

# 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. 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

Visit **ontario.ca/invasionON** to download Action Plans for Anglers, Boaters, Cottagers and Gardeners. Or visit our partner pages for more resources:

**OFAH Invading Species,**  
[invadingspecies.com](http://invadingspecies.com)

**Invasive Plants Council,**  
[ontarioinvasiveplants.ca](http://ontarioinvasiveplants.ca)

**Federation of Ontario  
Cottagers' Associations**  
[foca.on.ca](http://foca.on.ca)