

POST PONDERINGS

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DISCOVERING A FAMILY TRADITION

Not long ago, the Kohler family came across some old Super 8 footage from 1940, showing their grandmother enjoying a summer vacation here with us at Loch Lyme Lodge. Seeing those flickering images, they wondered if this idyllic New England getaway might still be around.

As you may have already figured out, we're still here! So in 2023, 83 years after their grandmother's stay, they packed their bags and headed our way, bringing along their own Super 8 camera to retrace their grandparents steps and make some new memories along the way.

The film they made brings past and present together, full of the same sunshine, laughter, and lakeside joy we've always known. It's a lovely reminder that some family traditions are too special to let go—and we're honored to be part of theirs.

You can watch their fantastic movie [here](#) and you can see more of Erik's wonderful photos of Post Pond [here](#).



The Kohler kids fishing in the same spot as their great-grandparents once visited. The dock has been replaced a few times in those 83 years. Photo by Erik Kohler

2025 LIVE MUSIC & FOOD

We invite guests and community members to join us by the waterfront for delicious food and live music!

Monday nights the Green House Pizza Truck will be making their glorious return from 4:30-7:30PM, open to the public.

Each Sunday from 5:30-7PM we host a buffet-style dinner by [Fresco Catering](#) and live entertainment from local musicians. Tuesdays we host a cookout (by Fresco) with live bluegrass from the Well Kept Men. Sundays are \$30, Tuesdays are \$20 (half-price under 14). Advance sales close each week at 5PM on the day prior. BYOB. Reservations required. Call (603)795-2141.



Then & Now. The farmhouse as it was in 1940 and the same angle today. The sign helped the Kohlers find us. Modern photo by Dwelling Photography.



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- 6/22 - Danny and the Dinosaurs
6/29 - Occasional Jug Band
7/6 - Rob Oxford & Friends
7/13 - The Well Kept Men
7/20 - Never Too Late
7/27 - Classical Folk
8/3 - Blind Squirrel
8/10 - Derek Burkins
8/17 - James Graham
8/24 - Susan Brison & Friends
8/31 - Rose Hip Jam
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MAKE WAY FOR SALAMANDERS!

If you've had the good fortune to spend time at Loch Lyme Lodge, you've certainly been serenaded by our chorus of bullfrogs, toads, and salamanders. One of the surest signs of spring in New England is the sound of the peepers, waking up from their long winter's rest. Many folks don't realize that these amphibians spend their winters hibernating in the moist woodlands and lowlands surrounding their home bodies of water.

Most of our amphibians face a treacherous journey across route 10 before they can return to the shores of Post Pond. Throughout the state, a team of heroic community scientists known as the [Salamander Crossing Brigades](#) take to the streets in order to protect these amphibians from being smushed by passing cars.

Here in Lyme, we do our part to carry as many critters to safety as we can. As you're driving around New England this spring, please be extra cautious when you see signs for "amphibian crossings" or "people in road - go slow". Our friends at [Northern Woodland](#) and the [North Branch Nature Center](#) have lots more info if you're interested in getting involved.



The hands of three different Salamander Crossing Brigade volunteers provide a size comparison for three different salamander species commonly found at springtime road crossings: red eft (the juvenile form of the Eastern newt) at bottom-left; Eastern red-backed salamander at top-left; and spotted salamander at right. Photo by Sarah Thomas.

Well, sports fans - mud season is in full swing, the peepers are warming up their voices, and we're getting things ready for another fantastic summer. We're sweeping off porches, airing out cabins, and slowly coaxing the docks back into the water.

Every year around this time, we're reminded how lucky we are to be stewards of this special place, and how much we look forward to sharing it with you. Whether it's your first visit or a generations-old family tradition, we can't wait to welcome you back.

We still have some openings this summer, so if you haven't booked your vacation yet, don't forget to use discount code ["MIDWEEKSPECIAL"](#) until the end of May to get 10% off weeknight stays in 2025.

See you at the waterfront!

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