

Beaver found eating an invasive plant (Japanese Knot Weed) in Gloucester Industrial Estates. June 2021

Early on in the Industrial development, soil was bulldozed from adjacent industrial sites onto the proposed Golf course lands. This fill was called “brown-soil” and with this fresh brown-soil fill the Japanese Knotweed took hold and became a dominant plant, growing up well over a person’s head. Now with it’s presence well established the beaver have taken a liking to it as a food source and for material to build their dams and lodges. Knotweed is said to be tart, crunchy and juicy. This is the perfect plant to forage for, easy to find, tastes good and unlike many wild edibles, it’s also at zero risk of being over harvested. Beaver feed at night, leaving good opportunity for humans to indulge their taste buds during the day!



Japanese Knotweed

Bottom left –
Beaver chewed knotweed
Bottom right-
knotweed branches
floating in front of
a beaver lodge.

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