



ALLEGHENY LAND TRUST

Sycamore Island Steward Task List

General Steward Responsibilities

- Stock information box with ALT brochures.
- Clean signage and trail markers.
- Pick up removable debris along river edge.
- Monitor property during visits at least one per quarter (if accessible), assess conditions of the natural spaces as well as structures in camping area, signage, dock, and other amenities. Inform ALT staff of conditions and anything that needs additional attention.
- Record all volunteer hours through the online log (<http://bit.ly/altvolunteerlog>) or through other contact with ALT staff.
- Tools may be borrowed from the shed on site, ALT to provide code. Ensure tools are safely secured in the shed.

Trail Maintenance

- Remove debris and plant growth on designated trail.
- Inform ALT Staff and Lead Steward of fallen trees or poison ivy issues on the trail.
- Leave orange pin flags in place (they are a reminder of where the original trail was scouted).

Habitat Restoration

- Remove vines growing on ANY saplings or planted restoration tree, they may be tagged with red or plastic, flagging, near a wooden post, or unmarked.
- Once a year, locate and record the height and diameter of the 30 red tagged trees at breast height using the Excel form on Basecamp (<http://bit.ly/sibasecamp>).

Invasive Plant Management

- Before July: cut knotweed at the lowest node (~10in). Cut anywhere on the island, leaving an 8ft buffer along the banks at the North end of the island.
- Ongoing: remove privet shrubs anywhere on the island; there is a population growing on the Northern side of Mt. Sycamore.
- Ongoing: remove Oriental Bittersweet, Japanese honeysuckle, and wild grape vines that are visible wrapping around saplings and other trees.