

Habitat Restoration Crew

"Free the Oaks"



Buckthorn Busters

January 2026 Summary for Habitat Crews (weekdays and weekends)

- Even during the cold days, we continue to have about 10-12 volunteers each weekday, and a few hearty ones on the weekends
- Our recent focus has been on the area between Two-Tier and the Ice Age Trail, including areas up the hill and behind the Tower Bathrooms (which is still part of the Two-Tier to IAT acres)
- We've also been removing piles on the far east side, east of the Butterfly Garden, off the Black Trail
- We also worked to get things ready for the Candlelight Hike (lights and bags, firepits, and clean-up)
- And a week was spent removing the large pile in front of Jay's old place, a bit of a challenge due to a lot of snow, and very large logs and tree stumps with dirt, but most of it was removed!

Month	Volunteer Hours	Piles Removed	Firewood Bins Emptied	Firewood Donations	IAT Hours Donated	Merch Sold
Oct 2025	1,030	113	100	\$657	0	\$3,305
Nov 2025	740	51	91	\$725	257	\$1,498
Dec 2025	646	114	53	\$747	134	\$2,467
Jan 2026	663	129	69	\$408	109	\$1,365



Jay's Pile (middle photo taken 8 hours after working to get it going). Waukesha County Communications a.k.a. 911, was updated twice a day during the burn. Of course, we served brats with all the fixings! Sean helped us consolidate the pile as it burned down. After a few days, we did all the consolidation manually.

