

# Training dates set for volunteer lake-monitoring network

## OUTDOORS ROUNDUP

The Northwest Montana Lakes Volunteer Monitoring Network spring training will take place at City Beach in Whitefish on Saturday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to noon.

Owners of lake property and summer cabins, water recreationists and anyone else who is interested in lakes can become citizen scientist volunteer monitors. There are more than 40 lakes in the program, many of which are in need of a volunteer.

Volunteers will receive training and equipment to assist them in data collection, but will need their own boat. Volunteers will be asked to monitor their lake or lakes twice per month — weather permitting — beginning in late spring or early summer. They may spend one day with the Whitefish Lake Institute staff collecting water chemistry data.

Those interested in becoming a volunteer can call 406-261-7885 or email [joshgubits@gmail.com](mailto:joshgubits@gmail.com).

For more information about the program, visit [www.nwmtlvmn.org](http://www.nwmtlvmn.org).

## Volunteer at the Living Wetland Interpretive trail

Those looking to give back to their local trail system are invited to celebrate National Trails Day by joining the Whitefish Lake Institute at the Living Wetlands Interpretive Nature Trail Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Each year, the institute hosts several hundred students of all ages, trimming vegetation, weeding, oiling wood surfaces and removing debris.

Lunch will be provided, but volunteers must RSVP in advance to be fed.

Wear comfortable, moisture-wicking layers that can get dirty or torn, be prepared for cold and hot weather and bring rain gear.

Other recommended attire includes sturdy work boots or rain boots, work gloves and a hat for sun and rain protection. The institute also recommends that volunteers come prepared with a water bottle, sunscreen, mosquito repellent and a