

Buckthorn Removal Day

Come celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day by helping to remove buckthorn in the Cannon River Wilderness Area.

WHEN: April 24, 2010 from 8:30-12:00

WHERE: Cannon River Wilderness Area
West Entrance, Located off State Hwy 3
between Faribault (3.5 miles north of) and
Northfield (4.5 miles south of) on 151th St E.
Watch for a County Park Sign on Hwy 3.

HOW: We will work rain or shine, please
dress appropriately. Bring a pair of gloves.

Buckthorn is a native from Europe that was brought to US for home landscaping. It has spread into native areas where there are no natural competitors and it out-competes native vegetation.



According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), buckthorn is a problem because it:

- Out-competes native plants for nutrients, light and moisture
- Degrades wildlife habitat
- Threatens the future of forests, wetlands, prairies and other natural habitats
- Contributes to erosion by shading out other plants that grow on the forest floor
- Serves as host to other pests, such as crown rust fungus and soybean aphid
- Forms an impenetrable layer of vegetation
- Lacks 'natural controls' like insects or disease that would curb its growth

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