



VIRGINIA BEACH CONTINUED

Stop 3: Pork in the Woods. Intentionally managing both livestock and trees on the same acreage is called silvopasture. We'll hear about the process from a local farmer.

Stop 4: Managing the Rural-Urban Interface. In an urban area like Virginia Beach, there is often development pressure on the surrounding rural areas. At this stop we'll have a discussion about the unique challenges in this rural-urban interface area.

Stop 5: Utility Tree Arboretum. In keeping with the urban forestry theme of the day, we'll wrap up the tour looking at which tree species are best for urban settings and how to tend to them so they don't eventually become expensive problems.

Return by 5:00 PM

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Please register by noon, October 9

Frederick County

Friday October 17

Meet at 8:00 AM at: **Alson H. Smith AREC**

595 Laurel Grove Road, Winchester, VA 22602

Tour begins promptly at 9:00 AM

Frederick County boasts not only the northernmost point in the commonwealth, but also a diversity of farms and forests equal to anywhere, with a powerful history from Native American influence to Civil War scars. Past and present land uses have shaped and continue to influence the region. This story will weave through the sites we will visit from mountain forestry to the threatened wood turtle habitat.

Stop 1: Mountain Forestry at Devils Backbone State Forest. This relatively new 700 acre state forest that is just over the county line in Shenandoah is steep, beautiful, and under active management for timber and wildlife. Both natural and artificial regeneration are on display since a timber harvest in 2018 and an improvement thinning for better hardwood growth & habitat. The view alone is worth the effort.

Lunch: Farm fresh with a story @ West Oaks Farm Market

Stop 2: Landfall Lodge. Many conservation practices at this popular wedding venue likely go unnoticed by most lovebirds. But feathered friends, turtles of greatest conservation need, and many other wildlife species, game and non-game, really LOVE this place! The pollinator meadow is more than a photospot, it's a valuable habitat along Hogue creek. This farm and several nearby lands support the greatest concentration of threatened wood turtles in the world. These animals can live up to 80 years in the wild.

FREDERICK COUNTY CONTINUED

Stop 3: Franklin Tract & Timber. This relatively small tract of woodland has received lots of attention for timber and wildlife management. With any luck, we'll get to not only talk about hardwood management for timber and wildlife but also see a timber harvest in action that is in accordance with the landowner's management plan. Oh, and we might learn what bats have to do with it all.

Return by 4:30 PM

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Please register by noon, October 10

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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 2 Henry County
October 9 Wise County
October 16 Virginia Beach
October 17 Frederick County**

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Henry County

Thursday October 2

Meet at 8:00 AM at: **Tractor Supply of Martinsville**

4920 Greensboro Road, Ridgeway, VA 24148

Tour begins promptly at 8:30 AM

Henry County has long relied on its forest resources. These resources helped the county become a major center for the furniture industry in the early 1900's. And today, with over 190,000 forested acres, forestry remains an important part of the economy. On this tour we'll learn how these forests are being managed sustainably and how the timber is made into wood products.

Stop 1: Practices for Improving Young Hardwood Forests. See how a private woodland owner used the new Virginia Hardwood Initiative to improve the management of a young hardwood stand.

Stop 2: Practices for Improving Mature Hardwood Forests. Learn how thinning can be used to improve wildlife habitat in a mature stand of hardwoods.

Stop 3: Fortifying Your Pines Against Attack. Bark beetle outbreaks are predicted to be on the rise! Are your trees healthy enough to withstand an attack? See a well-done pine thinning where the wood harvested was processed at a sawmill we'll visit later in our tour.

Stop 4: Lunch. Hot catered meal with a choice of meats, vegetables, lemonade and tea, and dessert from Allen's Catering.

Stop 5: Hopkins Lumber Mill Tour. Watch a sawmill transform pine trees into what moves the world - pallets!

Stop 6: Livestock...in the Woods? Silvopasture is the process of intentionally managing trees and livestock together. See a newly established project on private property.

Return by 4:30 PM

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Please register by noon, September 25

Wise County

Thursday October 9

Meet at 8:00 AM at: **Lowes/Taco Bell/Food City Parking Lot**

201 Woodland Drive SW, Wise, VA 24293

Tour begins promptly at 8:30 AM

Wise County is full of forests - 170,000 acres in fact. From the beauty of the Guest River Gorge, to the Trail of the Lonesome Pine, these forests are an important part of the history and development of this remote Virginia county. On this tour we'll see the unique income opportunities developed in Wise as well as active hardwood forest management. Oh, and the views!!

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Stop 1: South Fork Farms Sugar House. This privately-owned facility evolved from 10 taps and a propane cooker to a full-scale sugar house in less than 10 years. We'll take a guided tour of this delicious operation.

Stop 2: Mullican Flooring. On this tour of a solid hardwood flooring manufacturing facility we will see the lumber handling, drying yard, pre-driers, dry kilns, ripping, and flooring manufacturing production lines using white oak, red oak, and specialty species.

Stop 3: High Knob Destination Center. Catered lunch.

Stop 4: High Knob Lookout Tower. Get a bird's eye view of the surrounding land uses in the region. While at the top we'll also visit a high-elevation hardwood forest to look at regeneration and young forest habitat. We'll discuss storm damage and salvage operations.

Stop 5: Flag Rock Recreation Center. We'll finish the tour exploring green salamander habitat and perhaps even find some of these little critters.

Return by 5:00 PM

For more information contact:

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Please register by noon, Thursday October 2

Virginia Beach

October 16

Meet at 8:30 AM at: **Walmart Supercenter #3644**

201 Hillcrest Parkway, Chesapeake, VA 23322

Tour begins promptly at 9:00 AM

A forestry tour in a city? Yes indeed! In fact, Virginia Beach has been a Tree City USA since 1980. The benefits of this urban forest increase every year as trees continue to grow and thrive. Virginia Beach's urban forest is a vital component of the city's infrastructure, as important as efficient transportation and clean water.

Stop 1: Cavalier Tract. On publically managed tract we will discuss thinning as a way to protect pine plantations from southern pine beetle attacks and options for transitioning pine plantations to natural hardwood forests. We'll also identify ways to attract desirable wildlife to these areas while minimizing negative human-wildlife conflicts.

Stop 2: Your wood from your property. Nothing tells a family story like making something beautiful from a tree that you grew up with and know its story. Witness ways folks have repurposed trees around their property into long-lived and beautiful discussion pieces.

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Name(s) of attendee(s):

Street/P.O. _____

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Are you a woodland owner?

Yes _____ No _____

Land County _____

Total Acres _____ Wooded Acres _____

2025 Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

