



New York Invasive Species Awareness Week

These events are part of New York's 4th Annual Invasive Species Awareness Week. During the week of July 9-15, events are being held across the state to raise awareness about invasive species. We continue to promote NY's "Stop the Invasion: Protect NY from Invasive Species" campaign and we are pleased to celebrate this year's theme: **Invasive Species Reality Check: Where We Are & Where We Need to Go**. Invasive species threaten our environment, economy, and even our own health. Learning to identify priority species and reporting infestations early can prevent them from becoming widespread. New York's forests, waterways, and agricultural lands are worth protecting!

Catskill Aquatic & Terrestrial Invasive Species Info

When Sat, July 8, 9am – 2pm

Where Pakatakan Farmers Market, 46676 NY-30, Halcottsville, NY 12438, USA ([map](#))

Description New York City Department of Environmental Conservation and Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership will be at the Pakatakan Farmers' Market with an informational table on aquatic and terrestrial invasive species that threaten the Catskills on Saturday, July 9th 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information on visiting the market: <http://roundbarnmarket.org/>

Invasive Plants - Who Gave Them A Passport Anyway?

When Sat, July 8, 10:30am – 12noon

Where Morgan Outdoors, 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (<https://goo.gl/maps/A86AafGj5MR2>)

Description join Diana K. Weiner, Sullivan Renaissance Horticulturist, for a free public program. Invasive exotic plants outcompete with our native species. Honeysuckle, Norway Maple and Japanese Stilt Grass, among others, have taken hold in our gardens and parks. Learn where they came from, when and how they got here, and where they tend to take hold. You will get tips on how to manage these invaders and learn which trees, shrubs and perennials you can replace them with to bring a balance of nature to our landscapes. Then we will walk to Livingston Manor's Renaissance Park (1/2 block away) to look at what the native plant gardens could look like with the addition of plants described in Weiner's presentation.

Register for this free public program by calling Morgan Outdoors at (845) 439 5507. Light refreshments will be served.

Paddle and Pull in Goodyear Lake

When Sun, July 9, 1pm – 3pm

Where Portlandville Fishing Access Site, State Route 28, Portlandville, NY 13834 ([map](#))

Description Kick off Invasive Species Awareness Week with a water-chestnut pull in the Stump Lot portion of portion of Goodyear Lake. Otsego County Conservation Association and the Goodyear Lake Association have been partnering for a decade on removing the highly invasive water chestnut (*Trapa natans*) by hand. Come enjoy the results on a leisurely paddle, and we'll pull any water chestnuts we find. Bring your own canoe/kayak, or reserve space in one of ours! Meet at 1 p.m. at the Portlandville Fishing Access Site on State Route 28, just south of the County Road 35A bridge. Bring water, sunscreen, and a hat. Please pre-register using our online form.

<http://occainfo.org/program-and-event-sign-up-form/>

Contact: Jeff O'Handley, Program Director, (607) 282-4087, programdirector@occainfo.org

Habitat and Hemlock Health

When Tuesday, July 11, 9am-11am

Where Platte Clove Preserve Trailhead (Platte Clove Road, Elka Park, NY) (<https://goo.gl/maps/ogQ5jn5dcyp>)

Description Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District (GCSWCD) is teaming up with the Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) to offer this event as part of the New York Invasive Species Awareness Week. Hemlock forests of the Catskills are threatened by forest pests such as the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and Elongate Hemlock Scale. During a moderate, mile-long hike to explore hemlock groves and view a beautiful waterfall, learn how hemlock trees contribute to providing fish and wildlife habitat and what the Catskill Center and its partners are doing to conserve this habitat. Wear sturdy shoes. Meet at the Platte Clove Preserve Trailhead (Platte Clove Road, Elka Park, NY). Parking is available at the DEC parking lot approximately 0.2 miles east on Platte Clove Road.

Advance registration requested for this event by Monday, July 10th. Register online at www.gcswcd.com or by calling 518-622-3620. For registration help, contact: Samantha@gcswcd.com 518-622-3620 x104.

For more details, contact John Thompson, CRISP Coordinator at the Catskill Center, jthompson@catskillcenter.org, 845-586-2611 or 845-707-3556.

2nd Annual Invasives Pull at Catskill Interpretive Center

When Wed, July 12, 9am-12noon

Where Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center, 5096 Route 28, Mount Tremper, NY, Mt Tremper, NY 12457 (<https://goo.gl/maps/bSH4hxfTKvL2>)

Description Join the Catskill Center and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the second annual invasive species pull at the Catskill Interpretive Center. Enjoy a day of learning about and pulling invasive plants along a stream corridor to help encourage a diverse and native streamside ecosystem. Come dressed to get dirty! Tools and snacks will be provided.

Digging Knotweed

When Wed, July 12, 5pm – 7pm

Where Mohican Farm, 7207 State Highway 80, Cooperstown, NY 13326 ([map](#))

Description Japanese knotweed is a highly-invasive plant that is spreading rapidly across the region. Learn to recognize knotweed, and get your hands dirty as we try to control a patch of it here at Mohican Farm. Bring hand pruners and hand tools useful for grubbing tough, persistent roots out of the ground. Meet at Otsego County Conservation Association's Mohican Farm office, 7207 State Highway 80, Cooperstown. Contact Jeff O'Handley for information or to register. <http://occainfo.org/program-and-event-sign-up-form/>

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Mile-A-Minute Survey & Removal

When Friday, July 14, 9am – 1pm

Where Skinners Falls Parking Lot, Co Rd 44, Narrowsburg, NY 12764 (<https://goo.gl/maps/1S9sNvmdZgB2>)

Description Join CRISP and National Park Service staff in pulling Mile-A-Minute weed at the only location of the plant in the CRISP region. Learn how to identify Mile-A-Minute and participate in helping to remove it. Bring gloves and water. Wear long pants, dress for the weather, and take precautions against ticks. Contact John Thompson, CRISP Coordinator, jthompson@catskillcenter.org, 845-586-2611 or 845-707-3556 to preregister and for other details

Delhi Fair on the Square

When Fri, July 14, 5pm – 9pm

Where 111 Main St, Delhi, NY 13753. (<https://goo.gl/maps/bQ5hs1z4MgR2>)

Description Visit the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County Invasive Species Awareness Booth to learn more about how to stop Invasive Species.

Restoration at Spillian

When Saturday, July 15, 9am – 1pm

Where Spillian, 50 Fleischmanns Heights Rd, Fleischmanns, NY 12430 (<https://goo.gl/maps/m9WCpMcXT822>)

Description Join the Catskill Center and Spillian for a day of ecosystem restoration, music and food! On July 15th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, CCCD staff will be leading an invasive species pull along the trail system at the Spillian resort in Fleischmanns, NY. Following the invasive pull, Spillian will be hosting Spillian Fest, a celebration of local music and food, from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Dinner and drinks will be available from vendors on site, and volunteers from the invasive pull receive free event admission!

Mine Kill State Park SummerFest

When Saturday, July 15, 11am – 4pm

Where Mine Kill State Park, 161 Mine Kill Road, North Blenheim, NY 12131 (<https://goo.gl/maps/XKurLKJVpbH2>)

Description Stop by the CRISP informational table to learn more about the aquatic and terrestrial invasive species that threaten the Catskills.