



THE STEW CREW NEWS

April 2018

Conservation Calendar

Garlic mustard
pulling along the
Seasongood Trail 4/14

Garlic mustard
pulling along the
Wood Duck Trail 4/17

Garlic mustard
pulling along the
Gorge Trail 4/19

Earth Day
tree planting 4/21

Garlic mustard
pulling along the
Miami Fort Trail 4/22

Shaker Trace Nursery work:
Every Thursday year-round
and first and last Saturdays
of the month beginning in
April

Reminders

- Bring something to drink
- Wear sturdy gloves
- We recommend long pants, long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes
- Have fun!
- Record your service hours

It's Garlic Mustard Month

Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is a biennial flowering plant in the mustard family. It grows for two years; the first year, it has green leaves close to the ground, and in the second year it grows up to 3 feet high. White flowers grow in late April and early May at the top of the stalk. If not picked, the flowers will go to seed and be scattered around in the summer.



Garlic mustard likes to grow in rich, moist, shady and forested areas. It grows in great colonies, and if left to spread on its own, each year will cover a greater area. The habitat of garlic mustard is similar to that of more desirable species like jack-in-the-pulpit, Solomon's-seal, trilliums, trout lily, larkspur and others. It crowds them out by growing more aggressively year-round and by releasing compounds which effectively poison the soil. This makes the land more suitable for garlic mustard and less suitable for everything else. Deer and other wildlife do not eat garlic mustard.

It can be eaten by humans so if you can't beat um, eat um!



April Stew Crew Projects

Garlic Mustard pulling along the Seasongood Trail

What: Pull garlic mustard and cut invasive vines.

When: Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m.–noon.

Where: Meet behind the Seasongood Nature Center in Woodland Mound Park. 8250 Old Kellogg Road, Anderson Township, 45255.

Register: RSVP by April 12 to Tom Borgman at tborgman@greatparks.org.

Please record your hours under: [Stew Crew \[Woodland Mound\Conservation & Parks East\]](#).

Garlic Mustard pulling along the Wood Duck Trail

What: Pull garlic mustard and cut invasive vines.

When: Tuesday, April 17 from 9 a.m.–noon.

Where: Meet at the Trailhead of Wood Duck Trail in Mitchell Memorial Forest 5401 Zion Road, Miami Township, 45002.

Register: RSVP by April 16 to Ben Braeutigam at bbraeutigam@greatparks.org.

Please record your hours under: [Stew Crew \[Mitchell Memorial Forest\Conservation & Parks West\]](#).

Garlic Mustard pulling along the Gorge Trail

What: Pull garlic mustard and invasive vines.

When: Thursday, April 19 from 9 a.m.–noon.

Where: Meet at the Gorge Trailhead near the dam in Sharon Woods.

Register: RSVP by April 12 to Tom Borgman at tborgman@greatparks.org.

Please record your hours under: [Stew Crew \[Sharon Woods\Conservation & Parks East\]](#).

Earth Day Tree Planting

What: Plant trees.

When: Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m.–noon.

Where: Meet at the Stone Memorial Shelter in Mitchell Memorial Forest 5401 Zion Road, Miami Township, 45002.

Register: RSVP by April 18 to Ben Braeutigam at bbraeutigam@greatparks.org.

Please record your hours under: [Stew Crew \[Mitchell Memorial Forest\Conservation & Parks West\]](#).



Garlic Mustard pulling along the Miami Fort Trail

What: Pull garlic mustard and cut invasive vines

When: Sunday, April 22 from 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

Where: Meet at the Miami Fort Trailhead in Shawnee Lookout. 2008 Lawrenceburg Road, Miami township, 45052.

Register: RSVP by April 20 to Adam McCosham at amccosham@greatparks.org.

Please record your hours under: [Stew Crew \[Shawnee Lookout\Conservation & Parks East\]](#).

Shaker Trace Nursery work

Join us as we work together to accomplish daily nursery tasks that will change with the seasons.

When: Every Thursday year-round any time between 8 a.m. and noon, and the first and last Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m.-noon beginning in April.

Where: Miami Whitewater Forest, Shaker Trace Nursery, 8667 New Haven Road, Harrison, OH 45030

Register: None required – just stop by!

Please record your hours under: [Shaker Trace Nursery \[Miami Whitewater Forest\Natural Resources\]](#).

