



Combating a Growing Problem

Park rangers, scientists, and volunteers are hard at work mapping, planning, and restoring natural processes on the front line. The enemy? Invasive species that threaten natural habitats, native species, and visitor enjoyment. Combating invasives is time consuming and costly. The easiest solution? Preventing the unintentional spread of invasive species.



— biologists selectively treat
invasive reeds in a sensitive wetland

Preventing the Spread

Here are a few simple steps that you can take to help protect this park and your own community from the effects of invasive insects, plants, and animals.

When boating



- Inspect and remove all aquatic vegetation and mud from boats and trailers, power wash if possible



- Clean canoes and kayaks inside and out



- Drain boat, live wells, and bilges
- Wipe down all equipment and let dry for five days

When recreating outdoors



- Check for and remove all seeds, soil, insects and their eggs from recreational equipment



- Remove seeds and soil from boot soles and laces



- Remove soil from tents, tent pegs, and trekking poles



- Remove seeds and soil from pets and their leashes



- Prevent your pet from moving additional seeds by keeping them leashed and on the trail
- Stay on marked trails

When fishing



- Use artificial lures or purchase approved live baits
- Dispose of unused bait in trash receptacles, not in waterways



- Clean and dry boats, bait bucket, lures, and other fishing equipment

When building a fire



- Burn wood where you buy it, don't bring wood from other areas



- Follow local firewood regulations

When at home



- Choose native plants for gardens and landscapes
- Know what plants are invasive in your area



- Dispose of unwanted aquarium and water garden plants and animals humanely and appropriately

For more information visit:

<http://www.nature.nps.gov/biology/invasivespecies/>

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