

## 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 lunch & a Tree Farm tour.**

We will tour a certified 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. Itineraries subject to change.**

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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.

## 2025 VIRGINIA TREE FARM FOUNDATION LUNCH TOUR SERIES



## VIRGINIA TREE FARM FOUNDATION

**August 22 - King & Queen Co.**  
**September 4 - Sussex Co.**  
**September 15 - Bland Co.**  
**September 19 - Shenandoah Co.**  
**September 26 - Montgomery Co.**

*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.*

- 11:30 - 3:00
- Individual \$15
- Couple \$30

**Includes lunch**  
**See Tour descriptions inside**



**King & Queen County**  
**Friday August 22, 11:30 - 3:00**

Meet at 11:15 am at the  
Upper King & Queen Ruritan  
186 Walnut Spring Road  
St Stephens Church, VA 23148

After a catered lunch at the Ruritan, we will tour Dick Porterfield's 377-acre Tree Farm to learn about loblolly pine management including using clonal seedlings and thinnings. We will also discuss protecting water quality and options of for managing hardwoods, and visit a 10-year old longleaf pine plantation.

**Sussex County**  
**Thursday September 4, 11:30 - 3:00**

Meet at 11:15 am at the  
Raccoon Creek Pinelands Pavilion  
36°50'01.6"N 77°19'19.9"W (enter these coordinates as the address)

We will enjoy a catered lunch from the Virginia Diner in a new pavilion made from longleaf pine and then take a tour to learn about restoration of this native species.  
**This property is the 2025 Virginia Tree Farm of the Year!**

**Bland County**  
**Monday September 15, 11:30 - 3:00**

Meet at 11:15 am at the  
Church of God  
4265 Railroad Trail  
Bastian, VA 24314

We will enjoy lunch together and learn about the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation. Then we'll explore the Demeter Tree Farm, a

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540-acre property, to learn about the variety of management and research activities taking place on the land. **This property was the 2024 Virginia Tree Farm of the Year.**

**Registration is limited to 8 people.**

**Shenandoah County**  
**Friday September 19, 11:30 - 3:00**

Meet at 11:45 am at the  
Caroline Furnace Camp & Retreat Center  
2239 Camp Roosevelt Road  
Fort Valley, VA 22652

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 the Shenandoah Valley.

**Montgomery County**  
**Friday September 26, 11:30 - 3:00**

Meet at 11:15 am at the  
Meadowbrook Community Center  
267 Alleghany Springs Road  
Shawsville, VA 24162

We'll meet at the Community Center for a catered lunch and brief presentation on the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation. Then we'll travel to the nearby 57-acre Tree Farm to learn about managing for Appalachian hardwoods, Eastern white pine, and all the wildlife that live there. We'll also learn about research and outreach projects with Virginia Tech.

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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

☐ 8/22 King & Queen ☐ 9/15 Bland  
☐ 9/4 Sussex ☐ 9/19 Shenandoah  
☐ 9/26 Montgomery  
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

**2025 Tree Farm Tour Series**