

NATURE TRAIL vine pulling project 07.25

Slow going... Holly and Suzanne worked cutting vines in the morning. The trail is looking good, but, we need more participants to make this President's Project a success. Thank you and see you...



Evidence of heavy rain on trail on July 25.



Morning sun on sign on trail in front of a chestnut oak.

Small fern popping up at the base of a tree.

Quercus montana, commonly called **chestnut oak** (also commonly called basket oak, rock oak and rock chestnut oak) is a medium to large sized deciduous oak of the white oak group that typically grows 50-70' (less frequently to 100') tall with a rounded crown. It is native to wooded slopes in dry upland areas, often with poor soils, from Maine to Indiana south to South Carolina and Alabama. It grows tallest in rich, well-drained soils. Fruits are oval acorns (to 1 1/4" long) with warty cups that extend to approximately 1/2 the acorn length. Acorns are an important source of food for wildlife. Obovate, coarsely-toothed, almost leathery leaves (to 7" long) are dark green above and pubescent gray-green beneath. Fall color is yellow-brown.

...at the next Nature Trail Activity, scheduled for Aug. 25 at 9 a.m.