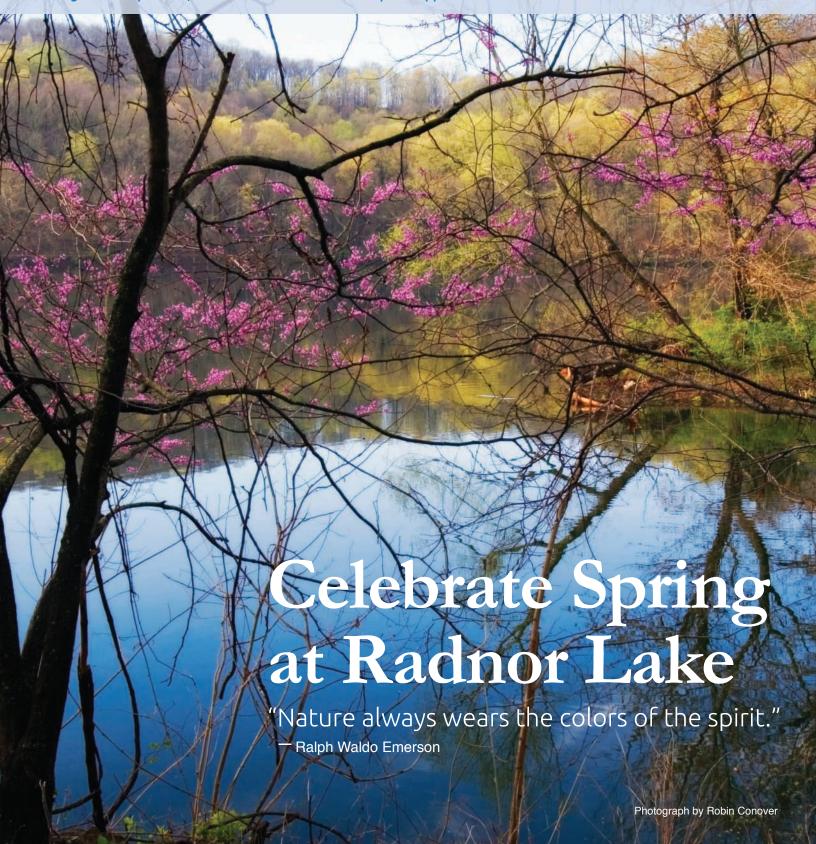


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Spring 2015

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# A Letter from the Board:

President's Message

Welcome to spring at Radnor Lake! Especially after the long, cold winter we have just experienced, I believe all of us are overjoyed to see sunshine, green trees and wildflowers return to this special place.

When you are out walking by the lake or hiking the trails, take a moment to notice and appreciate the positive effect that your continuous donations have made to Radnor's environment. The beauty and solitude is protected and preserved through your giving to Friends of Radnor Lake.



Nan Adams
President
Friends of Radnor Lake

**Wildflowers in Bloom**. We can enjoy the beauty of the spring wildflowers directly because of the efforts of the park staff and many volunteers who help clear invasive and exotic plants during the winter. Therefore, the colorful wildflowers thrive.

**Wildlife Sightings**. We will be seeing the spring fawns, paddling duck families and scurrying baby turkeys soon. Keep in mind that as a state natural area and through extra funding the wildlife enjoy a balanced and protected habitat at Radnor Lake.

**The Natural View**. Generous donations have allowed strategic land acquisitions that directly affect the watershed and viewshed of Radnor Lake. Thanks to the partnership between the Friends of Radnor Lake and the State of Tennessee, our park has been protected from encroaching development over the past 42 years.

We so appreciate all of you who enjoy and treasure Radnor Lake State Natural Area. Celebrate Spring by helping us continue to protect and preserve our natural resources. Please donate to Friends of Radnor Lake, you really do make a difference.



Love the Lake, Love the Land — Be a Friend.

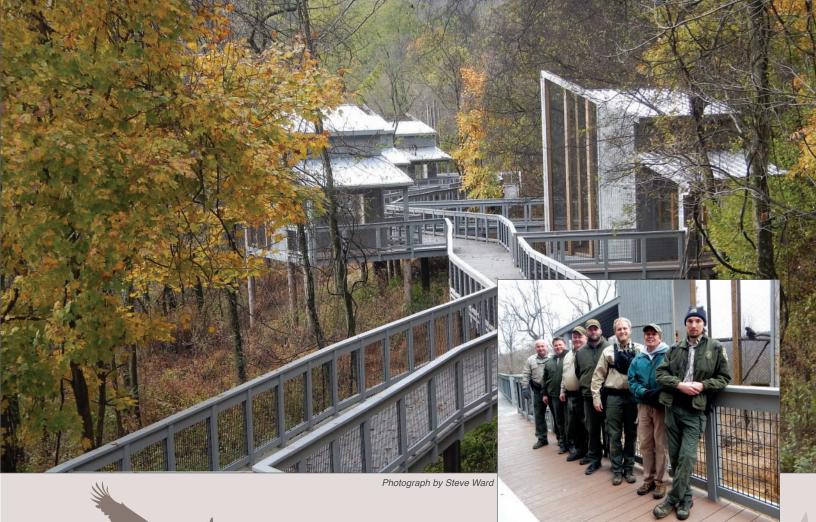
# 2014 Excellence in Resource Management Award

By demonstrating excellence in effective and abundant resource management activities within the park, Radnor Lake State Park has once again received the Excellence in Resource Management award from Tennessee State Parks.

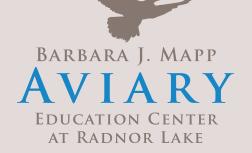


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From left, Tennessee State Parks Director of Operations Mike Robertson, Deputy Commissioner Brock Hill, Radnor Lake State Park Manager Steve Ward, TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau and West Tennessee Park Area Manager Chris Padgett.



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# Birds are in place and adjusting to their new home in preparation for the Aviary public opening on Saturday, May 2.

Check the website for upcoming hikes and details on the opening.

# A Special Thanks to LP Foundation

Thanks to a generous donation from LP Foundation in November 2014, we were able to finish final steps to get permitted by Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. This was our final obstacle to transfer birds into the newly constructed aviaries. Thank you LP Foundation for your support.

# Thank you to our Aviary Education Center Corporate Partners and Private Donors.

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Park Visitor Center: (615) 373-3467

Event Schedule and Updates: www.radnorlake.org

Volunteer Days
Fourth Saturday
of the month
(Meet at the Visitor Center)
8 a.m. - noon

# Clearing the Way

#### **Invasive Plants:**

Non-native plants that invade the natural habitat, inhibiting the growth of valuable indigenous plants, adversely impacting food and habitat resources for wildlife.



Invasive Honeysuckle

# **The Goal**: Clear 100 acres of invasive plants in 2015.

You may not realize it but Radnor Lake is under a constant threat from several types of very resourceful, fast-growing invaders.

One of the most prolific and destructive is bush honeysuckle. It grows quickly and densely choking out many native wildflowers and other native plants. Once removed, the native wildflowers and endangered plants bounce back quickly.

This spring is a perfect time to see the success of this program. The wildflowers blooming throughout the park are in no small part because they have room and sunlight to grow without being overrun by bush honeysuckle. The

Lake trail is a perfect example of how successfully the native plants, like Dwarf Larkspur, flourish once an area is cleared of invasive plants. It takes an army of volunteers and staff to remove this invader from the natural area.

### **Invasive Plants Brochure**

Completing a new invasive plant brochure to enhance our education efforts with park visitors and neighbors was one of our resource management goals for 2015. Visit our website for full copy of the brochure.

Funded by Friends of Rador Lake and State of Tennessee Forestry Stewardship Grant.



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#### Americorps Team River 4

will be working with us at Radnor Lake March 7 through April 9. Their primary focus will be removing invasive-exotic plants and trail work during their time with us at Radnor Lake. Thank you Americorps for your assistance over this 5 week period on our efforts to protect Radnor Lake and achieve our resource management goal of 100 acres of invasive plants removed in 2015.



Photograph by Steve Ward

# for Spring Flowers

# **Invasive Weed Week**

Part of a city-wide effort, Radnor Lake was one of seven host sites to participate in the first Weed Wrangler event.

Targeting Bush Honeysuckle on new property at Radnor Lake State Natural Area, more than 90 volunteers worked with the park ranger staff and Park Ranger Will Peters as part of this event and to cap off National Invasive Species Awareness Week. Lunch was provided by Friends of Radnor Lake and the day was highlighted with an educational invasive-exotic plant presentation for volunteers by Will Peters.





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Celebrate Spring
When hiking this spring take time to appreciate the wonder and joy of Radnor Lake: the many beautiful wildflowers that are in bloom and the incredible wildlife and birds who enjoy a protected balanced environmental habitat.















- 1. Dutchman's Breeches, 2. Spring Beauty, 3. American Bullfrog and Water Pennywort, 4. Eastern Bluebird, 5. Dwarf Lakspur,
- 6. Dogwood, 7. Red Eared Slider, 8. Wild Turkey, 9. Parred Owl, 10. Canada Goose, 11. Purple Phacelia



All Spring Photos by Robin Conover











Celebrate Spring with Friends of Radnor Lake by making a donation to continue to preserve and protect this jewel of Nashville.

Check the website for upcoming spring hikes.

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The visitor center remains open on a limited basis during our normal posted hours. For the safety of our park visitors there will be some posted closures. During these times, portable toilets will be available in front of the Visitor Center for public use.

We look forward to these enhancements to the Visitor Center. Construction is scheduled to end on June 15, 2015.

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