

Restoration of Mentor Marsh



17' tall *Phragmites australis*



Restored area along Wake Robin boardwalk



Smashing/cutting dead standing phragmites

A solid stand of hundreds of acres of a non-native invasive plant, *Phragmites* (frag-my-teez) or common reed grass, has increased the fire danger significantly at the Marsh and has crowded out native plants and animals. During fall of 2015, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History plans to restore sections of the Marsh from Corduroy Road west to the Lagoons. Helicopter and ground-based treatments will occur and an amphibious marsh buggy will mash/cut the *Phragmites* to give native plants and trees a chance to survive. If you own along the Marsh, please consider giving the Museum permission to access your land to treat the fire-prone *Phragmites* along your back property line. Contact the Museum at 216-231-4600x 3505 or rboronka@cmnh.org to grant permission.

Who: Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH)

What: Restoration of Mentor Marsh habitat

Where: Marsh lands west of Corduroy Road

Why: Reduce fire hazard and increase biodiversity

When: Autumn 2015 thru 2017

For more information or questions regarding these restoration actions, please contact the Mentor Marsh Nature Center at 440-257-0777 or rdonalds@cmnh.org or visit us during our open hours, 12-5 p.m. on weekends thru October. From November thru March 1st Sunday of the month from 11am–4 pm.

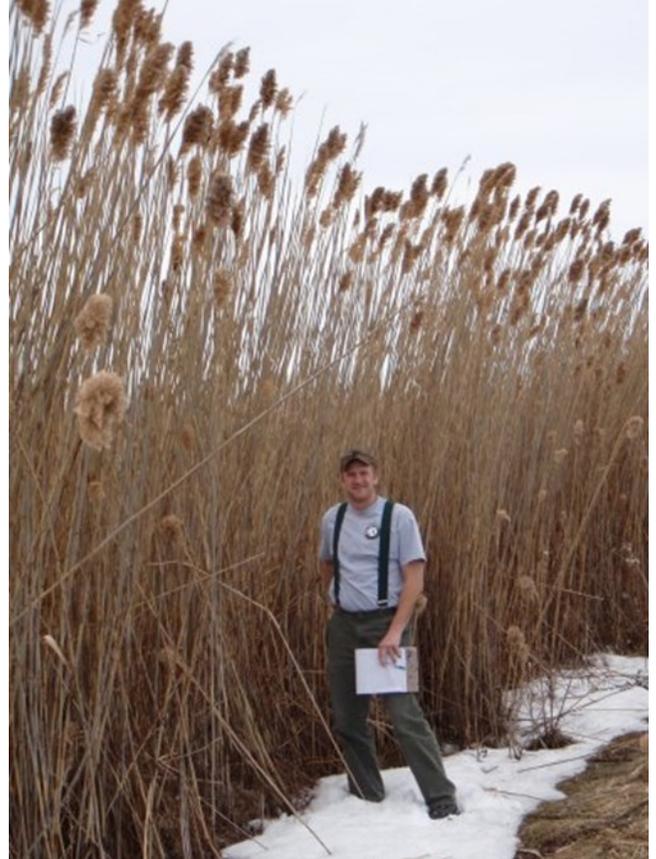
Mentor Marsh is an interpretative nature preserve of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH) and the State of Ohio (ODNR) Division of Natural Areas and Preserves.

Trails are open year-round, dawn to dusk. The Nature Center is open on weekends, noon to 5 p.m. April to October; from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the 1st Sunday of the month November through March. Upcoming program details are posted at the kiosk outside of the Nature Center, on the Mentor Marsh Facebook page and on the CMNH's Website www.cmnh.org, search for Mentor Marsh. There is no charge and all are welcome. Programs for groups are available by appointment at a nominal charge.

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Phragmites flowers, leaves, & dried plant stalks



2003

Phragmites re-emerges after fire burns, but doesn't kill, the grass



2003 Marsh fire resulted in over \$300,000 in loss and threatened several homes.