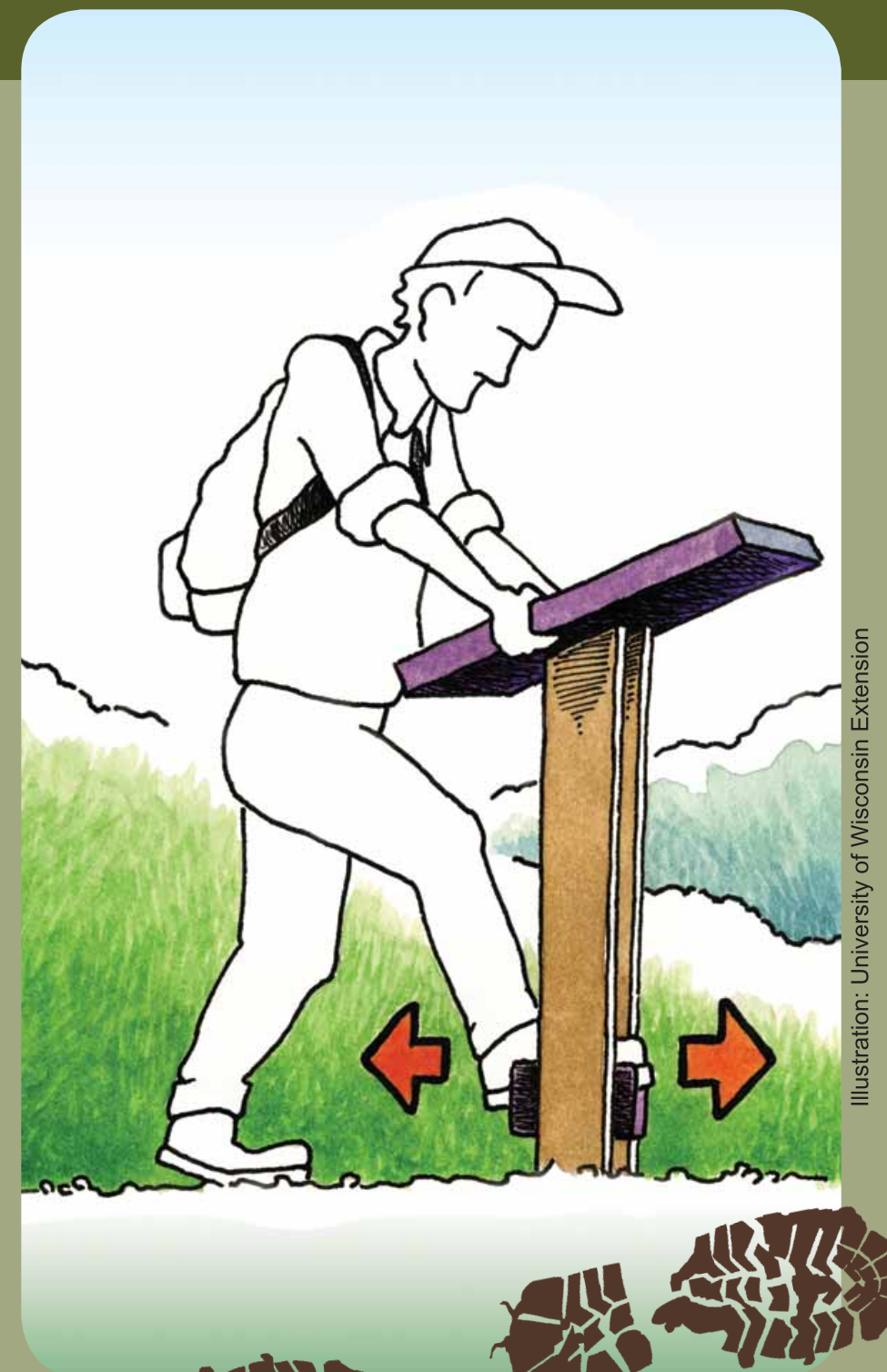


GIVE INVASIVE SPECIES THE BRUSH OFF.

Shoes can carry the seeds of invasive plants like Japanese Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*). Please brush them off before entering and leaving this area.



What's The Problem?

Japanese Barberry is an aggressive invasive shrub that acts as a shelter for mice, who are often carriers of Lyme disease.

- This plant originally came to America from Japan as an ornamental shrub in 1875 and has clusters of simple leaves, thorns, and red oblong fruit.
- Japanese Barberry is dispersed by birds and rodents and is commonly seen near trails at the Huyck Preserve.
- Keep an eye out for Common Barberry, a related invasive species with larger leaves and growth form.



Other Invasive Plants On The Move...

Autumn Olive
(*Elaeagnus umbellata*)



Autumn Olive was originally introduced to the US from Asia in the 1800s for ornamental and erosion control purposes and is now threatening the Preserve's ecosystems. Its simple, oval leaves have a shiny, silvery underside.

False Spirea
(*Sorbaria sorbifolia*)



False Spirea has double-toothed, alternate leaves that resemble those of sumac or fern, and has showy, white flowers. It was likely originally planted for ornamental purposes. There are two known populations at the Preserve: at Wheeler Watson Cemetery and Loop Three Trail.

Bishop's Goutweed
(*Aegopodium podagraria*)



Bishop's Goutweed (aka Snow-on-the-Mountain) is native to Eurasia and was identified for the first time at the Preserve in 2019. It is widely found in gardens in the area and has mitten-shaped, toothed leaves with white, umbrella-shaped flowerheads.



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