

Vermont Invasives Patrollers

Are you ready to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species?

Please join Vermont Lakes & Ponds Program staff at *free* online workshops and paddle sessions offered to train Vermont Invasive Patrollers (VIPs) to monitor lakes and ponds for invasive species, survey healthy native plant populations, and reduce the threat for invasive plant species introductions. If attending a paddle session, you must provide your own watercraft and other on-the-water equipment.

Vermont Aquatic Invasives Program

New Program This Year: Vermont Invasive Patrollers for Animals (VIPA)

Take part in the Lakes & Ponds Program's pilot community science project, VIPA. Stemming from the VIP program, VIPAs will be trained to identify, survey for, and report a group of aquatic invasive animals. VIPA volunteers will be provided with a kit including all the necessary equipment to survey for the mollusks, crayfish, and fish included in the program. Attend a virtual training and a field session to participate; no watercraft necessary.

2022 Training Sessions

❖ **Thursday, June 9 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

VIPA Online Training Workshop [Link to Workshop](#)

❖ **Saturday, June 11 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Lake Memphremagog**

VIPA Field Survey Training Session

❖ **Friday, July 15 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Salem Lake**

VIP In-Person Training Workshop 9:00-12:00 pm

VIP Paddle Survey Training 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

❖ **Thursday, July 28 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

VIP Online Training Workshop [Link to Workshop](#)

❖ **Saturday, July 30 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Sadawga Pond**

VIP Paddle Survey Training

❖ **Tuesday, August 9 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Lake St. Catherine**

VIP Paddle Survey Training

Pre-registration is required. Online trainings will use Microsoft Teams.

Please register for all VIP or VIPA trainings by [clicking here](#).

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