



Vermont Invasive Patrollers - 2024

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

Please join Vermont Lakes & Ponds Program staff at *free* online workshops and in-person workshops/paddle sessions offered to train Vermont Invasive Patrollers (VIPs) and Vermont Invasive Patrollers for Animals (VIPAs). We train volunteers to monitor lakes and ponds for invasive species. VIP trainings cover tactics to survey healthy native plant populations, and to reduce the threat for invasive plant species introductions. VIPA trainings cover the various monitoring methods to detect and identify invasive animal species.



If attending a paddle session, you must provide your own watercraft (kayak/canoe) and other on-the-water equipment.



Training Workshop Topics

- Aquatic invasive species identification, biology, and lake ecology; Aquatic invasive species threats to native species; Surveying and monitoring techniques; Overview of invasive plant treatment methods and tools.

Field & Paddle Survey Training Topics

- Surveying and monitoring demonstration; Hands-on aquatic plant identification; Using field guides to key out specimen; AIS specimen review.

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

Please register for all VIP/A trainings by clicking [here](#).

Contact Lizzy Gallagher at Elizabeth.Gallagher@vermont.gov with questions.

Vermont Aquatic Invasives Program

Online Trainings

2024 Training Sessions

❖ **Wednesday, June 12 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm Online**
VIP Online Training Workshop [Link to Workshop](#)

❖ **Tuesday, June 18 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm Online**
VIPA Online Training Workshop [Link to Workshop](#)

Onsite Trainings

❖ **Thursday, July 11 9:00 am - 2:30 pm Harvey's Lake (Rain Date – Friday, July 12)**
9:00-12:30 pm VIP/A In-Person Training Workshop [Barnet Fire Station](#)
1:00-2:30 pm VIP Paddle Survey Training [Harvey's Lake VT Fish & Wildlife Access](#)

❖ **Saturday, July 27 9:00 am – 2:30 pm Chittenden Reservoir (Rain Date- July 28)**
9:00-12:30 pm VIP/A In-Person Training Workshop [Chittenden Grange Hall](#)
1:00-2:30 pm VIP Paddle Survey Training [Chittenden Reservoir Boat Ramp](#)

❖ **Saturday, August 3 9:00 am – 2:30 pm Sadawga Pond (Rain Date – August 4)**
9:00-12:30 pm VIP/A In-Person Training Workshop [Wilmington Town Hall](#)
1:00-2:30 pm VIP Paddle Survey Training [Sadawga Pond VT Fish & Wildlife Access](#)