

## CIPWG 2018 FIELD TRIP

### Non-chemical Japanese Barberry Management in Avon, CT: A Success Story

In an ongoing experiment at Fisher Meadows Recreation Area, Bill Moorhead (project instigator and trip leader) has worked with Farmington River Watershed Association volunteers on Japanese Barberry control. Using various pulling techniques (and weed torching in one area), crews have worked over the past 11 years in increments across a 5.5-acre portion of highly infested High Floodplain Forest along the Farmington River. Following control efforts, changes in vegetation have been monitored yearly in detail.

On the field trip, we will walk chronologically through each of the treated areas. Moorhead will discuss the methods used, initial and subsequent results of treatment, lessons learned, and hypotheses generated. Join us for a fun and informative afternoon!

**Trip leader:** Bill Moorhead, Consulting Botanist/Plant Community Ecologist (email [whmoorhead@optonline.net](mailto:whmoorhead@optonline.net)).

**Location:** Fisher Meadows Recreation Area, 839 Old Farms Rd, Avon, CT. After turning into the main entrance, bear left and drive north until the way is blocked by a gate and there is a parking lot on your left. This parking lot is our point of meeting. Park in this lot, and look for the rest of our party. Porto-potties available near parking.

**Date:** Saturday, October 6, 2018

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**What to bring:** Brown bag lunch and/or snacks to get you comfortably through 2:00 PM, beverage (if you don't like bottled water, which will be supplied), long pants and socks, footwear appropriate for ~ 2 mile hike on dirt road and in forest, insect and tick repellent, sun protection. Pre-registration is required. There is a registration fee of \$5.00. The field trip is limited to 50 people. Click [here](#) to register online.

This field trip is jointly sponsored by the Farmington River Watershed Association and the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group.