

Beat Back Invasives

2023 INFO PACKET

Help restore our local woodlands!

By volunteering to remove exotic and invasive plants like garlic mustard, narrowleaf bittercress, and common buckthorn, you can make a difference in our local forests! Staff and volunteers work together to minimize the impacts that exotic invasive plants have on our natural areas.

Your help is extremely important in the effort to manage the woodlands and savannas within Three Rivers Park District.



2023 Removal Event Schedule

Baker Outdoor Learning Center

Sunday, October 8, 2-4 p.m.



Registration is required

Online (preferred):

ThreeRiversParks.link/BeatBackInvasives

Phone: 763-559-6706

Email: Volunteer@ThreeRiversParks.org

Call the us to cancel your registration or check weather details:

763-694-7639

Become an ongoing volunteer!

Interested in volunteering on an ongoing basis? As an ongoing volunteer you would be able to participate in additional volunteer activities, earn volunteer benefits, and more!

Contact the Volunteer Office for more information:
Volunteer@ThreeRiversParks.org or 763-559-6706

Program Details

What to Expect

- Volunteers work in wooded areas with uneven terrain.
- Hand pull or use hand tools to remove invasive plants.
- Habitat restoration sites are located in remote areas of our parks, often off trail. Once parked, the group will be guided out to the restoration site. Be sure to arrive on time or early to the designated meeting location!
- Be aware that poison ivy, ticks, mosquitos, wasps, etc. may be found in some areas of our parks. Use bug spray/treated clothing, learn to identify and avoid poison ivy, and always check clothing and body for ticks after returning indoors.
- Water and restroom facilities may not be located nearby.
- Training is provided at the start of each session.

What to Bring

- Sun protection
- Bug protection
- Garden/work gloves
- Water and a snack

What to Wear

- Sturdy, closed toed shoes
- Clothes you can get a little dirty
- Long pants
- Long sleeves

We recommend these items to protect from insects and plants.

Youth

- The minimum age for participation is 8.
- Youth age 8–16 must be accompanied by an adult (1 adult per 8 youth)

Groups

We prefer that groups of 10 or more schedule separately from our public programs. Contact Meg to schedule a separate service event just for your group!

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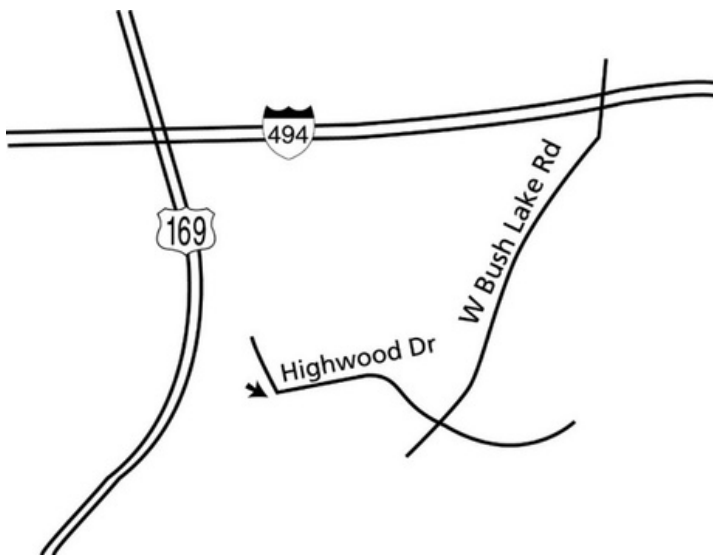
Directions

Call us at 763-694-7639 to:

- Cancel if you cannot attend (extremely important!)
- Check for last minute changes or cancellations due to inclement weather
- Ask questions about this program. Be sure to leave your name and phone number.

Getting to the restoration sites

Be sure to arrive on time or a little early, so you don't miss the group before the walk out to the site! This will also ensure that you receive instructions on the work being done for the day. See details below for directions to each of the restoration sites.



Tierney's Woods

8163-8319 Highwood Dr, Bloomington, MN 55438

From Highway 394, take Highway 100 south to W 84th St in Bloomington. Follow W 84th St and E Bush Lake Rd to Highwood Dr.

From Interstate 494, take exit for E Bush Lake Rd and head south. Take the right to stay on E Bush Lake Rd. Turn right on Highwood Dr.

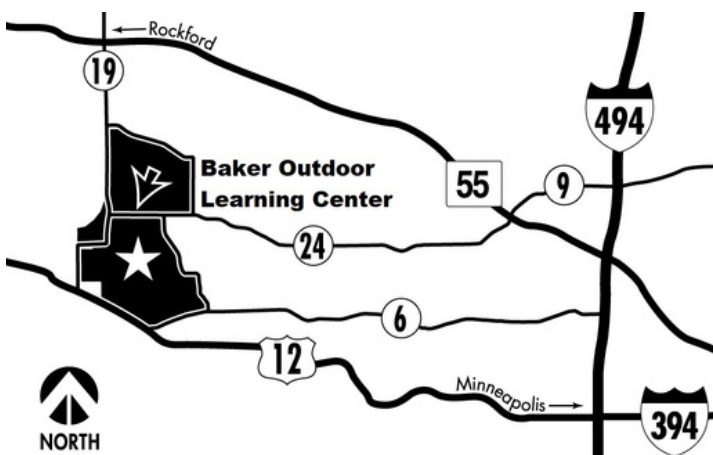
Watch for parking on your left in the cul-de-sac.

Note: no water or restroom facilities are available at this site. Nearest park facilities are located about five minutes away at Richardson Nature Center.

Baker Outdoor Learning Center

4001 County Road 24, Maple Plain, MN 55359

Main phone: 763-694-7856



From I-494, exit off I-494 onto County Road 9/Rockford Road, going west. Continue west on CR 24 for 6 miles, past the junction with Highway 55. Park entrance is on the left.

-OR- take Highway 12 west from I-494. 13.5 miles west of I-494, turn right (north) onto Baker Park Road (CR 29). Stay on Baker Park Rd through curves. Baker Rd becomes County Road 19; stay straight on CR 19 for 1.8 miles. Turn right (east) on CR 24. Park entrance is .5 miles on the right.

From the west: on County Road 19, go east on County Road 24. Entrance is .5 miles on right.

Park in the paved parking lot and meet at the office building.