

## ABOUT NEW KENT FORESTRY CENTER

*The New Kent Forestry Center features 850 acres of fields, forests, baldcypress swamps, and frontage along the Chickahominy River.*

**11301 Pocahontas Trail  
Providence Forge, VA 23140  
Phone: 804-966-2201**

### From Richmond and points west of the Center:

Take I-64 East to Exit 205 (Bottoms Bridge). Turn right at the end of the exit ramp onto VA-33 W. Turn left at the stoplight onto Rt. 60 (Pocahontas Trail) East. Follow Pocahontas Trail for 12.6 miles. You will pass through two stoplights at Rt. 106 and Rt. 155. (At Rt. 155 you pass through the town of Providence Forge.) A few miles outside Providence Forge, look for a Va. Department of Forestry sign marking the entrance on the right. Turn right at the entrance onto Route 409 / G.W. King Blvd. Continue down G.W. King Blvd. bearing left at the fork in the road. Turn right just before the Conference Center to enter the parking lot.

### From Hampton Roads and points east:

Take I-64 West to Exit 231A for Norge. The exit ramp puts you onto Croaker Rd. / VA 607 South. At the first stoplight, turn right onto Rochambeau Dr. / VA-30 North. Follow Rochambeau Dr. for 3 miles, then travel straight through the stoplight onto Rt. 60 West. Follow Rt. 60 for 10.6 miles, and look for a Va. Dept. of Forestry sign marking the entrance. Turn left onto Route 409/G.W. King Blvd. Continue down G.W. King Blvd. bearing left at the fork in the road. Turn right just before the Conference Center to enter the parking lot.



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

## BEYOND THE BASICS WOODLAND OWNER RETREAT: MANAGING YOUR FOREST FOR WILDLIFE



**NEW KENT FORESTRY CENTER  
PROVIDENCE FORGE  
SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2025**

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



## EVENT DETAILS

### This advanced retreat is for woodland owners who have already:

- Worked with a forester/wildlife biologist
- Obtained a written forest management plan
- Attended a previous landowner education program
- Sold timber
- Created wildlife habitat OR
- Have had similar experiences

A final agenda will be available the end of July at:

<https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/landownerprograms/retreats.html>

Whether you have 5 or 500 acres, there are ways to manage your woods to create habitat for many different types of wildlife. This program will focus on aspects of creating and maintaining habitat for both game and non-game species, such as white-tailed deer, black bear, bobwhite quail, turkey, songbirds, pollinators, reptiles, and amphibians.

A combination of classroom, field trip, and hands-on activities will be used to teach concepts of sustainable woodland management for wildlife management.

### Lodging

On-site lodging for Thursday and Friday nights is available and encouraged. All rooms have 2 twin beds and a private bathroom. Couples will share a room. Lodging will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis.

To learn about lodging, please visit: <https://dof.virginia.gov/new-kent-conference-center/>.

Commuting is permitted, but unless you live in the area, nearby lodging options are limited.

### Dates and times

- **Thursday, September 4**  
**6-7:30 PM:** Check-in for onsite lodging  
Dinner on your own
- **Friday, September 5**  
**7:15 AM:** Commuter check-in, breakfast  
**8:00 AM:** Program begins  
**6:30 PM:** Program ends
- **Saturday, September 6**  
**7:15 AM:** Breakfast  
**8:00 AM:** Program begins  
**12:00 PM:** Program ends

Parts of this program will be held outdoors, rain or shine. Please check the weather and 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!

### Registration fees

All registration fees include breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Friday, breakfast on Saturday, snacks and beverages both days, materials, and field trip transportation.

### No Lodging

- Individual \$65; Couple \$130

### Lodging Thurs. & Fri.

- Individual \$130; Couple \$260

### QUESTIONS?

**CONTACT: JENNIFER GAGNON**  
540-231-6391, [JGAGNON@VT.EDU](mailto:JGAGNON@VT.EDU)

### Please register by August 21

Register and pay on-line:  
<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

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes:

Land county \_\_\_\_\_

Total acres \_\_\_\_\_ Wooded acres \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 SOUTHEAST RETREAT**