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**Lake Hopatcong Block Party Returns May 16 with a Full Day of Fun**

LANDING, N.J., May 7, 2026 – The Lake Hopatcong Block Party returns to Hopatcong State Park on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., bringing a full day of food, entertainment, demonstrations, shopping, and family activities to the lakefront. Presented by the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, the annual event has become one of the region’s largest and most anticipated community celebrations. Top sponsors for this year’s event are Live the Lake NJ and the Hudson Farm Foundation.

Now in its 13th year, the Block Party will feature more than 200 businesses, nonprofit organizations, community groups, crafters, and food vendors throughout the park, along with activities and entertainment designed for all ages.

“The Block Party is a great reflection of the energy and character of the Lake Hopatcong community,” said Lake Hopatcong Foundation Executive Director Kyle Richter. “It’s a chance for people to come together by the lake, support local organizations and businesses, and enjoy a day that has truly become a tradition for many families.”

New this year is a dedicated touch-a-truck area, offering visitors the chance to explore a wide variety of vehicles and equipment up close. Guests can step inside emergency response vehicles, construction equipment, tow trucks, and other specialty vehicles while learning more about the organizations and services that help keep local communities running.

“The new touch-a-truck area adds another interactive experience for families and kids,” said Event Coordinator Kari Constantine. “People will have the opportunity to meet the professionals behind these vehicles, ask questions, and get a hands-on look at equipment they might otherwise only see from a distance.”

Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy live demonstrations and performances, complimentary boat rides, the popular 50/50 raffle, a children’s activity area and scavenger hunt, oversized

games, and the Passport Adventure, where attendees can collect stamps from sponsor booths for chances to win prizes.

Food vendors from throughout the region will offer a wide variety of options, ranging from barbecue and seafood to pizza, desserts, and festival favorites.

“With so many different activities, demonstrations, and vendors, there’s truly something for everyone,” said Lake Hopatcong Foundation Development Director Caitlin Doran. “The Block Party is a great opportunity to experience the lake community all in one place, and we’re incredibly grateful to the sponsors, volunteers, and partners who help make it possible.”

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 nearby locations.

Accessible parking spaces will be available at Hopatcong State Park. Handicap-accessible shuttles from off-site lots will also be available, in case the park reaches capacity or accessible spaces are full. For guests bringing dogs, a designated “Barking Lot” will be available, within walking distance of the park, as dogs are not permitted on the shuttles.

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 16 for the 2026 Lake Hopatcong Block Party.



A touch-a-truck area is sure to be one of the day's biggest crowd-pleasers, creating an interactive playground for kids of all ages.



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 16, 2026  
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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The Lake Hopatcong Block Party will take place on May 16 at Hopatcong State Park.