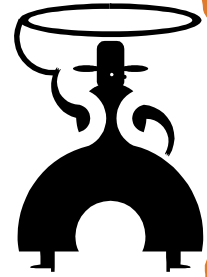


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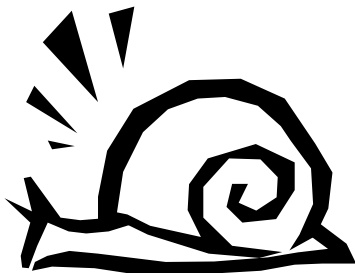


Join us for a day of learning and fun  
and help us kick-off the  
control project for the Chinese Mystery  
Snail on Johnson's Pond

**When:** October 15, 2005 at 1:00PM

**Where:** Veasey Memorial Park, 201  
Washington Street, Groveland, MA

**Who's invited:** Local citizens interested in  
the conservation of Johnson's Pond  
and surrounding waterbodies.



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Johnson's Pond, a waterbody shared by the towns of Groveland and Boxford, is a popular recreational area and a back-up water supply for the city of Haverhill. Recently, residents around Johnson's Pond have begun to notice an abundance of snails in the pond. These snails are Chinese Mystery Snails and are not native to North America. While the exact impacts of this species are unknown, the snails do pose a potential threat to the ecosystem. With the assistance of the local community, the MA Aquatic Invasive Species (MAIS) Working Group will begin a program to monitor, control, and hopefully eradicate the species from the pond and surrounding waterbodies before the species becomes a major problem. The snail roundup day will be the beginning of continued efforts to control this and other aquatic invasive species in the Commonwealth before they become established nuisances. Volunteers will begin by learning about the species and its invasion on Johnson's Pond. Participants will then hand collect as many snails as they can, thereby reducing the number of snails and providing valuable information on the snail population in the pond. The collected snails will be disposed of safely. The event will conclude with a tally of the collection effort and a discussion of the next steps in the snail eradication plan.

## Agenda

Time	Activity	Location
1-2PM	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductory remarks (Susan Park, NOAA Fellow, MA CZM)</li><li>• Welcome from Conservation Agents</li><li>• The invasion history of the Chinese Mystery Snail (Jay Cordeiro, Research Biologist, NatureServe)</li></ul>	Mill Suite
2-3PM	Snail roundup	Johnson's Pond
3-4PM	Refreshments and concluding remarks	Mill Suite

**Notes:** The event will take place rain or shine. Please be prepared for inclement weather. Please bring sunscreen, hats, rain gear, and boots or waders. Optional items include canoes, kayaks and a snorkel mask for viewing in the water. Snacks will be provided for participants. Parking and restroom facilities will be available at Veasey Memorial Park.

**RSVP:** Please confirm your attendance by contacting Susan Park at [Susan.Park@state.ma.us](mailto:Susan.Park@state.ma.us) or 617-626-1218 before October 10, 2005. Details will be sent to you once your confirmation has been received.