

Deep Pond open

Deep Pond, a private 33-acre freshwater lake on the grounds of the John M. Schiff Scout Reservation off Wading River-Manorville Road in Wading River, will be open to the public for fishing for the first time beginning tomorrow.

As part of an agreement between the state Department of Environmental Conservation and the Scouts, fishing will be allowed on weekdays until June 15.

Angling hours are sunrise to sunset Monday through Thursday and sunrise to 3 p.m. on Friday.

Fishermen must obtain a free DEC State Lands Access Permit before entering the property. Permits are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the DEC Sporting License Office at SUNY Building 40 in Stony Brook. Applications also can be acquired by sending a stamped, self-addressed legal-size envelope to NYSDEC Sporting License Office, SUNY Building 40, Stony Brook, N.Y., 117790-2356.

Cartop boats and electric motors will be allowed on Deep Pond, but anglers have to carry them from the main gate parking area off Wading River-Manorville Road to the water.

It's a bit of an inconvenience, but a healthy population of yellow perch, largemouth bass and pickerel will be there to greet them.

For information, call the DEC at (516) 444-0280 or the Sporting License Office at (516) 444-0273.