

POISON IVY AND ITS TREATMENT

The following files on First Aid come from News groups so enjoy!
Many of them files deal with Poison Ivy and its treatment!

August 1996

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Subject: Re: Survival:where do I start???
Date: Tue, 09 Jul 1996 23:21:10 -0500

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Welcome to walking on the wild side. I had this crap three different times this year so far. I know, I know, stay out of the woods. Best thing I have found is when you know, or think you have been exposed, wash the affected area with lye soap. I now carry a bar in my butt pack when I know I am going out into the woods. (didn't have with me the last time, because I wasn't expecting on going out, doom on me.) Once it breaks out, use Benadryl Itch Stopping Gel. It REALLY dries the weeping and stops the itching. Best regards, Rick

From: campmikeais.net (Camp Mike)
Newsgroups: misc.survivalism
Subject: Re: Survival:where do I start???
Date: Sat, 22 Jun 1996 11:52:40 -0500

hambidgesis.bms.com (Al Hambidge, Jr.) wrote:

In article <31C0E2CC.3F73fastlane.net, "R. Bowen"
<rbowenfastlane.net writes:

Al Hambidge, Jr. wrote:

I remember when I was a kid, and had an abrasion or cut which became infected, my father would mix shavings from a bar of yellow laundry soap with sugar and enough water to make it

a uniform paste.

A nice glob of this on a bandage, and
it would draw pus, etc. out of the wound. After a few
days, the infection would be gone, the wound clean and
drained, and the normal healing process was on it's way.

The soap was probably Fel's Naptha Soap. It is still available. I remember
it well for having my mouth washed out with it for swearing as a child.

Michael J. Gallagher, RN

From: cescriptmtu.edu (Charles Scriptor)
Newsgroups: misc.survivalism
Subject: Re: Survival:where do I start???
Date: 24 Jun 1996 22:01:14 -0400

On 17 Jun 1996 13:15:21 GMT, Al Hambidge, Jr. (hambidgesis.bms.com) wrote:

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From: mamacampaol.com (MamaCamp)
Newsgroups: misc.survivalism
Subject: Re: Survival:where do I start???
Date: 25 Jun 1996 22:52:15 -0400

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The nice thing is poison ivy and Jewelweed (also known as touch-me-nots
because if you touch the ripe seed pods, even slightly, the pod will
explode) often can be found very close to each other.

If you squeeze the juice from the stems onto your skin where you had
contact with the ivy, it works quite quickly to neutralize the poison.
Joyce!

From: hambidgesis.bms.com (Al Hambidge, Jr.)
Newsgroups: misc.survivalism
Subject: Re: Survival:where do I start???
Date: 1 Jul 1996 13:30:55 GMT

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I live in central Virginia on a farm. There is poison ivy everywhere around here. The best thing you can do is to learn how to identify it. However, I also have dogs. They go through it at every chance. Apparently they aren't affected. If I touch the dogs after they have been through it, well...you know what happens.

The rash from poison ivy is an allergic reaction, and some people are indeed immune to its effects.

What I do when affected by poison Ivy is pour chlorox bleach on the affected limb. Don't worry, it doesn't burn immediately. When the burning starts, wash it off.

I also take benadryl capsules, open them up, mix with sulfur powder, and mix in listerine mouth wash to form a paste and paint it on. It will usually dry up the infection in 24 hours or less.

It doesn't hurt to ingest the benedryl capsules, as well. Sort of a two-pronged attack.

Newsgroups: misc.survivalism
Subject: Re: Survival:where do I start???
Date: 2 Jul 1996 17:40:18 -0400

In article <4r9vfb\$ss1freenet.vcu.edu, mmodyfreenet.vcu.edu writes:

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I've done that too. Personally, though, I just prefer massive use of Dial

and calamine and water. Mike S. Medintz

From: celmsaol.com (CElms)
Newsgroups: misc.survivalism
Subject: Re: Survival:where do I start???
Date: 3 Jul 1996 21:47:06 -0400

The type of soap is Fels Naptha it works great on poison ivy. I know from experience.

Celmsaol.com

From: cescriptmtu.edu (Charles Scriptor)
Newsgroups: misc.survivalism
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You sure about this? My sister is quite sensitive, so we used Fels
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water do the same?

(as for neutralizing, does this oil actually mix with water?)

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Good point. I certainly don't go out of my way to contact it. I've heard the same thing about bee stings; you can be immune from severe reaction for years, but if you get stung regularly (whatever that means :-)) it is possible to all of a sudden have a nasty reaction. I believe it's called anaphylaxis, and it ain't pretty.

Al Hambidge, Jr. hambidgebms.com Standard disclaimers apply.

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From: vancera.isisnet.com (Vance MacLaren)
Newsgroups: misc.survivalism
Subject: Re: Survival:where do I start???
Date: 22 Jun 1996 05:08:14 GMT

In article <4q7dvt\$fe5news.cftnet.com, kmcelhincftnet.com says...

In article <4pnfuo\$pvhnewsbf02.news.aol.com, pfzouaveaol.com says...

plain ole sugar sprinked on a scrape or abrasion will also prevent infection.

Steve

This is not a flame Steve, but I REALLY think that suggestion is a bad idea. Stop and think about it for a moment: What happens when you dissolve sugar in water and then leave it in a jar or bottle in the open air?

If you're lucky, you'll get alcohol, if not, you'll get some putrid something-or-other. Either way, you find that you have fed and encouraged the growth of bacteria.

To take an injury where your bacteria-barrier (skin) has been penetrated, and then "reward" ambient bacteria by feeding them, I think, is a very bad idea.

Hang on a second...

Steve was close. You can use raw, unprocessed right from the hive honey on an open wound and it will keep out infection as well as speed healing. We all know that sugar and honey only have sweetness in common.

I got this from a survivalist magazine that showed up in '92, hung around for 6 or 8 issues then went belly up it was called Practical Survival. I have missed it sorely ever since.

Trish

Here's what my family used to do. Clean the wound with hydrogen peroxide or soap and water. Then put baking soda on it and cover with a bandage. For a bruise or other inflammation, apply a warm towel soaked with salty water to draw out the infection. If there is any sign of pus, get to a doctor or use something antibacterial (penicillin).

You'd be surprised what a hot water bottle can do.
Of course, you should use ice to keep down swelling.
I don't think I'd want to put lye or lye based laundry soap on an

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open wound - that could be pretty painful, I would think.