), *Pontederia cordata* (pickerelweed).

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. Spiny waterflea has been detected in Sacandaga Lake, and we detected it in our samples this year as well.

Purple Loosestrife			
Bed	Size (Ac.)	Size (Sq. Ft.)	% Cover
1	0.002	86.09	NR
2	0.00019	8.33	NR
Asian Clam		Spiny Waterflea	
Present (Y/N)		Present (Y/N)	
No		Yes	

