

Conference Description

This all day conference:

- is for owners of large or small tracts of land;
- is a one stop/first stop for individuals, families, and managers wanting to learn about woods, wildlife, and other natural resources;
- provides multiple links to information, sources of assistance, and a better understanding of the natural resources around you;
- will explore a myriad of forestry and wildlife issues relevant to owners of woodlands.

Is Blacksburg too far for you to travel? Good news! The Woods & Wildlife Conference is offered in Culpeper as well (also on February 22). Visit <https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu> for agenda and registration information.

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GOT WOODS?

Landowner Woods & Wildlife Conference
February 22, 2025
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Squires Student Center,
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg

\$55/person; \$100/couple

Registration fee includes refreshments and catered lunch



Program Kick-Off

If a Tree Falls and There is no Bat Around to Hear it, Does it Make a Sound? The Reality of Where We are Post White-nose Syndrome
Mark Ford, USGS/Virginia Tech

Concurrent Sessions 1

Getting Started in Beekeeping James Wilson, Virginia Tech
Revolutionizing Forestry and Land Reclamation with Drone Technology Brandon Beal, Elevation Aerial
Storm Effects on Trees: It Depends

John Seiler, Virginia Tech

Who You Gonna Call?

Natural Resource Professional Panel

Vendor Presentations

Afternoon Plenary

A Primer on Carbon in Virginia's Privately Owned Forests
Steve Prisley, NCASI

Concurrent Sessions 2

Tick Awareness in Southwest Virginia Matt Sharpe, Virginia Tech

Invasive Plants Recently Added to the DCR List

Rod Walker, Blue Ridge PRISM

Developing Storm-Resilient Streams

Tess Thompson, Virginia Tech

Removing Storm Damaged Wood from your Forest Panel

- **Safety Considerations** Karen Snape, Virginia Tech
- **Equipment Selection for Low Impact Timber Harvesting** Ryan Wilcock, TajFun

Concurrent Sessions 3

Protecting Our Communities: Building Resilience in the Wildland-Urban Interface Michael Downey, Virginia Department of Forestry

Species of Greatest Conservation Need Jeff Trollinger, Department of Wildlife Resources

Using Storm Damaged Wood Panel

- **What I Have Learned as a New Portable Sawmill Owner** Kyle Peer, Virginia Tech
- **Moving From Destruction to Opportunity: Using Storm Damaged Trees** Joe Lehnen, Virginia Department of Forestry

Capstone

Identifying and Managing Common Problems of Landscape Shade Trees Eric Wiseman, Virginia Tech

EVENT DETAILS

Squires Student Center

Virginia Tech
290 College Avenue
Blacksburg, VA 24061

Free Parking!

From I-81 - All Directions

Take Exit 118B onto US-460 W
Take US-460 W to US-460 BUS W/S Main Street in Blacksburg - Exit 5A-5B (6.7 mi.)
Follow US-460 BUS W/S Main Street to College Avenue (2.9 miles)
Turn Left on College Avenue
Turn Left on Otey Street
Turn left into Squire's Parking Lot

From Points West

Take US-460 W to Blacksburg
Turn Left onto N Main Street
At the traffic Circle, take the 2nd Exit to stay on N Main Street (2.8 mi)
Turn Right onto College Avenue (0.2 mi)
Turn Left on Otey Street
Turn left into Squire's Parking Lot

Lodging

If you need lodging on the 21st, there are numerous options in Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and Radford.

CONTACT

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Agenda is subject to change
You are NOT required to pre-select sessions

Please register no later than Feb. 7

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

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 _____

Land County _____

Total Acres _____ Wooded Acres _____

2025 BLACKSBURG WOODS & WILDLIFE