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**Food, Fun, and Lakeside Charm at This Year’s Block Party**

*Landing, NJ (May 1, 2025)* – Get ready for the ultimate lakeside celebration! The 12th annual Lake Hopatcong Block Party returns on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hopatcong State Park in Landing. Presented by the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, this rain-or-shine event promises a Main Street-style experience with a unique lakeside twist. The event’s top sponsor is Live the Lake NJ.

“There’s no better way to kick off the summer season than with the Lake Hopatcong Block Party,” said Kyle Richter, executive director of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. “It’s the perfect mix of lake vibes, good food, and a whole lot of community spirit. You don’t want to miss it!”

This year’s event will showcase over 200 businesses, non-profits, community groups, crafters, and food vendors, alongside exciting entertainment, raffles, and giveaways. The food options are sure to satisfy every craving, from lobster rolls and smoky barbecue to made-to-order pizzas and an array of sweet and savory treats.

Festival favorites making a return include the popular 50/50 raffle and complimentary boat rides aboard Lake Hopatcong Cruises’ “Miss Lotta,” with additional rides offered by Bridge Marina. Attendees can also snap photos with local mascots, including Herbie the Miner, the Roxbury Gael, and the Centenary Cyclone.

The entertainment lineup includes an exotic animal show by Eyes of the Wild, the precise footwork of the An Clar School of Irish Dance, dog drills from Puppy-Wuppy Dog Training, and a fishing demo courtesy of the Knee Deep Club.

Families with children will enjoy a dedicated activity area, a scavenger hunt, and oversized games. Adults can take part in the always-popular Passport Adventure, collecting stamps from sponsor booths for a chance to win a variety of prizes.

“With a diverse lineup of activities, entertainment, and vendors, the Block Party offers something for everyone,” said Caitlin Doran, Development Director of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. “Whether you’re a boater, foodie, animal lover, or just looking for a fun, family-friendly day, this event has it all—and we’re incredibly grateful for the continued support from our sponsors.”

Admission to the Block Party is free. On-site parking at Hopatcong State Park will be available on a first come, first-served basis for a \$10 cash donation. Free parking with shuttle service will also be available at various nearby locations, including the Landing Park Recreation Complex, 12 Orben Drive complex, Landing shopping center, Hopatcong Senior Center, and the Wayne L. Threlkeld Hilltop Sports Complex.

Multiple handicap parking spaces are available at Hopatcong State Park. If the park reaches capacity or accessible spaces are full, handicap-accessible shuttles from the offsite lots will be clearly marked and available to assist.

For guests bringing dogs, a designated “Barking Lot” will be available at Full Life Christian Fellowship Church, which is within walking distance of the park, as dogs are not permitted on the shuttles.

“Taking the lead on this year’s Block Party has been an honor,” said Kari Constantine, the Foundation’s Events Coordinator. “I’m excited to continue the tradition while bringing a few fresh ideas to the table. This isn’t just a beautiful place—it’s a vibrant community, and the Block Party reflects the pride, energy, and spirit of Lake Hopatcong.”

For more information about the Lake Hopatcong Block Party, including a parking and shuttle map, visit [lakehopatcongfoundation.org/blockparty](http://lakehopatcongfoundation.org/blockparty).

*The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to protecting the lake environment and enhancing the lake experience by bringing together public and private resources to encourage a culture of sustainability and stewardship on and around New Jersey’s largest lake, for this and future generations. To learn more, visit [lakehopatcongfoundation.org](http://lakehopatcongfoundation.org).*

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More than 200 vendors will gather lakeside at Hopatcong State Park on May 17 for the 2025 Lake Hopatcong Block Party.



There are plenty of activities to keep the kids busy like a scavenger hunt and photo opportunities with fun characters.



More than a dozen food trucks and food vendors will be serving up their specialties in the food court at the Lake Hopatcong Block Party.



# LAKE HOPATCONG BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, May 17, 2025  
10 am - 4 pm rain or shine!  
Hopatcong State Park

*Hosted by the Lake Hopatcong Foundation*  
\$10 donation on-site parking | Free off-site parking with shuttle

Crafters ~ Businesses ~ Community Groups ~ Food Court  
Entertainment ~ Demonstrations ~ Children's Activities  
Boat Rides ~ 50/50 Raffle ~ Dog Friendly ~ and More!

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