



Waukesha County

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RESIDENTS INVITED TO MONITOR WAUKESHA'S WATERS DURING ANNUAL STATEWIDE SNAPSHOT DAY EVENT

Search for aquatic invasive species in Waukesha County on Snapshot Day, August 17th

(WAUKESHA, WI) – Waukesha County invites residents of all ages to participate in the 6th Annual Snapshot Day on Saturday, August 17 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at five locations throughout the county. The hands-on citizen science event relies on volunteers to help search for aquatic invasive species in local lakes, rivers and streams. The effort is coordinated in partnership with River Alliance of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), UW Extension, and over 20 partners from throughout the state.

“This is a great opportunity for volunteers to help protect our waters by detecting potentially harmful plants and animals,” said Cassie Taplin, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator for Washington and Waukesha Counties. “We are excited to take part in this fun event once again.”

Snapshot Day is free and does not require any previous experience. Volunteers can monitor from the shore with binoculars and rakes or wade in to get a better look. Participants will begin the day with a brief training session from local coordinators at Retzer Nature Center, located at S14W28167 Madison Street in Waukesha. Once trained, groups will head to monitoring sites for the day. Waukesha County Snapshot Day monitoring sites are available below. The event is recommended for ages 8 and up, minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Register and see event details at www.wisconsinrivers.org/snapshot-day/. Advance registration is recommended by August 2 to receive a free Snapshot Day tote bag with supplies. Registration will remain open until August 15, 2019.

For more information, contact Cassie Taplin, AIS Coordinator for Washington and Waukesha Counties at (262) 483-9687 or Cassie.Taplin@co.washington.wi.us. To learn more about Waukesha County's invasive species program, visit: www.waukeshacounty.gov/ais or <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives>.

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2019 Snapshot Day Waukesha County Monitoring Sites
Saturday, August 17, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Training session begins at Retzer Nature Center at 8:30 a.m.
Retzer is located at S14W28167 Madison Street, Waukesha, WI 53188

Location	Monitoring Area	Parking	Map
Mukwonago River (Near Lower & Upper Phantom Lakes) Near intersection of Hwy 83 and Front St., Mukwonago	Bridge Sampling (Walk from Park to bridge near Hwy 83)	Indianhead Park Beach Lot 850 Main St, Mukwonago, WI 53149 (Google Map)	Google Map
Bark River 1808 Cnty Rd. P/Sawyer Rd. Oconomowoc, WI 53066	Shore Sampling	Parking on street near river	Google Map
Pebble Creek (Near Kame Terraces Neighborhood) 27660 Kame Terrace Waukesha, WI 53188	Shore Sampling	Parking on street near neighborhood	Google Map
Bark River Nixon Park 175 E. Park Ave., Hartland, WI 53029	Bridge Sampling & Accessible Access Shore Sampling	Parking lot available in park	Google Map
Menomonee River Lime Kiln Park 16208 Arthur Ave., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051	Bridge Sampling & Shore Sampling	Parking lot available in park	Google Map

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