

## What Past Participants Said:

*"The field trips into the forest to view/compare practices was the most useful to me."*

*"Loved the hands-on sessions!"*

*"Working in small groups was good for meeting others."*

*"Everything was wonderful - great speakers and very interesting."*

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

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## SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA BEGINNING WOODLAND OWNER RETREAT



NEW KENT FORESTRY CENTER  
PROVIDENCE FORGE  
SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2026

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

### No Lodging

- Individual \$65
- Couple \$130

### Lodging Thurs. & Fri.

- Individual \$130
- Couple \$195



## EVENT DETAILS

- Check-in for onsite lodging: Thursday, Sept. 10, 6-7:30 PM, dinner on your own.
- Check-in: Friday, Sept. 11, 7:15 AM, breakfast, lunch & dinner provided.
- Program ends: Saturday, Sept. 12, 12:00 PM, breakfast provided.

### Topics include:

- Working with a forester
- Managing for wildlife
- Selling your timber
- Hardwood and pine management
- Tree identification
- Forest measurements

### Lodging

Onsite lodging for Thursday and Friday nights is available and encouraged. All rooms have 2 twin beds and a private bathroom. Lodging will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis. To learn about onsite 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.

### Other important details

This program is designed for new or inexperienced landowners.

Parts of this program will be held outdoors so please dress appropriately for conditions: closed-toed sturdy shoes, long pants, hats, jackets, rain gear are recommended.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SUNBLOCK AND BUG SPRAY!

## ABOUT NEW KENT FORESTRY CENTER

11301 Pocahontas Trail  
Providence Forge, VA 23140

Phone: 804-966-2201

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

### Driving Directions

#### From Richmond and points west:

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.

### CONTACT

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Please register by August 28  
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):

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**2026 SOUTHEAST RETREAT**