

SW Virginia Beginning Woodland Owners' Retreat May 20-21, Matthews State Forest, Galax, VA

Thursday May 19

6:30 – 8:00	Check in for lodging Note – dinner on your own	Matthews State Forest Office
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Friday May 20

7:30 – 8:15	Breakfast and Check-in	Matthews State Forest Office
8:15 – 8:30	Welcome and Introductions	Ellen Powell Virginia Department of Forestry
8:30 – 8:45	Setting Your Goals	Jennifer Gagnon Virginia Tech
8:45 – 9:30	Forest Management Planning	Donnie Garman Virginia Department of Forestry
9:30 – 9:45	Break	
9:45 – 10:45	Timber Sales	TBD Consulting Forester
10:45 – 11:30	Wildlife Habitat Management	Andy Rosenberger VDWR/NRCS/CMI
11:30 -12:30	Lunch	
12:30 – 4:00	Tour of Matthews State Forest	Zach Olinger Virginia Department of Forestry
4:00 – 4:15	Break	
4:15 – 5:15	Growing Shiitake Mushrooms	Bill Worrell Virginia Cooperative Extension
5:15 – 6:15	Dinner	
6:15 – 7:15	Optional Movie	

Saturday May 21

7:30 – 8:00	Breakfast	
8:00 – 8:15	Debrief from tour, Door prizes	Ellen Powell Virginia Department of Forestry
8:30 – 10:00	Field session 1: Tree ID	Ellen Powell Virginia Department of Forestry
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 11:45	Field session 2: Measuring and Valuing Your Trees	Jennifer Gagnon Virginia Tech
11:45 – 12:00	Evaluations and Wrap-up	Jennifer Gagnon Virginia Tech
12:00	Lunch on your own	

Thank you and safe travels home!

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