

Hydrilla Control Program Will Continue in 2026

In 2013, Maryland Department of Natural Resource biologists discovered hydrilla – a fast-growing invasive weed that can negatively impact recreational opportunities in the southern portion of Deep Creek Lake. The department convened a nationwide expert panel to evaluate all potential hydrilla control strategies and implemented a multi-year herbicide program. Since 2014, the department has been treating the lake-bottom where hydrilla has been found with small amounts of herbicide each year to exhaust all of the tubers (reproductive structures that generate new plants). The treatment program has been successful since its inception in 2014 and is planned to continue during the summer of 2026.

The 2026 planned herbicide treatment dates are as follows:

June 9 – 1st hydrilla treatment
June 30 – 2nd hydrilla treatment
July 21 – 3rd hydrilla treatment
August 11 – 4th hydrilla treatment