



Nature Is Calling... Volunteer!

ISN Surveyor

Our Mission

Inspiring exploration, appreciation, and conservation of our natural world.

Background Information

The Grand Traverse Conservation District has partnered with organizations across the five-county Grand Traverse region (Benzie, Leelanau, Grand Traverse, Antrim, and Charlevoix Counties) to form the Grand Traverse Regional Invasive Species Network (ISN). Coordinated by GTCD, ISN is a collaborative effort to prioritize and remove invasive species, prevent the spread of new invasive species, and educate the community about stewardship of its natural resources. To learn more about ISN, visit www.natureiscalling.org.

ISN will conduct extensive surveys of regional parklands, including surveys of GTCD's 3,000 acres of parklands, so ISN can effectively prioritize invasive species management efforts. Prioritization allows partners to focus efforts in areas to have the greatest impact. We need your help to accomplish this goal. GTCD will host regular surveying expeditions throughout the growing season. Participants will comb GTCD's parklands for invasive species, recording their locations using handheld GPS units. ISN will publish all survey data at www.misin.msu.edu/.

Position Responsibilities

As an ISN Surveyor, you will learn to ID invasive species and use GPS to track their populations. You will participate in regularly scheduled survey expeditions throughout the growing season, from June to September. Expeditions will take place on the third Tuesday and Saturday of each month.

Requirements

- + Completion of Volunteer Application (includes background check)
- + Capacity to distinguish various plants by their common features, with proper training.
- + Ability to use a GPS after proper training and complete the data sheet.
- + Ability to traverse varied terrains for upwards of three miles during typical summer conditions.

Benefits

- + Development of knowledge and new skills through GTCD's volunteer training programs.
- + Develop a sense of pride and ownership for stewarding the Grand Traverse region's natural resources for future generations to enjoy.
- + Invitation to seasonal volunteer appreciation events to celebrate success and thank you for your support.
- + Pre-sale invitation to our Annual Native Plant Sale (10 or more service hours).
- + Volunteer T-shirt (10 or more service hours)
- + Sense of community as part of the GTCD team.

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