

BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY VOLUNTEERS-IN-PARKS



SKILLS WORKSHOP SERIES

Learn a new skill, sharpen skills you already have, and open new doors for future volunteer opportunities. Workshops count toward VIP training.

WATER CHESTNUTS & OTHER INVASIVE SPECIES

Tuesday, June 21 - Noon to 1 p.m.

On Zoom

LUNCH AND LEARN: AN INVASIVE WATER CHESTNUT WARNING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT!

Learn about the threat of this invasive aquatic weed as it is spreading exponentially. In just five years, the number of lakes and ponds in RI where it has been discovered has nearly tripled across the state. The annual plant floats on the surface of the water, making boating, swimming, and fishing impossible. It easily spreads from lake to lake as geese and ducks carry it and could be in a lake, pond, or river near you! Learn what it looks like to pluck it out of the water before it produces seeds, and you may avoid its wrath. If it's a newly established patch, join an upcoming volunteer pulling event and see how to eradicate it.

This workshop is presented by Katie DeGoosh, Environmental Analyst at the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and will be recorded for later viewing.

Land and water volunteers are needed Saturday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) for a water chestnut pull in Valley Falls. Meet at 30 Meeting Street, Cumberland, RI. Find more info at: <https://fb.me/e/1Vv3Z6oaX> and BlackstoneRiver.org. This event is organized by the Blackstone River Watershed Council/Friends of the Blackstone with technical assistance provided by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.



RSVP at bit.ly/WaterChestnutSW