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William Botti, the Executive Director of the Michigan Forest Association, brings us this interesting piece of trivia about Michigan's trees. Read the [Leaves Newsletter](#) to learn more about forestry in Michigan.

## **What Michigan tree has the largest leaves?**

See the [Huron Pines eNews answer](#).

Below is the 7/14/09 update for Huron Pines.

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Thank you!

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## **Learn about Invasive Species July 22**

Huron Pines will be hosting an [Invasive Species Volunteer Day](#) to help protect a threatened species of the Great Lakes. Pitcher's thistle is found only on dune systems of Lake Huron, Michigan, and Superior and is under constant threat from various invasive species and human influences.

On Wednesday, July 22, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Negwegon State Park, volunteers will have an opportunity to remove and learn more about spotted knapweed that is threatening sensitive areas where Pitcher's thistle is located. There will also be information on threatened and endangered species as well other invasive plants threatening the Lake Huron coastline such as phragmites.

For more information on the volunteer day, please contact invasive species coordinator Tim Engelhardt at 989-344-0753 ex. 14 or at [tim@huronpines.org](mailto:tim@huronpines.org). Space is limited so call ahead to reserve your spot.

## **Indian Creek ORV Restoration**

Construction has begun on the Indian Creek ORV restoration project in Oscoda. A local contractor is adding fencing along a popular ORV trail to restrict illegal access through a power line corridor to Indian Creek, a small, high-quality tributary to the Au Sable River. Once the trail is fenced off, the illegal ruts and hill climbs will be filled in and planted to help prevent sediment from entering the creek.

AmeriCorps members will add biologists and plants this fall to help stabilize the streambank where ruts are causing erosion. We would like to thank the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for funding this project and Consumers Power Company for permission to access the land.

## **Trout Unlimited Celebrates 50 Years**

Please join Trout Unlimited in celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Michigan Trout Unlimited is having a birthday party for Trout Unlimited on Saturday, July 18, as our Michigan celebration of TU's founding. To learn more, visit <http://www.celebratetu.org/>.

In addition, August 17th through the 22nd marks the weeklong celebration in Traverse City for the National Trout Unlimited celebration hosted by the Michigan Council. Visit [www.tu50.org](http://www.tu50.org) for more information.

We would like to thank Michigan Trout Unlimited and the Michigan Chapters for supporting conservation in Northeast Michigan over the years. Happy Birthday!

## **Upcoming Events**

**Roscommon River Festival hosted by the Au Sable River Center:** Saturday, July 18 through Sunday, July 19, Wallace Park, for more information, please call the Au Sable River Center (989) 275-4392 or visit [www.ausablerivercenter.org](http://www.ausablerivercenter.org)

**Invasive Species Volunteer Day hosted by Huron Pines:** Wednesday, July 22, 1pm – 3pm, Negwegon State Park, contact [Tim Engelhardt](mailto:Tim.Engelhardt@huronpines.org) or view the [Invasive Species Workday flier](#)

**Great Lakes Restoration Initiative - Public Meeting:** Monday, August 3, 5pm – 7pm, Kellogg Center, East Lansing, contact [Anthony Kizlauskas](mailto:Anthony.Kizlauskas@epa.gov), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (312) 353 - 8773

**Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Wetlands Program presents Rare Wetland Communities in Michigan:** Tuesday, August 4, Hagerty Center, Traverse City, contact [Amy Lounds](mailto:Amy.Lounds@deq.mi.gov) at (517) 241-8169 or visit [http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308\\_3333\\_4169---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308_3333_4169---,00.html)

**Volunteer work bee on the Black River hosted by the Upper Black River Restoration Committee:** Saturday, August 8, 9am – 3pm, Town Corner Lake Campground, lunch will be provided, for more information or to RSVP, please contact Carol Rose at [pcrose@freeway.net](mailto:pcrose@freeway.net)

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