

River Cleanup & Invasive Weed Pull

Munroe Falls – Brust Park

Saturday, May 13th – 9AM – Noon



One Invasive Weed, Garlic Mustard, Defined ... ☹️💧☠️☹️

Garlic mustard was introduced here in the 1860's. Today it is one of the greatest threats to natural habitats. Garlic mustard is a biennial plant, so it does not flower until the second year. You can recognize garlic mustard during its second year of growth by its toothed, heart-shaped leaves and white flowers. During its first year of growth, it grows as a rosette and slightly resembles wild violet. When you crush the leaves, they smell like garlic.

Overview -- This Weed Tops the List of Unwanted Plants

Somebody really messed up with garlic mustard. The plant was introduced here in the 1860's for food and medicine. Today, it's the dominant plant on the forest floor in the eastern part of the country. Garlic mustard is listed as a noxious (harmful) weed in every state where it's found. It has spread as far west as Kansas, taking over native habitat. Deer don't like to eat it, so they over-graze on native plants, and open up more space for the weed. It's also toxic to some rare butterflies. You'll see it under trees, along fences, and in the shadows of bushes.

A yearly event, sponsored by the Munroe Falls Park Board. Please obtain your sign-up sheets (1 per 4 minor children and/or 1 adult) at the Munroe Falls City offices at 43 Munroe Falls Avenue, Munroe Falls. THANKS!!!

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!