

## **New noxious weed has been found in Paradise Falls: Mile-a-Minute**

Mile-a-minute (*Persicaria perfoliata*) has been found on several membership lots in Paradise Falls. This invasive vine is listed as a Class B Noxious Weed in Pennsylvania and can be identified by its triangular or arrow-shaped leaves (1-3 inches long), hooked barbs on the underside of the leaf stem, and round leaf-like structure that completely encircles the base of the leaf stem.

Blue-to-purple berrylike fruit appears in late summer and is the weed's main means of propagation and spread. This annual vine grows up to six inches a day and can reach lengths of up to 30 feet, quickly forming dense mats that choke out desirable vegetation. Once established, it's difficult to eradicate.

What you can do:

- Walk your membership lots several times during the season to look for Mile-a-minute (start in early spring or as soon as you arrive for the season).
- Small infestations can be treated by pulling the plant (wear gloves and long sleeves to protect yourself from barbs).
- In early spring (before seeds/berries form), pulled plants can be left on site to dry.
- If fruit/berries are present, the pulled plant will need to be bagged and discarded to prevent further dissemination of seeds.
- Pre-emergence herbicides can be used in areas of known infestations. These are applied to the soil in late February through mid-March.
- Notify the Environmental Committee if you notice this vine on your property or common grounds: [PFLAenvironment@gmail.com](mailto:PFLAenvironment@gmail.com).

For more information on Mile-a-minute and specifics about identification and control, see <https://extension.psu.edu/mile-a-minute>

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