

2019 On-Line Woodland Options Field Trip Agenda
Saturday, June 8, 9:15 – 4:00
Holiday Lake 4 H Educational Center
Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest, Appomattox VA

9:15 Meet at Holiday Lake 4H Center in the State Forest – coffee and light breakfast

9:30 Welcome/Sponsors/Introductions - Gagnon

9:45 Background on the State Forest - Zaebst

10:00 Field Skills (2.5 hours)

1. Tree identification – Peterson (60 minutes)
2. Compass and pacing – Gagnon, Fisher (45 minutes)
3. Basic forest measurements – Gagnon, Fisher (45 minutes)
 - a. Height (Biltmore sticks)
 - b. Diameter (d-tape, Biltmore sticks)
 - c. Age (increment borer)
 - d. Volume (Biltmore sticks)

12:30 Lunch (provided)

1:15 Forest Management Tour – Zaebst (2 hours)

1. Hardwoods –
 - a. Structure
 - b. Crop tree release/Timber stand improvement
 - c. Regeneration
2. Pine -
 - a. Thinning
 - b. Harvesting
 - c. Regeneration (seedling choices)
3. Best Management Practices – to include site preparation for planting and pre-harvest planning

3:15 Return to 4H Center

3:30 Open discussion (15 minutes)

1. What else do you want/need to know
2. On-line course suggestions
3. Future course topics?
4. Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

3:45 Door prizes, evaluation and adjourn

✈ Breakfast/lunch/snacks and beverages will be included; it will be hot and potentially buggy – please bring sun screen and bug spray; I will supply all necessary equipment (if you have your own equipment, please feel free to bring it)

✈ We will proceed rain or shine

✈ There are ticks and other bitey things in the woods, please dress appropriately

Lodging options include camping, hotels and Bed & Breakfasts. There are several places in Appomattox and numerous places in Lynchburg. Or stay on-site at: Holiday Lake State Park: Camping - \$35

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