

What Previous Year's Participants are Saying

"[Private landowner] gave a human real life aspect to this whole matter. Excellent choice of presenter."

"All speakers were excellent and well informed. Those who received 5's from me spoke to my beginner level and I could quickly understand and keep up with the topic. Food was excellent too."

"The sheer knowledge and professionalism displayed by each representative present at this event has been phenomenal. Never before have I experienced such persons with a passion for their careers as I have this weekend. It is with this that I send my sincere appreciation."



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About New Kent Forestry Center 11301 Pocahontas Trail Providence Forge, VA 23140

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The New Kent Forestry Center houses an Education Center located near hiking trails and a picnic area. The site features 850 acres of fields, forest, and baldcypress swamps, frontage along the Chickahominy River.

Driving Directions

From Richmond and points west of the Center: Take I-64 East to Exit 205 (Bottoms Bridge). Turn right at the end of the exit ramp onto VA-33 W. Turn left at the stoplight onto Rt. 60 (Pocahontas Trail) East. Follow Pocahontas Trail for 12.6 miles. You will pass through two stoplights at Rt. 106 and Rt. 155. (At Rt. 155 you pass through the town of Providence Forge.) You will see Virginia Department of Forestry signs marking the entrance on the right. Turn right at the entrance onto Route 409 / G.W. King Blvd. Continue down G.W. King Blvd. a short distance and take the first right turn onto George Dean Highway, a dirt road. You will pass through a red farm gate. Follow George Dean Highway for one mile, bearing left at the fork in the road just as you reach the Forest Education Center. The parking lot is on your left across the road from the building.

From Hampton Roads and points east of the Center: Take I-64 West to Exit 231A for Norge. The exit ramp puts you onto Croaker Rd. / VA 607 South. At the first stoplight, turn right onto Rochambeau Dr. / VA-30 North. Follow Rochambeau Dr. for 3 miles, then travel straight through the stoplight onto Rt. 60 West. Follow Rt. 60 for 10.6 miles, and you will see Dept. of Forestry signs marking the entrance. Turn left onto Route 409 / G.W. King Blvd. Continue down G.W. King Blvd. a short distance and take the first right turn onto George Dean Highway, a dirt road. You will pass through a red farm gate. Follow George Dean Highway for one mile, bearing left at the fork in the road just as you reach the Forest Education Center. The parking lot is on your left across the road from the building.

Southeast Virginia Beginning Forest Landowners' Weekend Retreat



Join fellow forest landowners, the Virginia Department of Forestry and Virginia Cooperative Extension for an interactive weekend learning about actively managing your woodlands.

September 22-24
New Kent Forestry Center
Providence Forge



Important Dates & Times

- **Early check-in (for those lodging on-site):** Friday, Sept. 22, 6-8 p.m. **Dinner on your own.** Displays & information.
- **Check-in:** Saturday, Sept. 23, 7:30 a.m. Breakfast provided.
- **Program ends:** Sunday, Sept. 24, 1:00 p.m., following lunch.

A variety of useful topics will be covered by natural resource professionals.

Topics include*

- Determining your management objectives
- Management Planning
- Timber Sales
- Wildlife
- Pine Management
- Tree ID
- Forest Measurement Tools
- Forest Health
- Forest Mapping
- Screening of the new documentary:
America's First Forest

***A detailed agenda will be available closer to the program date. Specific topics may change.**

Sessions will be both indoors and outdoors. There will be time set aside for socialization on Saturday evening, including a forestry movie and board games.

**Questions? Contact Jennifer Gagnon
jgagnon@vt.edu 540/231-6391**

Lodging

On-site lodging for Friday and Saturday nights is available and encouraged. Depending on space, individuals attending alone may be housed with a roommate of the same gender; couples will have a private room. All rooms have 2 twin beds and a bathroom. To learn more about lodging, please visit:

<http://dof.virginia.gov/locations/nkcc.htm>

Commuting is permitted, but unless you live in the area, other nearby lodging options are limited.

Important Information

- This program is designed for new or inexperienced landowners;
- Transportation to the field trip sites will be provided;
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks will be provided Saturday; breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided Sunday;
- Parts of this program will be held outdoors so please dress appropriately for conditions: closed toed sturdy shoes, long pants, hats, jackets, rain gear are suggested;
- Don't forget your sunblock and bug spray!

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Jennifer Gagnon, VFLEP Coordinator, at (540)231-6391/TDD* during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800)828-1120.

Registration

Forest Landowners' Retreat:

New Kent Forestry Center

September 22-24

Please register by Friday, September 8

Individual, No Lodging - \$55

Couple, No Lodging - \$110

Individual, Fri. & Sat. Lodging On-site - \$95

Couple, Fri. & Sat. Lodging On-site - \$190

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Special Dietary Needs (please explain):

Register and pay on-line!
Visit <http://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu> and click on Landowner Programs for details! **OR** Mail check (payable to Virginia Tech Treasurer) and registration form to:
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