

INVASIVE SPECIES WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday, March 1, 2018 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Registration and coffee available beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Location: Black Hawk State Park Watchtower Lodge
1510 46th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201-6853

Registrations are being taken through Nahant Marsh. Visit <http://bit.ly/2CizlTL> or call [563.336.3374](tel:563.336.3374). Registration closes February 26 at 5 p.m.

Workshop Description: Invasive species threaten farms, preserves, parks, and even our backyards. In this workshop, experts will share the latest tools and research and showcase how you can prevent, control, and contain invasive species. The workshop is open to any member of the public including land managers, natural resource professionals, restoration specialists, landowners, and homeowners. Local area conservation groups will be present to provide resources and share opportunities on how to get involved in the community. Workshop fee includes a hot lunch (baked potato bar) and the chance to win door prizes. Raffle tickets for chainsaw/ chaps/ and helmet combo as well as other tools of the trade to combat invasive species will be sold at the workshop for \$5 each, or 3 for \$10.

AGENDA

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| 8:30-9 a.m. | Registration and Coffee |
| 9-9:30 a.m. | Welcome & Overview of Why Invasive Species is a Topic of Concern
<i>Brian Ritter, Executive Director at Nahant Marsh</i> |
| 9:30-10:15 a.m. | Woodland Invasives, Including Management Techniques
<i>Mark Vitosh, District 12 Forester at Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR)</i> |
| 10:15-11 a.m. | Prairie Invasives, Including Management Techniques
<i>Dale Maxson, Eastern Iowa Land Steward at The Nature Conservancy</i> |
| 11-11:45 a.m. | Wetlands Invasives, Including Management Techniques
<i>Chris Evans, University of Illinois Extension Forester</i> |
| 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. | Morning Presenters Q & A Panel
<i>Brian Ritter, Mark Vitosh, Dale Maxson, and Chris Evans</i> |
| 12:15-1 p.m. | Lunch and Registration Prize Drawing |
| 1-2:30 p.m. | Black Hawk Invasive Issues and Tactics with Outdoor Tour (weather permitting)
<i>Candace Ritchie, Site Technician II at Black Hawk State Park</i> |
| 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Panel: Invasive Species Management Challenges & Successes
<i>Steve Fairbanks, Landowner and Natural Area Guardians Volunteer</i>
<i>Mike Petersen, Park Ranger at Illiniwek Forest Preserve</i>
<i>Joshua Spensley, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor at John Deere</i>
<i>Emily Swihart, East-Central Iowa Field Coordinator at Trees Forever</i> |
| 3:30-4 p.m. | Call to Action and Raffle Drawings
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