

Privet Removal Test at Glendale Shoals January 2, 2014



ABOVE: as planned the Trees Coalition team removed privet along the gravel trail at Glendale Shoals. Privet is about to take over on both sides of the upper and the lower trails on the eastern portion (downstream) and soon will hide the view of the river.

BELOW: Roy Mortimer and Jimmy Kelly worked diligently with Andre Anderson (not shown here) on the bank between the upper and lower trail. They are pulling the privet up and working from left to right (downstream). Most of what was there was first year or second year plants. This plus the moist soil made manual removal easy.



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ABOVE: There were a few old plants. This one was three inches in diameter. After about 20 minutes we were able to take it out manually. We placed it on top of a large stone for clarity.

BELOW: We removed a total of about 2,116 privets and many honeysuckle plants in about 20 man hours, which shows that we can take out over 100 plants per hour in these conditions of moist soil and young stems. We cleared about 75 yards from the upper trail down to the river. However, we estimate that a lot of privet, about 10,000 plants, still remains.

SUMMARY: The test was successful. This shows we can remove privet without herbicides.

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