

Dinwiddie County Friday October 25

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at:
Trinity United Methodist Church
4814 Courthouse Road
Church Road, VA 23833

Tour begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Dinwiddie County is home to the Pamplin Historical Park, site of the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier, and the site of the Civil War's Battle of Lewis's Farm. It has over 244,000 acres of forests, making forestry one of the county's leading industries. This tour will explore sustainable forestry practices in this historic county.

Stop 1: You Can Do it All! Take a look at multiple stands on a 60-acre tract that are managed for multiple objectives, including timber, wildlife, pine, and hardwoods – Oh My! By synching management activities, the owners were able to find contractors who clearcut some areas, to create early successional habitat, and thinned other areas, to leave some mature trees for roosting, aesthetics, and diversifying future products. Lower-quality oaks (from a timber perspective) were left to produce acorns for wildlife. Streamside Management Zones and fire breaks all help balance multiple objectives on a relatively small tract.

Stop 2: Lunch. Next, we'll be treated to some home-style cookin': meatloaf, chicken-n-dumplings, plus a delicious selection of sides.

Stop 3: Got Good Genes? To get a great stand, you've gotta start with good trees. Whether it be corn, cattle, scientists, or athletes, it takes a great headstart from genetics to get the highest performance. Here we will look at 3 young stands planted at the same time with different seedling genetics. We will cover various aspects in selecting genetic planting stock depending on site specifics and owner objectives.

Return by 5:00 p.m.

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Please register by noon, October 18

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What Participants are Saying:

"Wonderful day & speakers! Very informative & seamless between steps & speakers."

"We were impressed with all the professionals from all the agencies."

"This experience today was well-planned and covered the topics we are interested in. Very proud of the people who are in careers to protect & preserve our natural resources. Well done! Thank you!"

"Thanks for a great day!"

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48TH ANNUAL FALL FORESTRY & WILDLIFE FIELD TOURS



Join landowners and natural resource professionals for an educational and fun day in the woods learning about forest and wildlife management.

These tours promote wise resource management on private woodlands.

Check inside for individual tour descriptions, dates, and times. All itineraries are subject to change.

On the tours you will: (1) observe science-based management practices; (2) become acquainted with public and private sources of technical and financial management assistance; and (3) network with other landowners, natural resource professionals, and those who share your interest in Virginia's natural resources. Each tour will include stops on multiple properties.

- **October 11 Rockingham County**
- **October 24 Bedford County**
- **October 25 Dinwiddie County**

Limited scholarships are available for K-12 teachers. Call Jennifer Gagnon 540-231-6391 for details. Awarded first-come, first-served.

**Rockingham County
Friday October 11**

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at:
Rockingham County Fairgrounds
4808 South Valley Pike
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Tour begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Rockingham County has a reputation for big agriculture, and that it has! Stretching from the mountains flanking West Virginia to the Blue Ridge escarpment, it encompasses some of the Commonwealth's best soils and water. This third-largest Virginia county also boasts productive forestlands, healthy wildlife populations, and innovative resource management.

Stop 1: DIY Forestry on the Farm. This 62-acre farm includes 25 acres of forests actively managed for the best flora and fauna the site can support. Forest health is being improved with invasive species management, prescribed burning, and more. Here we will explore various aspects of forest health and even experience a bird survey!

Stop 2: Silvopasture from Scratch, a FIRST for Virginia. The Holsinger Family Farm is a multi-generational beef operation on relatively few acres. Until recently, this farm had very few trees; it is now the site of Virginia's first NRCS-funded silvopasture planting. This planting will help the family accomplish multiple goals related to both livestock and wildlife. Hear firsthand from this early adopter farming family about what they've learned along the way.

Stop 3: Broadway Community Park. Lunch.

Stop 4: Paul State Forest. This working State Forest on 173 acres is surrounded by farmland and boasts big old trees (including some about 2 centuries old!) on stellar soils. These cove hardwoods are managed for timber, wildlife, and recreation. If we're lucky, we may see a cucumber tree as we discuss regeneration efforts to keep this forest growing good stuff and why good soils can create extra management challenges.

Stop 5. Timber in the City? More early adopters here in the urban wood arena! Just like in the woods, trees in urban areas can be managed for multiple goods and services in the built environment. When faced with the loss of much of the tree canopy due to the emerald ash borer, the City of Harrisonburg explored and implemented a diverse wood utilization program. Here we will visit a recycling center like few others, where beauty comes out of the ashes.

Return by 4:30 p.m.

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Please register by noon, October 4

**Bedford County
Thursday October 24**

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at:
Bedford Virginia Cooperative Extension Office
1257 County Farm Road Suite B
Bedford, VA 24523

Tour begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Bedford County is full of attractions, including the National D-Day Memorial, the stunning Peaks of Otter, Jefferson's Poplar Forest, and Smith Mountain Lake. Agriculture and forestry account for tens of millions of dollars in economic impact in this county. This tour will explore these land uses.

Stop 1: Bob Burrough's Farm. See a working farm that exhibits progressive farm to forest transitions that have enhanced watershed protection in the Otter River watershed.

Stop 2: Larry Lassiter's Farm: From Hay to Hardwood. The tour continues with timber harvesting for wildlife and management of the diminished native species, shortleaf pine. We'll also learn about pollinator habitat. This stop will wrap up with a view of a floodplain that was converted to bottomland hardwood species.

Stop 3: Lunch and Learn. After a catered lunch, expert herpetologist and vernal pools specialist Mike Hayslett will lead a walk and talk on the importance of vernal pool wetlands and their unique inhabitants.

Stop 4: Turman Forest Products, Inc. Hardwood Mill. Most of Turman Forest Products' logs are sourced from the Appalachian Mountains of Bedford, Botetourt, Rockbridge, Amherst, and Roanoke counties. Learn about the Turman flooring business as logs arrive at its Bedford facility.

Stop 5: You Ain't From Around Here! Actively managing your forest means you just might get some unwanted invaders. Nonnative invasive plant and insect identification and control are an important part of forest management. Watch demonstrations of invasive plant control options for *ailanthus*, privet, and autumn olive.

Return by 5:00 p.m.

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Please register by noon, Wednesday October 17

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Kathie Hollandsworth

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Registration includes transportation,
lunch, and refreshments.

Name(s) of attendee(s):

Street/P.O. _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

email _____

Phone _____

Dietary requests _____

Are you a woodland owner?

Yes _____ No _____

Land County _____

Total Acres _____ Wooded Acres _____