

INVASIVE SPECIES ON THE ROAD

Leave Them Behind

The Okanagan-Similkameen is a popular region for RV camping. Before you set off on your next adventure, make sure to learn and follow best practices for reducing the spread of invasive species.

What You Can Do

Invasive species degrade natural ecosystems.

This can lead to trails and recreational areas being closed for rehabilitation.

CLEAN your boat, paddleboard, kayak and gear of aquatic plant parts and mud

DRAIN your boat and gear onto land

DRY all items fully



CHECK your tires, bumpers, undercarriage and cab, along with your own clothing and gear, for plant parts and seeds



BUY LOCAL, BURN LOCAL
Do not transport firewood



LEARN to identify invasive plants

REPORT new infestations to:

oasiss.ca/report-a-species



WATCH FOR HITCHHIKERS



Some invasive plants are very good at catching a ride, which is one of the ways they can spread to new areas. Help to prevent these hitchhikers by removing any plant fragments and seeds from your clothing, shoes, pets and vehicles and putting them in the garbage.



HOUD'S-TONGUE

Sticky seeds easily attach to clothing, footwear and fur. Stay on designated trails and keep pets on a leash while passing through infested areas.



PUNCTUREVINE

This mat-forming vine has spiny seedpods that embed in footwear, paws and tires and can puncture bike tubes.



DIFFUSE KNAPWEED

Mature plants break at the base and tumble in the wind. Plants are often caught in the undercarriage of vehicles or spokes of wheels.



LONGSPINE SANDBUR

This annual grass has burs covered in sharp spines that can catch on clothing, footwear or fur. They can injure humans and animals.

GET ADVICE

For more information:

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