

Forest Landowners' Retreat Information

Thank you for registering for the Forest Landowners' Retreat! After reviewing this information, if you have any questions about this event, please contact Ellen Powell at 434-220-9083 or Jennifer Gagnon at 540-231-6391.

Dates

September 22-24, 2017 (Check-in Friday for those lodging; program begins Sat.)

Location

The retreat will be held at New Kent Forestry Center, 11301 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA. (See directions page.)

Arrival and Departure

Registration for those lodging on site is Friday, Sept. 22, from 6 to 8 PM, in the conference room. If you arrive later, you will find your room assignment and key in the conference room. Please eat before you arrive, as no meals will be served on Friday as part of the event. A few restaurants can be found in Providence Forge or Toano, or you can travel a bit farther east on Rt. 60 or I-64 into Williamsburg.

Commuters (not lodging) should plan to arrive Saturday morning by 7:15 AM for breakfast. The program ends Sunday, immediately after lunch.

Lodging

Lodging is in hotel-style rooms adjacent to the conference room. Linens, pillows, and towels are provided.

Meals

The following meals are included in the program: Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Please note that breakfasts will be self-service. We have a full kitchen available and will provide a variety of items such as cereal, oatmeal, yogurt, bread, bagels, eggs, fruit, and beverages. You can help yourself to whatever you need!

Activities

A schedule (subject to minor changes) is included here. There will be some walking on the Saturday field trip, but walks will not be long or strenuous. There will be opportunities for free time at the participant's discretion.

Medical Issues

Please complete the enclosed medical form and bring it with you. For privacy, please seal the form in an envelope labeled with your name, to remain sealed unless there is an emergency. However, if you do have a condition we may need to know about ahead of time, please let us know during registration.

What to Bring

- Comfortable clothes, including something suitable for walking in the woods. Long pants, and long socks you can tuck them into, are recommended, as it is still tick and chigger season! Please check the weather forecast and bring appropriate clothes for the weather, including rain gear if needed.
- Closed-toed shoes or boots
- Toiletry articles (soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving items, toothbrush, etc.)
- Any medications you require
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent (did we mention ticks and chiggers?)
- Water bottle

What NOT to bring:

- Pets
- Firearms or ammunition
- Unnecessary valuables (*Program presenters are not responsible for lost or stolen items.*)

Smoking

Smoking is allowed in designated areas only and is not allowed in buildings.

THANK YOU, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Directions to New Kent Forestry Center

From Richmond and other 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, continuing through the town of Providence Forge.

Turn right onto Route 409 /G.W. King Blvd. (Look for Va. Department of Forestry signs marking the entrance.)

Continue down G.W. King Blvd. to the conference center. (Friday arrivals, please check in there to get your room key.)

From Hampton Roads and other 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.

Turn left onto Route 409 /G.W. King Blvd. (Look for Va. Dept. of Forestry signs marking the entrance.)

Continue down G.W. King Blvd to the conference center. (Friday arrivals, please check in there to get your room key.)

5th Annual Eastern Forest Landowners' Retreat
Sept. 22-24, 2017
New Kent Forestry Center, Providence Forge, VA

Friday, Sept. 22

6:00- 8:00 PM Check-in for on-site lodgers; NOTE: dinner is on your own

Saturday, Sept. 23

7:30 -8:15 AM Breakfast
8:15 – 8:30 Welcome and introductions – Ellen Powell, VDOF
8:30 - 8:45 Welcome to the Woods landowner assessment – Jennifer Gagnon, VFLEP
8:45 – 9:30 Forest Management Planning /Cost Share – Dave Slack, VDOF
9:30 – 9:45 BREAK
9:45 – 10:45 Wildlife Management Basics – Ellen Powell, VDOF
10:45 – 11:45 Timber Sales – South Rivers Forestry Consultants
11:45 – 12:30 LUNCH
12:45 – 5:15 PM Tour: Sherwood Forest Plantation – South Rivers Forestry Consultants
5:45 PM DINNER
6:45 – 7:45 PM *America's First Forest* movie (optional)
After 7:45 PM Free time

Sunday, Sept. 24

7:00 AM Breakfast
8 – 9:15 Field session 1: Tree Identification– Ellen Powell, VDOF
9:15 – 10:30 Field session 2: Forest Measurement – Jennifer Gagnon, VFLEP
10:15 – 10:30 Break
10:30 – 11:45 Field session 3: Intro to GPS – Neil Clark, VCE
11:45 – 12:00 Wrap-up and evaluations
12:00 LUNCH...and safe travels home!

Health/ Emergency Form - Adult Programs
(*please bring with you to the program)

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Name _____ Telephone # (_____) _____

Address _____

Male ____ Female ____ Email _____

1. Do you have any health conditions or special circumstances we should be aware of? Include any medications, allergies, or chronic illnesses:

2. Please list any special dietary needs: _____

3. Whom should we notify in case of an accident or emergency?

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Telephone # __ (_____) _____

4. Please provide the name of your health/ accident insurance carrier(s) and the appropriate policy certificate number(s):

Name of Carrier _____

Policy # _____

Name of Carrier _____

Policy # _____

Photo Release

The program sponsors occasionally use photos of programs for promotional use and reporting. If you do **not** wish to have pictures of you used in this manner, please check here: _____

This form may be sealed in an envelope to be opened only in case of emergency. However, please inform the program leaders of any medical conditions of which they should be aware, and let them know if you did not approve the photo release.