



As temperatures rise and the days grow longer, we begin looking toward spring and the return of abundant life and color in our favorite natural areas. However, emerging along with our beloved native wildflowers is a plant that is not welcome due to its unruly behavior. Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is an exotic, invasive plant introduced from Europe for culinary purposes. It has spread throughout North American woodlands and urban communities. It can out-compete native plants for the light, moisture, and nutrients they need. This is your invitation from the [Headwaters Invasive Plant Partnership](#) to join in the Great Garlic Mustard Hunt to remove this invasive plant.

**Weeding in the woods events will be held at several east-central Illinois locations throughout April and into May.**

**Saturday, April 14            1-3pm**

Sangamon River Corridor Reserve, 802 Allerton Rd, Monticello, IL 61856, USA ([map](#))

**Saturday, April 21            9-11am**

Take Route 130 south from Charleston to Daileyville Road (CR 1470 North). Follow Daileyville road about one mile past Warbler Woods Nature Preserve to the gravel parking area on the right. ([map](#))

**Thursday, April 26            10am-Noon**

Sangamon River Forest Preserve - 2797 CR 600 E, Fisher ([map](#))

**Wednesday, May 2            5-7pm**

Homer Lake Forest Preserve (Walnut Hill Parking near the spillway) ([map](#))

**Thursday May 3                1:30-3:30pm**

Middle Fork River Forest Preserve (campground area) ([map](#))

**Saturday, May 5                9-11am**

Warbler Bottoms near intersection of IL-130 south of Charleston and Bypass Rd. Turn right on Bypass Rd. Very quickly you will take another right on E Co Rd 550N. Continue down this county road some distance (1/2-2/3 mile) until you see where cars are parked. ([map](#))

**Monday, May 7                 10am-Noon**

Lake of the Woods (North Trail - parking east of the Covered Bridge) ([map](#))

**Saturday, May 12              1-3pm**

Mettler Woods Nature Preserve, 5991 500 E, Clinton, IL 61727, USA ([map](#))