

## Rich Lake

**Survey Date:** July 7, 2021

**Last Surveyed:** 2016

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### Lake Description

Rich Lake is 385-acres and has 6.9-miles of shoreline. It is located in the town of Newcomb, Essex County and lies in the Upper Hudson River watershed. The team launched a canoe at the private beach access west of the lake on the beach on the ESF property. The lake was steep with large drop offs.

### Aquatic Invasive Plant Presence

No invasive plants were detected.

### Native Plant Biota

Comprehensive surveys were not prioritized in 2021 as invasive species were the primary focus of the surveys. The following native species were found: *Potamogeton corodata* (pickerel-weed), *Brasenia schreberi* (watershield), *Nuphar variegata* (spatterdock), *Nymphaea alba* (white water-lily), *Potamogeton amplifolius* (large-leaf pondweed), *Potamogeton natans* (floating-leaf pondweed), *Potamogeton zosteriformes* (narrow-leaf pondweed), *Sparganium angustifolium* (narrow-leaf bur-reed), *Potamogeton perfoliatus* (clasping-leaf pondweed), and *Nymphoides cordata* (little-floating heart).

### Aquatic Invasive Animal Presence

Sediment sieves were taken to determine the presence of *Corbicula fluminea* (Asian clams). None were found. Zooplankton tows were done and no invasive plankton species were detected.

