The Ossipee Lake Natural Area (OLNA), managed by the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), is located at the south end of Ossipee Lake. OLNA is a total of 400 acres and is located on both sides of the Pine River. The presence of rare native plant species and exemplary natural communities is one of the primary reasons for the creation of the Ossipee Lake Natural Area. The OLNA shoreline is a rare natural community system called a sandy pond shore system. It is comprised of four rare and imperiled natural communities. Two of these natural communities are globally rare.

OLNA is also an important archaeological site containing prehistoric artifacts. These artifacts occur throughout the site, and are nonrenewable, fragile, and rare.

Please help us preserve this unique and rich site by following the rules posted at the OLNA public use area. Thank you, and enjoy!

DNCR welcomes public recreation in the designated area at the OLNA. The public access area is delineated with signage and characterized by one thousand feet of contiguous shoreline, a broad sandy area and extensive shallow nearshore water.

State-threatened hairy hudsonia is extremely vulnerable to trampling. Closing parts of OLNA has helped it to rebound.

The mission of the NH Department of Natural & Cultural Resources is to protect, preserve, promote and manage the State’s natural, recreational and cultural resources to support New Hampshire’s high quality of life and strengthen the experiences of our residents and guests.

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