

EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY AND HISTORY OF WALLOON LAKE AND KAYAK FOR A CAUSE!

Walloon Lake is one of the hidden treasures in northern Michigan. It's rich with history, with families living on its banks since the 1860's, and Ernest Hemingway's family's summer home, Windemere, serving as a summer place for Hemingway for 22 youthful summers. It has hosted summer properties for many of the rich and famous.

Its beauty protected by the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy, who has put nearly 1,800 acres under protection, with a wide group of volunteers who monitor water quality scientifically on a regular schedule. Glaciers re-shaped and deepened a river valley into one of the largest lakes in Michigan. Walloon Lake water depth varies from 28 feet to 100 feet, deep enough to support a large population of lake trout. It also sports brown trout, smallmouth bass, bluegill, perch, walleye and rock bass. Fishing, however, is not the only water sport Walloon Lake is noted for as it also boasts excellent swimming, boating and sailing.

Camp Daggett, a 97-year-old camp for youth and adults, resides on the shores of Walloon Lake. To celebrate the beauty of the lake and to support programs for youth in our area, The Camp Daggett Adventure Education Center (CDAC) has been offering the unique opportunity to kayak the shores of this magnificent body of water in a one-day event called Kayak for a Cause on Walloon Lake, scheduled for July 16, 2022.

Begun in 2009, Kayak for a Cause was the brainchild of Camp Daggett Adventure Center director, Karen Marietti. She single-handedly kayaked the 30 miles of shoreline, and raised \$2,000 in pledges of support. Since then, more than 30 kayakers have joined Karen, many of whom return each year. Plus, the Walloon Lake residents have purchased our custom designed flags to display on their docks. Funds raised have totaled over \$115,000!

In 2022, Camp Daggett is hoping to enlist kayakers, sell flags and raise \$15,000. Kayaking enthusiasts are invited to participate in the 14th Annual Kayak for a Cause on Walloon Lake, Saturday, July 16th, beginning at Bear Cove Marina. This year there will be two teams if enough kayakers sign up, one will take a shorter route and one a longer route, meeting up at the end of the day having paddled the entire shoreline of Walloon Lake.

Every successful team needs a crew, and there are three easy and fun opportunities to be a member of the Kayak for a Cause Land Crew. Supporters may make a pledge to a kayaker on the team, purchase a custom designed flag for boats or docks, or become a sponsor for the event. For more information, contact Mary Ling at adventurecenter@campdaggett.org or Grace Ketchum at grace.ketchum@campdaggett.org. You may also contact Grace Ketchum, Development Director, at 231-373-0520 by calling or texting.

Since 1997, the CDAC has welcomed more than 100,000 participants to its teambuilding programs designed to encourage teamwork and group cooperation toward common goals, improve self confidence and self esteem, and foster a greater acceptance for diversity among people. Camp Daggett has been serving youth and families for 97 years, through its popular summer camp and year-round activities and events. For more information about Camp Daggett, visit www.campdaggett.org.