

American Tree Farm System Standards of Sustainability

1. Commitment to Practicing Sustainable Forestry
2. Compliance with Laws
3. Reforestation and Afforestation
4. Air, Water, and Soil Protection
5. Fish, Wildlife, Biodiversity and Forest Health
6. Forest Aesthetics
7. Protect Special Sites
8. Forest Product Harvests and Other Activities

Over 10 million acres (63%) of Virginia's woodlands are owned by folks like you. Virginia woodland owners are committed to improving the health and productivity of their forests. And over 700 Virginia woodland owners have taken an extra step to improve their forests by adopting and implementing the American Tree Farm Standards of Sustainability to become Tree Farmers.

The Virginia Tree Farm Foundation would like to invite all woodland owners to join them for a lunch & Tree Farm tour.

We will tour a sawmill and/or a Tree Farm and learn about sustainable forest management. You'll also learn about the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation - where it has been and where it is going.

Preregistration is required. A confirmation e-mail with final details will be sent 1 week prior to each tour.

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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 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

2024 VIRGINIA TREE FARM FOUNDATION TOUR SERIES



VIRGINIA TREE FARM FOUNDATION

June 21 - Pittsylvania County
July 12 - Sussex County
July 26 - Highland County
August 23 - Shenandoah County
August 30 - Bland County

Join the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation, forest landowners, the Virginia Department of Forestry, and Virginia Cooperative Extension to learn about managing woodlands for wood, water, wildlife, and recreation. You DO NOT need to be a Tree Farmer to attend.

- Individual \$20
 - Couple \$35
- Includes lunch - see itineraries inside**



Pittsylvania County
Friday June 21, 10:00 - 2:00

Meet at 9:30 am at Gregory Lumber
12121 Halifax Road, Java, VA 24565

We will start the day with a tour of the Gregory Lumber Company to learn how trees are sawn into lumber. Then we'll travel to Stone Gregory's Tree Farm for a catered lunch, a short introduction to the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation, and a tour that showcases loblolly pine management.

Sussex County
Friday July 12, 11:30 - 2:30

Meet at 11:00 am at Joyner Gray Ruritan Club, 24210 Courthouse Road
Yale, VA 23897

At the Ruritan Club, we will enjoy a catered lunch and hear from the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation. Then we will take a tour of Bill Owen's Tree Farm to learn about managing for the diminished, but lovely, longleaf pine.

Highland County
Friday July 26, 11:30 - 2:30

Meet at 11:00 am at the McDowell Firehouse, 102 Bullpasture River Road
McDowell, VA 24458

At the Firehouse we'll enjoy a catered lunch and learn a bit about the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation. After, we'll travel just down the road to Coon Family Properties LLC Tree Farm. There we will learn about managing Appalachian hardwood forests and controlling invasive species.

EVENT DETAILS

Shenandoah County
August 23, 12:15 - 3:00

Meet at 11:45 am at Furnace Lutheran Church Camp, 2239 Camp Roosevelt Road
Fort Valley, VA

We will enjoy lunch together and learn about the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation. Then we'll see active forest management practices occurring on this 239 acre Tree Farm in the heart of Shenandoah.

Bland County
August 30, 11:00 - 4:00

Meet at 10:45 am at the Bastian BP Station, 254 Arrowhead Drive, Bastian, VA 24314

We will enjoy lunch together on Demeter, Virginia's 2024 Tree Farm of the Year, and learn about the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation. Then we'll explore this 540 acre property to see the variety of management and research activities taking place on the land.

Registration is limited to 8 people.

Important Information

Lunch and transportation to the tour stops will be provided. A minimal amount of walking will be required. These programs will be held outdoors so please dress appropriately for conditions: closed-toed sturdy shoes, long pants, hats, jackets, and rain gear are recommended. DON'T FORGET YOUR SUNBLOCK AND BUG SPRAY!

Itineraries subject to change.

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Please register no later than 10 days prior to the tour.

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

- Pittsylvania 6/21
- Sussex 7/12
- Highland 7/26
- Shenandoah 8/23
- Bland 8/30

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 _____

Are you a Tree Farmer? Yes No

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