



Wild Parsnip

Grows along roadsides in ditches in sunlight – young plants are low to the ground

mature plants with yellow flowers may reach 1 metre in height

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Giant Hogweed Grows very tall to 6 metres with huge elephant-ear-like leaves. The oil from this plant reacts with sunlight to cause blisters like those from a burn (scarring often results). Contact with eyes can cause temporary or permanent blindness.



Poison Ivy

Grows low to the ground along the edge of fields or forests (sometimes as a vine on trees).
Has **3** leaves, slightly drooping from the stem, usually shiny (can be reddish in the spring).
The oil from this plant causes itchy blisters on the skin.
The oil from the roots and stems is extremely potent. Never burn this plant.
Severe reactions may need to be treated by a physician.



If you come in contact with any of these plants, wash immediately with cold water and dish soap to remove the oil from your skin.

For Wild Parsnip & Giant Hogweed, avoid sunlight exposure.

Remember that oil from these plants can be passed to your skin from clothing, footwear and gloves.