

Seedpod Showdown

What you will be doing

Throughout the day, you will be hand-pulling and clipping dog-strangling vine (DSV) seed pods, preventing them from spreading further throughout the rare alvar habitat of Camden East. Walking distance will vary, but most groups will hike approximately 3.5 to 4.5 kilometres over uneven terrain to find and collect DSV seedpods, which we will carry out with us in bags.

Why you will love it

Enjoy a day spent on the beautiful and unique Napanee Plain Alvar, and help protect the rare alvar species from the expansion of dog-strangling vine. Enjoy the beautiful landscape and biodiversity of the Camden East Alvar property as you hike the property with an Nature Conservancy of Canada conservation biologist.

About the property

The 44-hectare Camden East Alvar was transferred from Loyalist Township to the Nature Conservancy of Canada in late 2018. Alvars are naturally open landscapes of flat limestone, with little or no tree cover. Habitats in the Camden East Alvar include small pockets of rare plants on bare limestone pavement, meadows, shrublands and woodlands. You might even find a fossil on the exposed limestone! Don't forget to look up - this open alvar provides valuable habitat for grassland birds and butterflies.



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Event details

Date: Thursday, July 28, 2022

Time: 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Camden East Alvar,
Napanee

Meeting details:

Park on north side of Fred Brown Road. Detailed parking instructions can be found on the second page of this package.

GPS coordinates:

44.328533°N , -76.788294°W



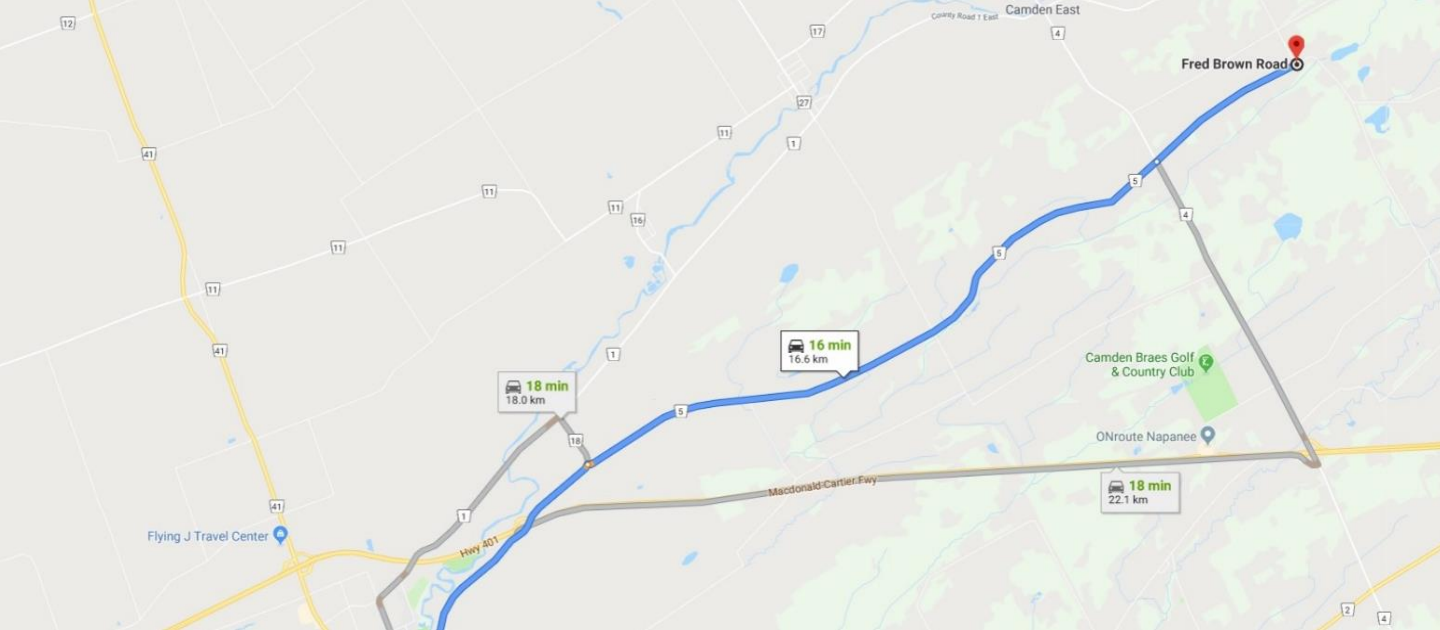
COVID-19 notes

This event will be entirely outdoors, and there is a maximum capacity of 15 people. Masks will be available. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell.



On-site facilities

No toilets are available on-site, so please be sure to stop on your way. Toilet paper and hand sanitizer will be available for those who need to use the natural facilities during the day.



Driving directions

Park 150 metres east of 1055 Fred Brown Road, Odessa, Ontario, on the north side, ensuring you don't block any gates or driveways. Please park between the orange traffic cones. Please be aware that the roadsides have loose gravel, so be sure to leave enough space from the slope when parking. It is a rural road with deep ditches and wide shoulders.

Directions from Napanee:

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| 1. Head northeast on Dundas St E/Route 2. | 0.9 km |
| 2. Turn left onto Palace Road/County Road 5. | 3.9 km |
| 3. Turn right to stay onto County Rd 5. | 9.4 km |
| 4. Continue straight onto Fred Brown Rd. | 2.4 km |
| 5. Park on the north side of the road, 150 metres past 1055 Fred Brown Road. | |

Approximate distance/time: 17 km/17 minutes

Click this [Google Maps link](#) and enter your address for directions tailored specifically for you!

**Lost or running late?
Call me!**



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Cancellations

If for any reason you cannot attend this volunteer event please inform us in advance by email or phone.

Inclement weather

This event will run rain or shine, but field work will be cancelled or postponed if extreme weather conditions occur or site conditions are unsafe. If this occurs, all attempts will be made to contact you at the number you provided when you register.



Time

Activity

8:45 a.m.–9 a.m.	Arrive at the meeting location
9 a.m.–9:15 a.m.	Welcome, orientation and safety talk
9:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.	Pull dog-strangling vine seed pods
11:45 a.m.–12 p.m.	Hike back to car, wrap up and departure

Safety notes

There may be poison ivy and wild parsnip on the property. Closed-toed footwear, long pants and long-sleeved shirts will limit exposure. Your event leader will also help you identify and avoid these plants wherever possible.

There may be ticks, which can carry Lyme disease, in the area. Wearing long pants that can be tucked into your socks and a long shirt that can be tucked into your pants will limit your risk of exposure. Be sure to check yourself thoroughly for ticks at the end of the day! For more information about Lyme disease and prevention, visit the [Health Canada website](#).



What to bring

- Backpack or day pack
- Layers of clothing
- 1L Water bottle
- Snacks
- Closed-toed, sturdy walking shoes
- Rain gear (just in case)
- Work gloves and hand pruners if you have them
- Any medication you might require throughout the day
- Extra things you might consider include camera, field guides, insect repellent, binoculars



What's provided

- Extra water & snacks
- Work equipment (pruners, bags)
- Protective equipment (gloves)
- Safety equipment (first aid kits, etc.)
- Hand sanitizer & toilet paper

General Information for visitors to NCC properties

When accessing Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) properties please note:

1. You may be hiking/walking on terrain that may be steep, uneven, slippery or jagged, or where solid footing is obscured by vegetation. Be sure to have good walking shoes with ankle support and treads.
2. Since you will be visiting rich natural areas, you will encounter many types of plants and animals, on land and in the water, some of which may be dangerous or poisonous to humans. It is your responsibility to learn about the environment you'll be visiting, and how to avoid natural threats, especially in areas inhabited by large carnivores.
3. You must help keep these areas beautiful by packing out everything you bring in, including garbage.
4. You will be enjoying the outdoors in all kinds of weather, from bright sun to rainy conditions. Be sure to bring sunscreen, preferably waterproof with a high protection factor, and apply it frequently. Bring rain gear. Wear layers of clothing that will allow you to be warmer or cooler during different parts of the day.
5. Black flies, mosquitoes, ticks and other biting/stinging insects may pose a problem at certain times of the year.
6. Many of the habitats on Nature Conservancy of Canada properties are ecologically sensitive. Be aware of your impact: do not pick flowers, avoid crushing plants and do not feed or harass wildlife.
7. Some Nature Conservancy of Canada properties are fenced and use cattle or other livestock for grazing. As these animals may be unpredictable, refrain from approaching or harassing them.
8. Some Nature Conservancy of Canada properties contain abandoned buildings and/or mineshafts. If encountered, do not enter or approach any of these structures due to unknown hazards and risks.
9. Fires of any sort are absolutely prohibited on Nature Conservancy of Canada property.
10. Even with appropriate precautions, accidents can happen. The Nature Conservancy of Canada does not provide any trained medical professionals or any hazard or emergency evacuation facilities.