

# AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION STARRY TREK 2018



**Starry Trek 2018**  
Saturday, August 18  
8:30am - 1:00pm  
**North Branch Library**  
6355 379th St, North Branch, MN

Help search for starry stonewort    Locations throughout Minnesota    Free and family-friendly!    No experience necessary

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Register online at [www.StarryTrek.org](http://www.StarryTrek.org)

This location is hosted by:  
**St. Croix River Association & Chisago County**

## Partners:

- Chisago County
- St. Croix River Association
- Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center
- University of Minnesota Extension
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
- Lake Associations located in Chisago County

On August 18, 2018, Chisago County, in partnership with the St. Croix River Association, participated in the first annual Starry Trek. Starry Trek is a statewide event to search for starry stonewort, one of Minnesota's newest aquatic invasive species, along with other invasive species. Starry stonewort is an invasive algae first found in Lake Koronis in 2015 and has since spread to 11 lakes in Minnesota. For more information about starry stonewort, please visit <https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/starry-stonewort>.

During Starry Trek, fourteen volunteers received training on how to look for and identify starry stonewort. Volunteers searched eleven lakes located in Chisago County for the invasive species, including Chisago, Comfort, East Rush, Fish, Green, Horseshoe, Kroon, Little Horseshoe, South Center, Spider, and West Rush. After their search, they reported their findings and participated in identification of the aquatic plants. Volunteers did not find starry stonewort in the lakes they monitored.

The Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) and University of Minnesota Extension Office, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, sponsored Starry Trek.

