



zebra mussels

Eurasian watermilfoil

purple loosestrife

Japanese knotweed

garlic mustard

common reed



Adirondack Park Invasive Species Awareness Week

Sunday July 5 – Saturday July 11, 2009



Join Adirondack communities and organizations to celebrate the fourth annual ISAW!

Invasive plants and animals threaten many Adirondack ecosystems including lakes, ponds, rivers, and forests. They outcompete native species for limited resources, interrupt ecosystem processes such as food webs, and reduce biodiversity. Invasive species also have large economic impacts on the Park's resources, which underwrite the economy of many communities through recreation, tourism, forestry, and numerous other uses.

Learn about the issues surrounding invasive species and about the importance of native biodiversity in New York's Adirondack Park by attending some of the special events scheduled for the week.

Lake George Watershed Activities

Mon 6–Fri 10 11 am - 3 pm Invasive Species Awareness, table outside LG Visitor Center, Lake George
Stop by the Lake George visitor center to talk to members of various local organizations about invasive species in the Lake George watershed. Display will include info on terrestrial and aquatic invasive plants, forest pests, and more. Learn how you can help stop the spread of invasive species in your own yard or community.

Mon 6–Fri 10 8 am - 5 pm Aquatic Plant ID, Darrin Fresh Water Institute (DFWI), Bolton Landing
If you have a plant that you think may be Eurasian watermilfoil but you're not sure - bring it by to have it expertly ID'd for free! Bring at least three intact plants to DFWI in a plastic bag with a small amount of water and this info: name of collector, lake name, site of collection, depth the plant was growing, date of collection, name and phone number of a person to contact with the results. Plants for ID should be directed to Lawrence Eichler. For more information or directions, contact DFWI at (518) 644-3541.

Tues 7 & Wed 8 8 am - Noon Eurasian Watermilfoil Harvesting Demo at Hague Town Launch, Hague
Learn all about hand harvesting and benthic barriers for aquatic invasive plant management while the Lake George Park Commission works at the Hague Town Launch as part of their lake-wide Eurasian Watermilfoil Management Program. Lake Stewards will be on hand as well to talk about aquatic invasive species and spread prevention.

Tues 7 9 am - Noon Canoe/Kayak Paddle, Dunham's Bay Marsh, Queensbury
Learn about aquatic invasives such as Eurasian watermilfoil, zebra mussels and purple loosestrife as you paddle about the bay. Kathy Bozony from the Lake George Waterkeeper will supply the narration; you must provide your method of staying afloat. Call the LG Waterkeeper at 518-668-5913 to register or for more info. Advance registration is required for this event; space is limited. Meet at Dunham's Bay Marina parking lot.

Wed 8 2 - 3 pm Interpretive Walk: Forest Invaders, LG Recreation Center, Lake George
Enjoy a leisurely walk through the woods with Laurel Gailor, a Natural Resource Educator from Cornell Cooperative Extension, while learning how various plant and animal invasive species are changing our forest ecosystems. Meet at the parking lot at the LG Rec Center. Call the LGA at 518-668-3558 to register or for more info.

Fri 10 10 - 11 am Family Program: Alien Invaders, the stage in Shepard Park, Lake George
Learn all about invasive species, how they get here, and why they cause a problem. See some samples of local invaders for yourself and make your own zebra mussel paper weight. Call the LGA at 518-668-3558 to register.

Fri 10 2 - 3 pm Interpretive Walk: Roadside Invaders, West Brook, Lake George
Meet at the Lake George visitor center to take a stroll with Laurel Gailor, a Natural Resource Educator from Cornell Cooperative Extension, to West Brook and learn about how invasive species change the ecosystems of lakes and streams. Call the LGA at 518-668-3558 to register or for more info.

