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## Troop 200 Scout leads Scotch Broom removal Hornaday project at the Lafayette Reservoir

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From left, Ranger Mike Powers, Sam R., Josh E., Ben A., Paul S., Nick M., Jack B., Declan T., Ian H., Kris B., Ken B., Drew B.

In March, Jack Bayless, a Life Scout with Troop 200 from Lafayette, led a party of youth and adult advisors participating in a major step of his Hornaday conservation project in the removal of Scotch Broom bushes at the Lafayette Reservoir. The conservation project used a number of means to remove and study efficient removal of Scotch Broom. This project now enables rangers to, if necessary, make repairs on the bio detention area located east of the parking lot.

The team removed over 500 plants with mechanical pullers and other means.

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