Slow the Spread of Invasive Species



Mud or burs on shoes, clothing, and pets spread invasive plant seeds, insects, and diseases.

WHAT HIKERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT INVASIVES

- Invasive species are those nonnative plants, animals, and diseases that can cause harm to the economy, environment, and human health.
- Invasive plants tend to reproduce and grow quickly making trails impassable.
- They harm wildlife and replace wildflowers.
- Invasive insects and diseases can kill trees.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Learn to recognize invasive species.
- Wear clothing and footwear that do not attract seeds.
- Stay on designated trails.
- Avoid areas infested with invasive species;
 "When in doubt, stay out!"
- Clean yourself, your equipment, and your dog before and after recreating.
- Properly dispose of soils, seeds, or plant parts from cleaning (e.i. in the trash)
- Educate others about invasive species.
- Volunteer to help control invasive species.

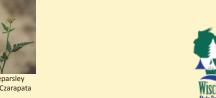








Japanese hedgeparsley (invasive) By E. Czarapata







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