



Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition

A cooperative partnership managing invasive species in
Dickinson, Menominee (MI), Florence, Forest, and Marinette Counties (WI)

WRISC Trail Monitoring Volunteer

Volunteer Season: May 1st (approx.) – October 31st (approx.)

Do you or your group love to be on the trails? Are you interested in learning about invasive species and meeting other like-minded people, all while helping to keep your trails nice? Consider becoming a WRISC-Trail Monitoring Volunteer.

Description: The Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) is a cooperative invasive species management area (CISMA) operating in Florence, Forest, and Marinette counties in Wisconsin and Dickinson and Menominee counties in Northern Michigan. Our CISMA consists of partners and members from local, state, tribal, and federal agencies, land managers, utility companies, civic organizations, businesses, and individuals, all interested in the education and management of invasive species in the five county WRISC area.

Non-native invasive species can have devastating ecological and economic impacts to communities. Industries such as forestry, agriculture, and outdoor recreation are all at risk, as are native fish and wildlife habitats. This coalition strives to combine multi-agency resources and expertise to coordinate education and management of invasive species across borders, promoting best management practices that will help to slow the spread of these invaders.

As a Trail Volunteer, you can monitor local recreational trails (i.e. bike, ATV, snowmobiling, walking), for invasive species. With the use of a GPS and standard survey methods (which will be provided), you will record invasive species locations and contribute to a national database, MISIN.

Due to COVID-19, WRISC will provide training videos with directions on how to successfully map and record invasive species.

Benefits:

- Gain knowledge of terrestrial invasive species
- Contribute to maintaining our trail systems
- Giving back to your community
- Explore more trails in your local area

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