



## HIKERS | Action Plan

Think about the threat of invasive species when planning your next hike. Learn what you can do to make sure your love of nature doesn't accidentally harm the trails you visit.

### 1. STAY ON THE PATH

Stay on the paths designated for hiking in natural areas to avoid picking up invasive seeds on your shoes and spreading them.

### 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 or fragments.

### 3. GROOM YOUR PET

Make sure your pets don't bring back an invader from the forest. Look over them at the end of the trail and wash or brush off any mud, seeds or plant parts. Stop invasive plants from hitching a ride and spreading to new areas..

### 4. REPORT ALL INVADERS

Call the **Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters' 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.

### 5. STOP THE INVASION

To learn more about how you can stop the invasion, visit [ontario.ca/invasionON](https://ontario.ca/invasionON) to download action plans for Boaters, Hikers, Cottagers and Gardeners.

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