



Friends of Pendills Creek Hatchery



The *Friends of Pendills Creek Hatchery* have applied for several grants to improve facilities, yet preserve the public access site to Lake Superior, located across the road from the Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery. They are deeply involved in Congressional support and outreach, and conduct work bees to enhance the access site which currently include a kiosk and public bench made out of recycled plastic materials.

The Friends of Pendills Creek Hatchery is a non profit citizen's organization dedicated to conserving fishery resources of the Great Lakes Ecosystem, and to provide support for activities conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Pendills Creek and Sullivan Creek National Fish Hatchery Complex. Such activities whether independent or in cooperation with other organizations will benefit aquatic resources and enhance public education, recreation and enjoyment of the hatchery.

The *Friends of Pendills Creek Hatchery* has been involved in numerous and various outreach efforts in the short time since their inception in 2003. They now have over one hundred members including a core original membership group of very strong supporters. Some of the numerous activities supported by our Friends Group are:

- Annual open house and dedication events
- Snowmobile appreciation
- Fourth of July Parade
- Public outreach displays
- Fund-raising sales
- Friends Group meetings
- Annual holiday party
- Public access site work bees
- Installation of a public bench and Friends Group Kiosk, and public access site grounds maintenance
- Production of news letters



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This public access to the Lake Superior shoreline is across the road from the Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery. The access is a very popular destination for locals and tourists alike - Hatchery staff and Friends Group members joined together to upgrade the site, providing safe access to the beach.

The Friends Group is deeply committed to enhancing the public access site through public accessibility and educational improvements all the while protecting valuable coastal riparian habitat.



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The Executive Committee members of the *Friends of Pendills Creek Hatchery* are (left to right): George Goetz - President; Sam Burdick - Membership & Fund Raising; Molly McGrail - Vice President; Pauline Rice Goetz - Secretary; Carol Eccleston - Treasurer



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Friends Group member Neil Godby dresses for the occasion to participate in the Fourth of July parade held in Brimley, Michigan; and of course, round up new members.



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You are never too old - or young - to be a Friends Group member. Sam Burdick wanted more and achieved it. He is the youngest Executive Committee member for the *Friends of Pendills Creek Hatchery*.

Public use opportunities at the Pendills Creek/Sullivan Creek NFH Complex are fishery education during visitation, hatchery tours and a Lake Superior public access site that receives over 160,000 hours of public use per year. Activities at the site include fishing, ice fishing, swimming, sunbathing, picnicking and hiking.



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Located in the Hiawatha National Forest, the Pendills Creek/Sullivan Creek National Fish Hatchery Complex is a mecca for snowmobile enthusiasts. The Friends Group and Hatchery staff host an annual event for these hardy folks - plenty of snow is rarely a problem!



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Going green. The Friends of Pendills Creek Hatchery purchased and installed a recycled plastic bench on the shore of beautiful Lake Superior. Check it out if you want to "get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life"!

The **Pendills Creek/Sullivan Creek NFH Complex** is located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula near Brimley, Michigan, and both facilities have contributed greatly to the restoration of lake trout populations in the Great Lakes. Pendills Creek NFH annually produces 200,000 lake trout fall fingerlings and 900,000 lake trout yearlings. These lake trout are then distributed into Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. The Sullivan Creek NFH maintains over 15,000 captive lake trout broodstock and produces over 6 million eggs annually that are distributed throughout the Great Lakes for other hatcheries to rear.

Visitors are welcome at the hatchery Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For additional information about the *Friends of Pendills Creek Hatchery* and visitation and outreach opportunities at the Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery, contact

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