

Hydrilla Control Program Will Continue in 2025

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 2025.

The 2025 planned herbicide treatment dates are as follows:

June 12 – 1st hydrilla treatment
July 7 – 2nd hydrilla treatment
July 28 – 3rd hydrilla treatment
August 8 – 4th hydrilla treatment

Treatments are usually conducted on Tuesdays; however, the first treatment is scheduled for Monday June 12, 2025. These dates are subject to change due to weather conditions.