

Habitat Restoration Crew

"Free the Oaks"



Buckthorn Busters

Feb - Mid April 2026 Summary for Habitat Crews (weekdays & weekends)

- Much progress has been made clearing the hillside between Two-Tier and IAT, even to the point of making it to the top of the hill in a few places!
- We've had two days with 14 volunteers! (We average 10-12/day now)
- We've been producing more split firewood due to high demand these past few months; people can load from the Log Cabin now when they want larger amounts
- We've cleared the area where the Oak Wilt is up from Homestead Hollow on the Purple Trail (Pileated Parth) (Signage here about the Wilt-Marked trees would still be nice there)
- We've cut 600-800 buckthorn walking sticks for DNR, and IATA groups who make these nice (they are drying in the west side riding stable/IAT/Warden building)
- Many trees have fallen on the trails during the past few months, several times a week, 2 in one day; we clean those up and salvage them if they have good wood
- We've been down in Wiggly Squiggly harvesting trees that have fallen (steep hills!)
- We burned 41 acres of Prairie on 4/13/26 with Good Oak (including Timms Woods, Garlic Mustard Hill, and along Cushing Park Road (exposing Back-Locust in that location so we can remove that next)
- We planted 10 Burr Oaks in Timms woods, and 10 more Burr Oaks with 10 Swamp Oaks in the new 3-acre Prairie that we started 3 ½ years ago, just across the Paul Sandgren Trail Bridge on the west side

Month	Volunteer Hours	Piles Removed	Firewood Bins Taken	Firewood Donations	IAT Hours Donated	Merch Sold
Oct 2025	1,030	113	100	\$ 657	0	\$ 3,220
Nov 2025	740	51	91	\$ 725	257	\$ 1,498
Dec 2025	646	114	53	\$ 747	134	\$ 2,467
Jan 2026	657	129	69	\$ 408	109	\$ 1,220
Feb 2026	698	98	140	\$ 1,040	192	\$ 1,352
Mar 2026	879	75	71	\$ 383	286	\$ 811

