What Previous Participants are Saying

"This was a great experience. Even though I do not (yet!) have land of my own, I definitely feel better equipped in the knowledge I can share with others and one day look forward to implementing in managing my own land. The workshop has been both inspiring and informative!"

"Educational & enjoyable!"

"Great experience! The staff were very knowledgable and passed their enthusiasm on to participants. Loved it!"



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The 566 acres that now comprise the Matthews State Forest were originally settled by the Nuckolls family in the late 1700s. The Nuckolls family cemetery sits on a ridge overlooking the homestead. Judge Jack Matthews purchased the property from a Nuckolls heir in 1946. The Judge enjoyed all types of wildlife, gardening, what he called "old-time apples," and planting trees of any kind. One of his passions was for the American chestnut, and he had a strong desire to see its return. He could remember the chestnut before it was devastated by the blight and how important it had been ecologically, economically, and socially to the region. When *Iudae Matthews conveved his land to the VDOF, he also* conveyed his vision to create a state forest "to provide for the scientific, educational, and research needs for Southwest Virginia's children and the public, and to continue the work to bring back indigenous species,

(such as the American chestnut.)"



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 at 540/231-6391 during business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

DD number is (800) 828-1120.

Southwest Virginia Beginning Woodland Owners' Retreat



Join fellow woodland owners, the Virginia Department of Forestry, and Virginia Cooperative Extension for an interactive retreat to learn about actively managing your woods.

August 27 - 28, 2021 Matthews State Forest Galax















Important Dates & Times

- Early check-in (optional): Thursday, Aug. 26, 6:30-8 p.m. Dinner on your own.
- Check-in: Friday, Aug. 27, 7:15 a.m.
 Breakfast provided.
- **Program ends:** Saturday, Aug. 28, following lunch.

A variety of topics for those new to woodland management will be covered by natural resource professionals.

Topics include*

- Working with a natural resource professional
- Management planning
- Timber sales
- Wildlife management
- Hardwood management
- Invasive plant ID
- Tree ID
- Determining the value of trees

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

Sessions will be both indoors and outdoors. On Friday evening, we will be viewing the documentary *Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for our Time.*

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

Lodging

On-site lodging Thursday and Friday is available (limited to 10 people, first-come, first-served). All rooms have a private bathroom. Couples will be housed together when possible. Alternatively, you may commute from home or stay at a hotel in Galax (please make reservations on your own).

Some local hotels include:

Hampton Inn Galax: 276-238-4605 Knights Inn Galax: 276-236-5117

Important Information

- This program is designed for new or inexperienced landowners; repeat attendees are welcome, but please note that the program will be similar to previous years'.
- Transportation to the field trip sites will be provided if COVID regulations allow. If not, you will need to drive your own vehicle.
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks will be provided Friday; breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided Saturday.
- Some walking will be required. Please contact us if you require special accommodations.
- 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!

Please register no later than August 12 Register and pay on-line! https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu

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