



THE STEW CREW NEWS

July 2017

Conservation Calendar

Prairie Wildflowers Walk and Work Day at Kroger Hills 7/8

Honeysuckle Removal at Richardson Forest Preserve 7/12 and 7/26

Continue the Fight Against the Vine that Ate Glenwood! 7/18

Shaker Trace Nursery Work Varies

Reminders

- Bring something to drink
- Wear sturdy gloves
- Consider bug repellent
- We recommend long pants, long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes
- Have fun!

Biodiversity Boom

Triple Creek is one of our smallest and most overlooked parks in Colerain Township. Yet, once you look past the softball fields and fishing pond, you will realize that this park holds a bounty of natural treasures. Behind the pond and past the prairie planting, the parcours trail winds through a mature hardwood forest. In the fall of 2015, Natural Resources crews based out of the Glenwood Gardens Tech Center conducted large-scale foliar herbicide treatments to reduce the presence of invasive bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) within the forested areas. The gravel trail provided ample access into this area, allowing crews to systematically treat the dense stands of honeysuckle.



Where there was once only a monoculture of honeysuckle, a diverse array of spring wildflowers are emerging. Spring ephemeral wildflowers were once tough to come by in this area, but now dapple the spring landscape with color and life. Plants like Dutchman's breeches, sessile trillium, cut-leaved toothwort and dwarf larkspur are rebounding in this area. This success is not only aesthetically pleasing, but also beneficial to local wildlife. With so much focus on promoting pollinators these days, this early supply of nectar and pollen is crucial to a healthy forest ecosystem. Tree seedlings are also starting to reestablish themselves throughout the forest. This recruitment of new trees will replace older trees at the end of their life cycle, breathing new life into the forest.

July Stew Crew Projects

Honeysuckle Removal at Richardson Forest Preserve

There are big plans for Richardson Forest Preserve this fall. Natural Resources crews are planning a major honeysuckle removal project in order to protect the integrity of this beautiful piece of land. Access paths must be cut in order to get the necessary equipment into this property, so join us on two separate dates this month. We will meet at the parking lot at Triple Creek Park and going from there.

What: Clear trails for equipment access

When: Wednesday, July 12 from 9 a.m.—noon

Where: Meet at the Triple Creek Park parking lot
2700 Buell Rd

RSVP: To Scott Peak at speak@greatparks.org
by July 11

What: Clear trails for equipment access

When: Wednesday, July 26 from 9 a.m.—noon

Where: Meet at the Triple Creek Park parking lot
2700 Buell Rd

RSVP: To Scott Peak at speak@greatparks.org
by July 25

Prairie Wildflowers Walk and Work Day at Kroger Hills

What: July is a great time of year in our prairies. Join us as we hike and talk about the many different species in bloom. The prairies should be awash in color and will really be a sight to see. After the hike we will spend the remaining time cutting woody plants, harvesting native seed, and other prairie maintenance activities.

When: July 8th from 9 a.m.—noon

Where: Meet at Little Miami Golf Center parking lot,
3811 Newtown Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45244.
We will carpool from there.

Register: RSVP by July 7th to Chris Glassmeyer at
cglassmeyer@greatparks.org

Continue the Fight Against the Vine that Ate Glenwood!

What: Last summer we started removing the invasive Porcelainberry vine around the wetland loop trail. Stew Crew made a good dent in the population, but we still have a ways to go. Join us as we cut the vines away from trees and treat the stumps to prevent re-sprouting. This is a very aggressive vine, but is no competition for the dedication of the Stew Crew!

When: July 18th from 9 a.m.—noon

Where: Meet at the Glenwood Gardens Tech Center,
377 Sheffield Rd.

Register: RSVP by July 17th to Chris Glassmeyer at
cglassmeyer@greatparks.org

Shaker Trace Nursery Work

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

When: Every Thursday any time after 8:00 a.m.
until noon year round.

Also from April-October Thursday afternoon
any time after 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 or 7:00
weather permitting

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

Register: None required – just stop by!

*“Conservation is the
state of harmony
between men and land.”*

—Aldo Leopold

Volunteer Hours

Don't forget to record your service! This information is used when applying for grants and other sources of outside support. Please record your hours under **Stew Crew [NATURAL RESOURCE/ All locations]**.

