



Montezuma Alliance for the Restoration of Species & Habitats

Department of Environmental Conservation



NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge



Audubon

Montezuma Audubon Center

VOLUNTEER

to Help Us Give Montezuma Wildlife a Better Place to Live!

MARSH! is part of a larger effort to restore, protect, and enhance wildlife habitat on nearly 50,000 acres in the Montezuma Wetlands Complex.

This **VOLUNTEER** program supports the habitat restoration efforts of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Montezuma Audubon Center and other partners at Montezuma.

This group works on controlling invasive species in grassland, shrubland, forest, marsh and river. The work is hands-on as we monitor, cut and pull invasive species & replant and monitor natives that will be more beneficial to wildlife & less harmful to Montezuma habitats overall!

MARSH! work days run 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Lunch will be provided by the Friends of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex.

June

- Wed., 6/15 @ REFUGE
Invasive Species Mapping
- Sat., 6/18 @ REFUGE
Invasive Species Mapping
- Wed., 6/22 @ REFUGE
Invasive Species Mapping
- Wed., 6/29 @ REFUGE
Invasive Species Mapping

July

- Wed., 7/6 @ MAC/DEC
Water Chestnut Pulling
- Sat., 7/9 @ MAC/DEC
Water Chestnut Pulling
- Wed., 7/13 @ MAC/DEC
Water Chestnut Pulling
- Wed., 7/20 @ REFUGE
Water Chestnut Pulling
- Sat., 7/30 @ MAC/DEC
Water Chestnut Pulling

August

- Wed., 8/3 @ REFUGE
Bathymetry
- Wed., 8/10 @ REFUGE
Japanese Stiltgrass Pulling
- Sat., 8/13 @ REFUGE
Aquatic Invasives Mapping
- Wed., 8/17 @ REFUGE
Aquatic Invasives Mapping
- Wed., 8/24 @ REFUGE
Aquatic Invasives Mapping
- Wed., 8/31 @ REFUGE
Bathymetry



Invasive Species Call-Out

Water Chestnut (Trapa natans) is native to Europe, Asia and Africa. In its native habitat, the plant is kept in check by native insect parasites. These insects are not present in North America and the plant, once released into the wild, is free to reproduce rapidly.

T. natans colonizes areas of freshwater lakes and ponds and slow-moving streams and rivers where it forms dense mats of floating vegetation, causing problems for boaters and swimmers and negatively impacting aquatic ecosystem functioning.

Bathymetry is water depth measurements and helps us understand the "lay of the land" at the bottom of our marshes.

Topographic maps show elevation of landforms above sea level; bathymetric maps show depths of landforms below sea level.



Special thanks to the Friends of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex for their support!

Please SIGN UP by noon the day before the work day.

For **MAC/DEC** work days, call **315-365-3588** or email montezuma@audubon.org

For **REFUGE** work days, call **315-568-5987** or email daria_sparks@fws.gov

Get Into the MARSH!
(Montezuma Alliance for the Restoration of Species & Habitats)