

## What Past Participants Said:

*"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 knowledgeable and passed their enthusiasm on to participants. Loved it!"*

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\*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

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## SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA BEGINNING WOODLAND OWNER RETREAT



**MATTHEWS STATE FOREST  
GALAX  
MAY 19-20**

*Join forest landowners, the Virginia Department of Forestry, and Virginia Cooperative Extension for an interactive program focused on actively managing your woodlands.*

### No Lodging

- Individual \$65
- Couple \$110

### Lodging Thurs. & Fri.

- Individual \$105
- Couple \$190



## EVENT DETAILS

- Check-in for onsite lodging: Thursday, May 18, 6-7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own.
- Check-in: Friday, May 19, 7:15 a.m. Breakfast, lunch & dinner provided.
- Program ends: Saturday, May 20, 12:45 p.m. Breakfast provided.

### Topics include\*

- Determining your management goals - Class
- Management planning - Class
- Timber sales and harvests - Class
- Managing for wildlife - Class
- Shiitake mushroom logs - Hands-on activity
- Tree identification - Hands-on activity
- Valuing your trees - Hands-on activity
- Hardwood & white pine management - Field trip

\*Specific topics may change.

### Lodging

On-site lodging is available Thursday and Friday nights (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).

Hotels in Galax include:  
Hampton Inn Galax: 276-238-4605  
Knights Inn Galax: 276-236-5117

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## ABOUT THE MATTHEWS STATE FOREST

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<https://dof.virginia.gov/education-and-recreation/state-forests/virginia-state-forests/matthews-state-forest/>

*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 Judge Matthews conveyed 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.)"*

### Important Information

This program is designed for new or inexperienced landowners;

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 recommended.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SUNBLOCK AND BUG SPRAY!

Please register by May 1

Register and pay on-line:  
Visit <https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu>

Or send this form and payment to:

Kathie Hollandsworth  
228 Cheatham Hall (0324)  
Blacksburg, VA 24061

Make checks payable to  
Virginia Tech Treasurer

See front for registration fees

Please print clearly

Name(s) of attendee(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/P.O. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requests \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a woodland owner?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Land County \_\_\_\_\_

Total Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Wooded Acres \_\_\_\_\_

**SOUTHWEST RETREAT**