

## NEW-PEN-DEL WATER TRAINING AT BLUE MARSH LAKE

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We are moving ahead with our plans to offer an opportunity for club members and friends to water train at Blue Marsh Lake in Leesport, PA (Reading area). We have scheduled sessions at the Old Church Road area of the facility from 8 am – 12 pm on the following dates:

Sunday, June 6

Saturday, June 26

Sunday July 11

Saturday, July 17

Sunday, August 1

The early time was necessary to allow us to set up in this public area of the park and have use of the area before the recreational park visitors arrive for normal weekend use.

This area of the Park has easy access to the parking lot, picnic tables, portable rest rooms and some shade. There is no charge for entrance.

If you are interested in attending please contact Andi Ottey at 610-828-6431 (home) 610-304-3159 (cell) or [andiaho@aol.com](mailto:andiaho@aol.com)

To facilitate organization we are asking **that people please call to let us know you are coming and the approximate time. Also, if possible, we are asking that after you are finished working with your dog that you stay to help the next person with their dog if needed.** This will ensure that we have enough helpers for all who attend and it is also a good way to learn.

### Additional Information

**This activity is for dogs and owners of all experience levels or NO experience level who are interested in teaching their dogs the NCA water test exercises.**

**Dogs must be on lead (and under control) or crated and away from the immediate training area unless it is their turn and they are actively working in the water. NPD safety policy will be in effect. Details of policy on [www.newpendelnewfclub.com](http://www.newpendelnewfclub.com)**

There is plenty of room to easily observe off the shoreline area.



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## Things to bring:

**Fresh water** for your dogs and you. **Training treats, a long lead or flexi-lead, foot protection** (water shoes or old sneakers), **a life jacket (required)** to wear while working with dogs in the water, and a **bumper** or similar item for your dog to retrieve. If you have additional water training equipment please label it and bring it along.

**Please clean up after your dog.**

**There is no food available but feel free to bring your own snacks and/or picnic lunch.**

**\*\*\*\*\* Please note that a USCG life jacket must be worn when on board a boat (or other watercraft device) while working with the group. The PA Fish & Boat Commission may fine any operator who mans a boat on which there is not a USCG wearable life jacket on board and readily accessible for each passenger or for any child under the age of twelve who is not wearing a USCG approved life jacket.**

## Directions to Site:

The main park address is: Blue Marsh Lake  
1268 Palisades Drive  
Leesport, PA 19533  
610-376-6337

We will be using the **Old Church Road area** of the Park which is approximately 3-4 miles west of Palisades Drive.

Directions: From the South, East and West: take the PA Turnpike (I- 276 which becomes I-76 ) to the PA-10/I-76 exit, exit #298 towards Morgantown/Reading, Merge onto the Morgantown Expressway. Take the US-422W exit, exit #11B, on the left towards Reading. Take the US- 222 N exit on the left, take PA route 183 North exit, follow 183 past the Palisades Drive entrance to Old Church Road. Enter the first parking lot on the left.

From the North: Take I -78 to US 222 South (exit #54A) to PA 183 towards the Reading airport. Follow 183 N past the Palisades Drive entrance to Old Church Road. Enter the first parking lot on the left.

**Water Safety Festival at Blue March – Date not set yet. Check our website for information as it becomes available.**

New Pen Del has participated in this event for several years. Club volunteers make our participation successful. Please contact Andi Ottey [andiah@comcast.net](mailto:andiah@comcast.net) if you would like to participate either helping with the water demonstration or the NPD educational booth.