

Southwest Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Retreat

Thursday May 29

6:00 – 7:30	Check in for lodging Dinner on your own	Dickenson Conference Center Southwest VA 4-H Center
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Friday May 30

7:30 – 8:15	Breakfast/Check in	Burley Hall, Southwest VA 4-H Center
8:15 – 8:30	Welcome and Introductions	Ellen Powell Virginia Department of Forestry
8:30 – 8:45	Working Towards Your Goals	Jennifer Gagnon Virginia Tech
8:45 – 9:30	Forest Management Planning	Virginia Department of Forestry
9:30 – 9:45	Break	
9:45 – 10:45	Timber Sales	Bill Worrell Virginia Cooperative Extension
10:45 – 11:30	Wildlife Habitat Management	Andy Rosenberger VDWR/NRCS/CMI
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch	
12:30 – 4:00	Tour of Channels State Forest	Zach Olinger Virginia Department of Forestry
4:00 – 4:15	Break	
4:15 – 5:15	Nonnative Invasive ID	Ellen Powell Virginia Department of Forestry
5:15 – 6:15	Dinner	
6:15 – 7:15	Optional Movie	

Saturday May 31

7:30 – 8:00	Breakfast	Burley Hall, Southwest VA 4-H Center
8:00 – 8:15	Debrief From Tour, Door Prizes	Ellen Powell Virginia Department of Forestry
8:30 – 10:00	Field Session 1: Tree ID	Ellen Powell Virginia Department of Forestry
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 11:45	Field Session 2: Measuring & Valuing Trees	Jennifer Gagnon Virginia Tech
11:45 – 12:00	Evaluations and Wrap-up	Jennifer Gagnon Virginia Cooperative Extension
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	

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Thank you for registering for the SW Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Retreat. After reviewing this information, if you have any questions about this event, please contact Jennifer Gagnon at 540-231-6391 or 540-315-0615 (cell).

Persons with disabilities who will require any special accommodations or assistance to participate in this Retreat should discuss their needs with Jennifer by April 21st.

Dates/Times

May 30-31

A schedule (subject to minor changes) is enclosed. Please note that check in for people lodging is between 6:00 – 7:30 on Thursday, May 29th. The program begins at 7:30 on Friday and ends after lunch (1:00) on Saturday.

Location

The Retreat will be held at **the Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center, 25236 Hillman Highway, Abingdon, VA 24210. Their office number is 276-676-6180.** All classroom sessions will be held in the Dickenson Conference Center. Meals will be served in Burley Hall. A campus map is available here: <https://www.swva4hcenter.org/campus-map>.

Lodging

Lodging will be in the Dickenson Conference Center at the Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center. Check in for Thursday night lodgers will be between 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. on May 29. All rooms have a private bathroom. Linens, pillows, and towels are provided (based on reviews from previous lodgers, you may prefer to bring your own pillows.)

Meals

The following meals are included in the program for both lodging and commuting participants: Friday breakfast, lunch, snacks, and dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. Snacks and water will be provided for the field portions of the Retreat. Please bring reusable coffee mugs and water bottles if desired.

Medical Issues

Please complete the enclosed medical form and bring it with you. You may place the form in an envelope labeled with your name, to remain sealed unless there is an emergency. However, if you have a condition we may need to know about ahead of time, please let us know during registration. Note that there will be some walking on the Saturday field trip, but walks will not be long or strenuous.

Photo Release

The program sponsors occasionally use photos of programs for promotional use and reporting. If you **do not** wish to have pictures of you used in this manner, please let one of the organizers know.

What to Bring

- Comfortable clothes, including something suitable for walking in the woods. Long pants, and long socks you can tuck them into, are recommended, for protection from ticks and chiggers. Please check the weather forecast and bring appropriate clothes for the weather, including rain gear if needed.
- Closed-toed shoes or boots
- Toiletry articles (soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving items, toothbrush, etc.)
- Any medications you require
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Water bottle

What NOT to bring:

- Pets
- Firearms or ammunition
- Unnecessary valuables (*The Southwest Virginia 4-H Center and the program presenters are not responsible for lost or stolen items.*)

Smoking

Smoking is allowed in designated areas only and is not allowed in buildings.



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Health/Emergency Form
(Please bring with you to the program)

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Name(s)

Telephone # (____) _____ Email _____

Address _____

1. Do you have any health conditions or special circumstances we should be aware of? Please include any medications, allergies, or chronic illnesses:

2. Whom should we notify in case of an accident or emergency?

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Telephone # (____) _____

3. Please provide the name of your health/ accident insurance carrier(s) and the appropriate policy certificate number(s):

Name of Carrier _____

Policy # _____

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