

HIKERS ACTION PLAN

Think about the threat of invasive species when planning your next hike. Make sure your love of nature doesn't accidentally harm the next woodland you visit.

1. Stay on the path

Stay on the paths designated for hiking in natural areas to avoid picking up seeds from the forest that shouldn't be spread elsewhere.

2. Clean your gear

Check all of your hiking gear at the end of your outing for plants and mud that might be carrying invasive plant seeds

3. Groom your pet

Make sure your pets don't bring back an invader from the forest. Look over your pet at the end of the trail and wash off any mud. Keep invasive seeds from using your dog as a way to invade new areas.

4. Keep your eyes peeled

Inspect your property and shoreline for any sign of invasion. To find out what species are threatening your area, visit eddmaps.org/ontario/

5. Report all invaders

Call the Invading Species Hotline at **1-800-563-7711** to report an invasive species sighting. Or download the **EDDMapS Ontario app** to report an invader on the spot.

6. Stop the invasion

Enjoy the great outdoors? Make sure to visit ontario.ca/invasionON to find out more about our top invaders and download the:

- Angler Action Plan
- Boater Action Plan
- Hiker Action Plan
- Gardener Action Plan