

Blairstone Forest_Pond (Lake) Report. March and April/ongoing, 2023

(midori)

March

- * Water Supply on timer (except 03/17 and 18 water supply 'off' due to consecutive rain)
- * Test water: High in Phosphate (from runoffs and from the well)_03/08
- * Continue Skimming_Small Lobe
- * Apply Beneficial Bacteria
- * Test_ Apply Algaecide (Hydrogen Peroxide/HP based)_03/21 & 26
- * Test_ Apply Alternative (New) Beneficial Bacteria_ Small Lobe_ 03/28
- * Test_ Apply Alternative Beneficial Bacteria_ Large Lobe shoreline_ 03/31

- Mid-March_ Resident geese begin nesting by Small and Large Lobe and on Island
- March 25_ Planted Tree and Shrub saplings by Pond

April (ongoing)

- * Water Supply on timer
- * Continue Skimming_ Small Lobe
- * Begin Skimming_ Large Lobe
- * Test_ Apply Alternative Beneficial Bacteria_ Large Lobe center_ 04/01
- Trim and treat popcorn new growth
- Several Fish Spawning (by tall bridge and small lobe)
- April week of 10th, sighting of 5 goslings (as of 04/18, only 3 goslings)

Projections for May and Summer months...

- * Apply New Beneficial Bacteria
- * Apply HP Algaecide 'systematically/ rigorously'
- * Continue Skimming (request for committed 1~3 volunteers who could withstand strenuous task for 2 hours); comfortable staying the pond with critters, heavy lifting

General Requests to ALL BF Residents:

- Please use all fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, etc...responsibly.
(Instead of quick-fix inorganic/chemicals, please consider using Organic/OMRI listed treatments). **Less is more...or none at all**
- When planting, select 'native' plants (e.g. native to this region)