

Our Work Sites:

Bear Run Nature Reserve:

Since 1963 this 5,000-acre natural area has been owned and protected by Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. It lies along the west slope of Laurel Ridge, facing the spectacular Youghiogheny River gorge. More than 20 miles of trails traverse this area which is adjacent to the world-famous Frank Lloyd Wright Structure-Fallingwater.

Fort Necessity National Battlefield: This unit of the National Park Service was the stage for the opening events of the French and Indian War. The park was established in 1931 to commemorate the battle, as well as the events that influenced Washington's development as a military officer.

Forbes State Forest:

The Forbes State Forest was named in honor of General John Forbes who, in 1757 ordered the construction of a road from Bedford to Fort Pitt for the movement of an expeditionary Army. The Forbes State Forest contains over 20 separate tracts of State Forest Land in Fayette, Somerset, and Westmoreland Counties. The total acreage is over 50,000 acres.

Ohiopyle State Park:

This park encompasses roughly 20,549 acres of rugged natural beauty and serves as the gateway to the Laurel Highlands. The focal point of the area is the more than 14 miles of the Youghiogheny River Gorge that passes through the heart of the park providing spectacular scenery, recreational opportunities and fantastic biological diversity.

Who is the Southern Laurel Highlands Plant Management Partnership?

We are a group of agencies, companies and individuals working together to help protect Pennsylvania's native plant and animal species. This group encompasses many large land holders in Fayette County Pennsylvania. One of our main focuses is to identify and eradicate invasive species that are impacting our native species. An additional goal of the partnership is to educate the general public about the benefits of Pennsylvania's native species.

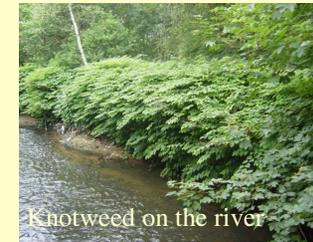
Please consider joining us in this effort. We have scheduled a myriad of special events this year. While we work hard on these days they are usually partnered with a special activity to make the work seem a bit less like, well...work.

Partners include:

The Fayette County Conservation District
Friendship Farms
Friends of Ohiopyle State Park
Great Meadows Garden Club
Kentuck Knob
National Park Service
New Meadow Run Community
Penn's Corner Conservancy
PA DCNR- Ohiopyle State Park
PA DCNR- Forbes State Forest
PA Game Commission
Spring Valley Community
US Forest Service
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
Wilderness Voyageurs

Go Native!

Project Weedwack & Native Plant Sale



Join us to help reduce pressure on our native species.

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Events 2013

Constance Ranson

Native Plant Sale

Ohiopyle State Park

When: May 25, 12:00-5:00pm

Where: Corner of 381 and Sheridan Streets

What: Purchase Native plants for your home garden

Contact: Barbara Wallace
724-329-0986 or email
bawallace@pa.gov

Project Weedwack Dates:

Tree Planting

When: April 6; 9:00am

Where: Ohiopyle State Park, -Meet at Park Office

What: Planting native plants in an old field where we have removed invasives.

Contact: Barbara Wallace 724-329-0986 or email: bawallace@state.pa.us

Knotweed

When: August 21-23

Where: Ohiopyle State Park

Meet at Park Office

What: We are going to have some words with knotweed growing along the river corridor.

Contact: Barbara Wallace 724-329-0986 or bawallace@pa.gov.



Garlic Mustard

When: May 16, 9:00am

Where: Fallingwater Main Parking Lot

What: Garlic Mustard Pull

Contact: Ann Talarak 724-329-8501

Project Weedwack Dates:

Attack the Fort: Well, its honeysuckle.

When: March 16, 9:00am

Where: Ft Necessity, Visitor's Center Classroom

What: Introduction and work on honeysuckle removal.

Contact: M J McFadden

724-329-5473 or

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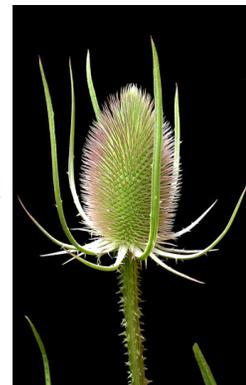
Teasel

When: June 22, 9:00am

Where: Ft Necessity, Visitor's Center

What: A good old fashioned teasel pull

Contact: M J McFadden
724-329-5473 or
email:



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Why should I participate?

- Learn about native plants and invasive plants
- Earn PA pesticide applicator credits (contact host site for details)
- Feel good about preserving PA's botanical diversity

What should I bring?

Please bring a lunch, drink, appropriate work attire and gloves. We will supply tools.