



Beat Back Invasives

Three Rivers Natural Resources Management (NRM) staff and volunteers work together to minimize the impacts invasive species have on natural areas. Join us to suppress and remove exotic invasive species such as garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), narrowleaf bittercress (*Cardamine impatiens*) and common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*). Volunteers help increase the amount of area we can cover to keep these aggressive invaders at bay. You can further assist in early detection and eradication by sharing your knowledge of these plants and the impact they have on our environment. Your support is extremely important to this battle on invasive species!

Event Details

- Volunteers work in wooded areas with uneven terrain and will be hand pulling or using hand tools to remove invasive plants.
- Removal sites are off trail and/or may be in remote areas of the park. Therefore, volunteers must arrive on time or early at the designated meeting location. The group is then led to removal sites.
- Volunteers must come prepared for the weather and bring something to drink (and snacks, if desired). **Water and restroom facilities** may **NOT** be nearby and may require a drive to the nearest facility.
- Training is provided at the start of each session.
- Please come prepared with your own work gloves. Dress to get dirty and wear comfortable, sturdy closed-toe shoes (no sandals) with long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.
- Be aware that poison ivy, ticks, mosquitoes, wasps, etc. may be found in some areas of our parks. Use bug spray/treated clothing, learn to identify and avoid poison ivy and always check clothing and body for ticks after returning indoors.
- The minimum age for participation is 8. Youth must be accompanied by an adult (1 adult/8 youth 8-14 years). A permission form is needed for participation by minors, available here: www.threeriversparks.org/page/invasive-species-removal

Instructions

Registration and cancellation is required for this program.

To participate in each event, please follow these instructions:

1. Choose removal event date(s) from the schedule found online and at the end of this document
2. Sign up for each removal date(s) you plan to attend:
 - Online (preferred): www.threeriversparks.org/page/invasive-species-removal
 - Phone: Call the Volunteer Office for assistance at 763-559-6706
 - Email: Volunteer@ThreeRiversParks.org
(Minor permission form must be submitted before participation in service event)
3. Call the “**NRM Volunteer Hotline**” (763-694-7849) to:
 - CANCEL if you cannot attend. (This is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!)
 - CHECK MESSAGE on event day for rain cancellation or last-minute changes.
4. See maps and directions below:
 - PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME OR A LITTLE EARLY to receive removal instructions and exact location of removal site within the park. Training takes place on-site at the start of each session just before the group disperses into the park.

2021 Beat Back Invasives Schedule and Locations

All removals start promptly at the time listed below.

Spring:

Silverwood Park

Saturday, May 8: 9 AM – 11:30 AM

Tierney's Woods

Saturday, May 15: 9 AM – 11:30 AM

Fall:

Baker Outdoor Learning Center

Sunday, Sept 12: 5 PM – 6:30 PM

Sunday, Oct 10: 2 PM – 4 PM

Tierney's Woods

Saturday, Oct 16: 9 AM – 11:30 AM

Group Events

Groups of 10 or more may arrange a separate removal event on a different date than listed. To schedule your group, please contact:

Emily Dunlap, Invasive Species Coordinator

Phone: 763-694-7817; Email: Emily.Dunlap@ThreeRiversParks.org.

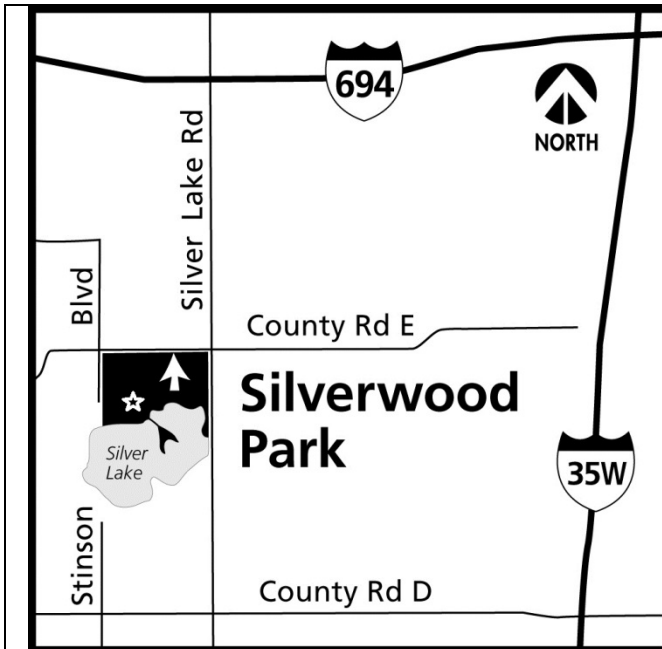
Become a Three Rivers Volunteer

Program participants interested in becoming a volunteer on an ongoing basis and earning volunteer privileges, should contact the Volunteer Office for further instructions.

- Email: Volunteer@ThreeRiversParks.org
- Phone: 763-559-6706
- Website: www.ThreeRiversParks.org/volunteer

Directions to Event Locations

These maps show the overall vicinity and location of the Park.
Go to www.threeriversparks.org/ for detailed park maps.



Silverwood Park

2500 County Rd E, St. Anthony, MN 55421 (763-694-7707)

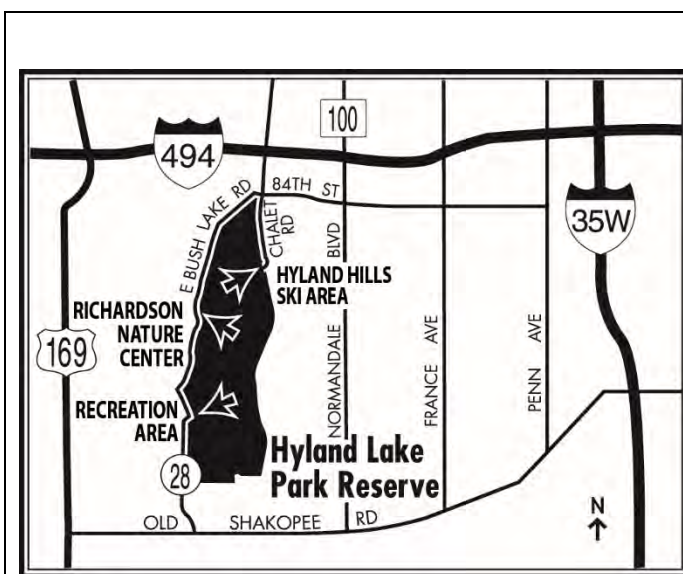
www.threeriversparks.org/location/silverwood-park

Located about seven miles northeast of downtown Minneapolis.

From Highway 35W take the exit for County Rd D and turn right onto Silver Lake Rd. Then take a left onto County Rd E, the entrance is on left.

From Highway 694 take exit #39 for Silver Lake Rd and head south. Take a right onto County Rd E, the entrance is on left.

Meet in the main parking lot near the visitor center.



Hyland Lake Park Reserve (Richardson Nature Center)

8738 East Bush Lake Road,
Bloomington 55438
763-694-7676

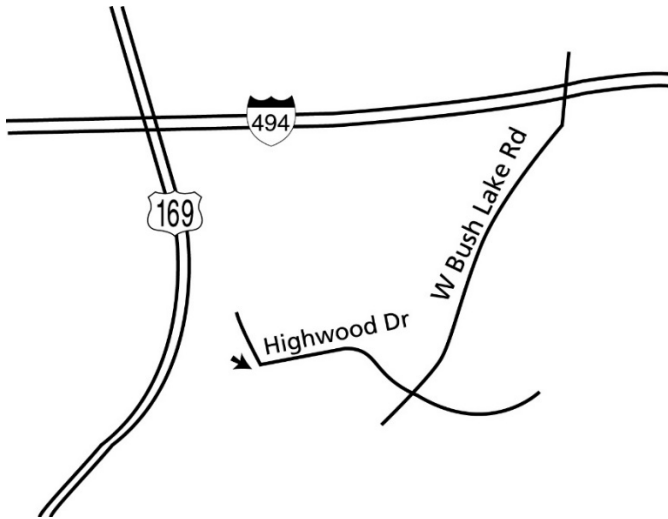
<https://www.threeriversparks.org/location/richardson-nature-center>

From I-494, exit at East Bush Lake Road, go south ½ mile to the stoplight (at 84th Street, Chalet Road and East Bush Lake Road).

At the stoplight:

- Turn right** (west) to follow East Bush Lake Road for 1.2 miles (past the ski jump)
- Turn left** into parking area

Meet outside Richardson Nature Center.



Tierney's Woods

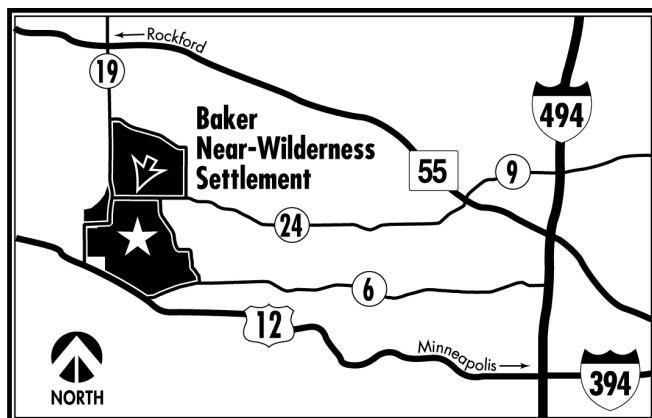
8163-8319 Highwood Dr., Bloomington, MN 55438
www.threeriversparks.org/parks/hyland-lake-park.aspx

Located about ten miles southwest of downtown Minneapolis.

From Highway 394 take 100 south to W 84th St in Bloomington. Follow W 84th St and E Bush Lake Rd to Highwood Dr.

From Highway 494 take E Bush Lake Rd exit and head south. Take the right to stay West on E Bush Lake Rd. Turn right on Highwood Drive. Watch for parking on your left or the cul-de-sac.

Water and restroom facilities are NOT on site and will need to be utilized at the nearby Hyland Park Reserve prior to event start time.



Baker Outdoor Learning Center

4001 County Road 24, Maple Plain, MN 55359
<https://www.threeriversparks.org/location/baker-outdoor-learning-center>

Located twenty minutes west of downtown Minneapolis.

Highway 12 is currently under construction near Maple Plain. Consider alternate routes. Minnesota DOT details [here](#).

From I-494: Exit off I-494 onto County Road 9/Rockford Road, going west. Continue west on County Road 24 for 6 miles past junction with Highway 55. Entrance is on left.

-Or- take Highway 12 West from I-494. 13.5 miles west of I-494, turn right on Baker Park Rd. (CR 29). Stay on Baker Park Rd through curves and on County Road 19 for 1.8 miles. Turn right on County Road 24. Entrance is 0.5 miles on right.

From the West: From County Road 19, go east on County Road 24. Entrance is 0.5 miles on right. Park in the paved parking lot and meet at the office building.