



## News Release

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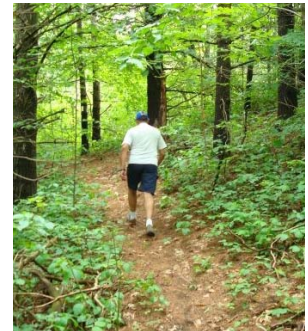
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### **Invasive Species Awareness Event**

**June 12, 2010 from 11:00am to 2:00pm**  
**Long Sault Conservation Area, Clarington**  
**Main Trail Entrance**

#### **Help Stop The Invasion!**

Are you going hiking or mountain biking this summer? Did you know that your bike, boots and clothes could be transporting unwanted invasive species? In an effort to raise awareness about the spread of invasive plant species, Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA) will be hosting an Invasive Species Awareness Event on June 12<sup>th</sup> at Long Sault Conservation Area's main trail entrance from 11:00am to 2:00pm.



This event will include lots of take home information, a boot/bicycle cleaning station, invasive species identifiers and personal boot scrubbers to the first 40 visitors! "We need everyone's help to stop the spread of invasive plants," says Diana Shermet, Natural Heritage Resources Analyst with Central Lake Ontario Conservation. "Since invasive species seeds spread largely by hitchhiking, visitors to a natural area can help in the invasive battle by brushing off their clothes, boots and bikes to leave the seeds behind." Many of these invasive plants have come from other countries accidentally and since they do not have natural predators in their new habitat they become wide spread and out compete native plants. "Invasive species are one of the major contributors to declining biodiversity and we need everyone's help to reduce their impact," says Diana.



So on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> after your hike or bike at Long Sault Conservation Area stop by the CLOCA booth, get your boots/ bike cleaned and learn about preventing the spread of invasive plant species and what you can do to help. More information on invasive species is available online at [www.cloca.com](http://www.cloca.com).

#### **Directions:**

Exit 401 at Waverly Road in Bowmanville. Travel north on Regional Road 57 past Taunton Road to Regional Road 20. Turn right onto Regional Road 20 and travel to Woodley Road. Turn left onto Woodley Road and travel to the main trail entrance by the upper parking lot.

***What we do on the land is mirrored in the water.***