

Please alert all who work or do any outdoor activities to use extreme caution around Wild Parsnip & Giant Hogweed.

Similar in appearance to Queen Anne's Lace - Wild Parsnip has yellow flowers which make it easy to note as being that.

Chemical compounds in the sap produced by both the Wild Parsnip and [Giant Hogweed](#) invasive plants are extremely dangerous to humans. Skin that comes into contact with the sap becomes extremely sensitive to sunlight, resulting in a painful burn that produces severe blisters and scarring. **Sap in the eyes can cause blindness.** Contact with the broken stem, leaves or seeds causes exposure to the dangerous sap. Often the irritation will be streaked or splattered, indicating the manner in which the plant's juices came into contact with your skin.

Affected areas can remain discolored and sensitive to sunlight for up to two years, similar to but not as severe as contact with giant hogweed.

If your skin has come into contact with Wild Parsnip sap from the juices of its stem or leaves, WASH the area immediately and thoroughly with soap and water and AVOID ALL SUNLIGHT for 48 hours to lessen the severity of the reaction. FLUSH eyes with water and avoid sunlight if you think you may have gotten the sap in your eye. Remember, the sap contains phototoxins, which are activated by UV light exposure to cause severe burns. It is wise to seek medical attention if you have had exposure to this plant's harmful sap.

Excerpted from:

<https://www.adirondack.net/invasives-harmful-plants/wild-parsnip/>

http://nyis.info/invasive_species/wild-parsnip/

also

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/72766.html> - good link shows all of the similar plants to Queen Anne's lace, which should be avoided

<https://www.canidae.com/blog/2015/08/pet-owners-beware-of-wild-parsnip-and-giant-hogweed/>

The hog weed was previously noted as already in NJ, but that one has white flowers:

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/hackettstown/freaky-plant-makes-you-blind-its-new-jersey>

<https://www.njherald.com/20180708/giant-hogweed-more-lethal-than-poison-ivy>