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Wisconsin's waterfowl and wetland resources**

Rome Pond Clean-Up

WWA Twin Rivers and Waukesha Chapters 4/23/2016

Objectives

- Make Rome Pond Safer for Waterfowl and Recreational Users By:
 - Taking Down Old Wood Duck Boxes and Posts.
 - Removing Man Made Obstacles and Obstructions.
 - Disassembling Illegal Structures Remaining from Waterfowl Hunting.
 - Identifying and Marking Hazards that Cannot Be Removed.
- Provide a Positive Impact to the Environment.
- Involve Recreational Users and Families/Youth in Conservation Work.



Safety First

- A Safety Briefing was Provided to Promote a Positive Experience.
- Awareness was Raised Concerning Nesting Waterfowl and Negative Impacts to the Environment.
- Participants were Instructed as Being Representatives of the WWA and WDNR in Their Volunteer Work at Rome Pond.



Heading Out

- 21 Volunteers Started on a 3.5 Hour Clean-up of Rome Pond in Nine Boats.



Blind Removal

- At a Minimum, Eight Structures were Found with Layers of Framework Composed of Pallets, Boards, Pipe and Rebar. Most were being consumed by the Marsh and were Almost Completely Submerged. Others were More Recent.



More Blind Removal



Returning With Treasures



The Final Impact

- ▶ A Dump Trailer was Filled, Along with Overflow. Most Boats Made Three Trips with Loads.



The Work Will Continue...

- Parking Lot, Trails and Grounds Clean-ups will be Scheduled Next....

