

SPOTTING INVASIVE PLANTS ON OUR ROADSIDES #5

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May is Garlic Mustard Month



Garlic Mustard along Big Bear Hill Road, 5/6/22

The white flowers of Garlic Mustard, *Alliaria petiolata*, are easily spotted along roadsides, banks, and woodlands in May. Garlic mustard is a biennial. Seeds germinate and grow into a low basal rosette the first year. The next spring, vertical stems topped with clusters of white flowers appear, seeds ripen, and the plant dies. Garlic Mustard often forms dense stands in woodlands and roadsides, choking out native species. In addition, it produces chemicals that inhibit the germination of seeds of other species.

Spot it along most roads in New Milford this month. Here are a few.

- Sullivan Road near RT 7
- RT 202 near the Police Station
- Young's Field Road near the recycling center

For more information, see http://nyis.info/invasive_species/garlic-mustard/ and the video <https://vimeo.com/2855779>

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Near New Milford Recycling Center