

# GIVE INVASIVE SPECIES THE BRUSH OFF.

Shoes can carry the seeds of invasive plants like spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe* spp. *micranthos*). Please brush them off before entering and leaving this area.

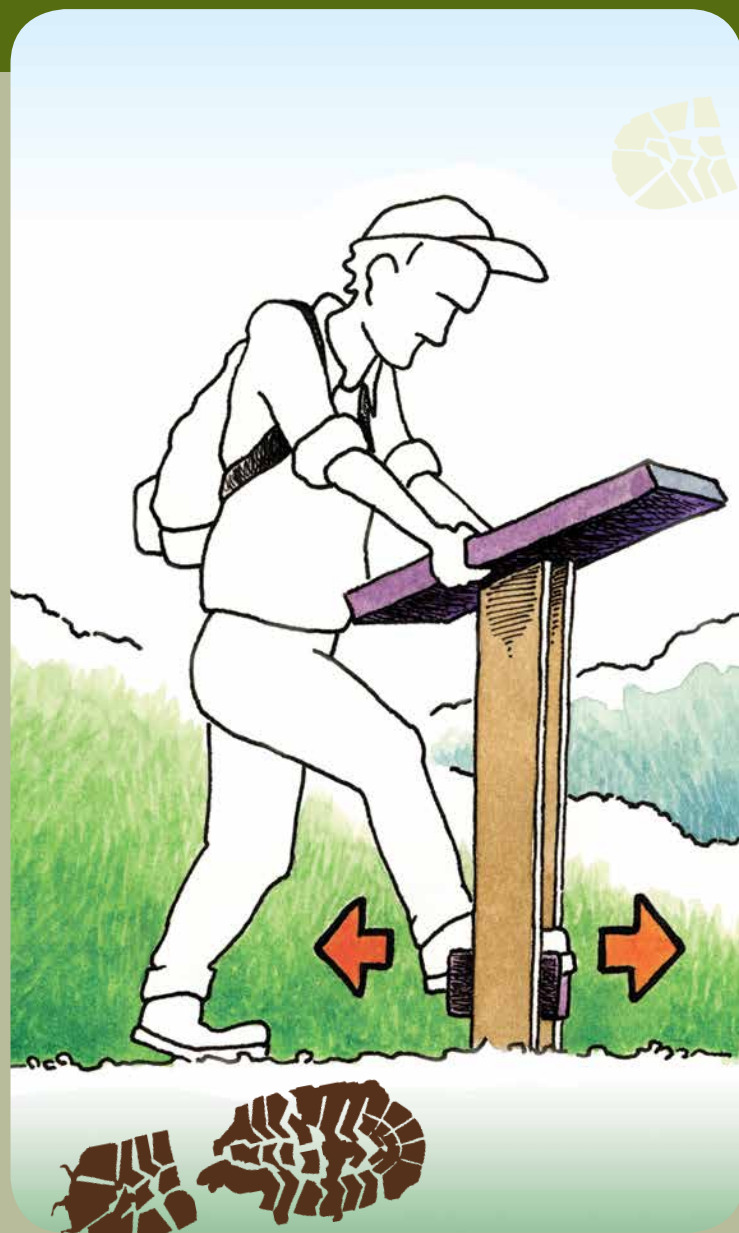


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## What's The Problem?

**Spotted knapweed** releases a toxin into the soil that prevents the growth of neighboring plants.

- Non-native seed and plant parts are carried from one place to another on our shoes, vehicle tires, by the wind and flowing water.
- Spotted knapweed is a non-native invasive plant—one of many that were accidentally or intentionally introduced to Minnesota.



## Other Invasive Plants On The Move...

**Garlic Mustard**  
(*Alliaria petiolata*)



Garlic mustard can quickly crowd out spring wildflowers and tree seedlings.

**Common Tansy**  
(*Tanacetum vulgare*)



Tansy thrives in disturbed areas, roadsides and streambanks.

**Wild Parsnip**  
(*Pastinaca sativa*)



Wild parsnip sap can cause burns when it contacts skin in the presence of sunlight (phytophotodermatitis).

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**STOP INVASIVE SPECIES  
IN YOUR TRACKS.**

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Entering And Before Leaving  
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