

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

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Featured Events

Preparing for Generation NEXT 2-Day Workshops

- July 19-20, Abingdon
- July 27-28, Lynchburg
- Application process opens in June

Preparing for Generation NEXT Mini-Workshops

- July 24, Brunswick County
- Aug. 2, Halifax County
- Aug. 9, Prince Edward County
- Aug. 21, Surry County
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

Tree Farm Dinners

- July 24, Freeman
- Aug. 23, Critz
- Emporia
- Albemarle
- Register on-line

SW Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Weekend Retreat

- August 17-19
- Abingdon
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

SE Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Weekend Retreat

- September 21-23
- New Kent

Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

When my husband and I first started dating we spent a lot of time hiking. His preference was always to take the short cut through the brush, straight up the side of the mountain. My preference was always to stay on the trail. I honestly believe this on-trail preference of mine is why I've found relatively few ticks on myself, despite having both an outdoor-oriented career and mainly outdoor-oriented hobbies. This spring, rumors have been flying that we're going to experience the worst tick season on record. I've been writing them off as just that – rumors. Until this past week when I found 3 ticks, on 3 separate occasions, crawling on me (again, something so extremely rare for me). Even though, to this day, I still stay on the trails! So, now I'm thinking, perhaps I should be concerned.

Of the seven-human biting ticks in the US, five can be found in all or part of Virginia. These include the:

- American dog tick (transmits tularemia and Rocky Mountain spotted fever)
- Blacklegged tick (transmits Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis, babesiosis, *Borrelia miyamotoi*, and Powassan disease)
- Brown dog tick (transmits Rocky Mountain spotted fever)
- Gulf Coast tick (transmits Rocky Mountain spotted fever)
- Lone star tick (transmits ehrlichiosis, Heartland virus, tularemia, and STARI)

You can learn more about how to identify these ticks here:

https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/2906/2906-1396/ENTO-250.pdf

And, on May 14th, the East Asian (or longhorned) tick was found on an orphaned calf in Albemarle County,

- Registration opens July

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Virginia. The extent and significance of this finding are still being determined.

But this doesn't mean you should avoid going outdoors this summer. To keep you and your family safe, learn about these ticks and the diseases they can transmit from the [Center for Disease Control](#) and learn how to reduce tick habitat at home and protect yourself from getting bitten [here](#). We'll have a full-length article about ticks in the upcoming Summer edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update - arriving in your mailboxes in July.

News & Resources

- **Family Woodland Owner Survey Underway.** Some forest owners in the Southside area may have received the 2018 Woodland Legacy Planning Survey. If you have, we would appreciate it if you would please fill it out and send back as soon as possible. All responses are confidential. Your input is important and will help us meet the needs of family woodland owners like you. Thank you.
- **Spotted lanternfly.** As you may recall, the exotic invasive spotted lanternfly was found in Frederick County, VA earlier this year. While they do feed on tree-of-heaven, they also feed on grapes and fruit trees. They lay their egg masses on any vertical smooth surfaces, natural or man-made, from October to early spring. This poses the possibility of human-movement of egg masses on vehicles or outdoor furniture. Learn what to look for and how to report a potential sighting here: <https://ext.vt.edu/agriculture/commercial-horticulture/spotted-lanternfly.html>.
- **New Resource Directory for Small Woodlot Owners.** Do you own a small woodlot? Have you had trouble locating someone to conduct woodland management work for you? Find the help you need in the newly released: [Urban and Small Woodlot Forestry Business Directory](#).
- **Got an Ash?** The Virginia Department of Forestry is offering a 50% cost-share program

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to help landowners and organizations (non-profits, schools, HOAs, municipalities) treat their Ash trees to prevent death by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). To begin the application process, download the PDF describing the process from the Forest Health section here: <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/health/index.htm> and fill out Form 6.5 (<http://www.dof.virginia.gov/forms/index.htm>) with the help of your local forester. Two workshops are scheduled this spring to provide more information on this program. See below for details.

Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

Below is a sample of upcoming landowner education programs. For a complete listing visit the [Events Calendar](#).

Preparing for Generation NEXT

Learn how to pass your land, and your legacy, to the next generation, while keeping it intact, in family, and in forest. On-line and mail-in applications will be available later in May.

*All dates subject to change

Two-day workshops:

- July 19-20, Abingdon, TBD
- July 27-28, Lynchburg-Amherst Area TBD
- Application process opening soon!

Half-day workshops:

- July 24, Brunswick County, 1-5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 2, Halifax County, 2:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 9, Prince Edward County, 1-5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 21, Surry County, 1-5:00 p.m.
- \$10/person (includes dinner at the Halifax location)
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

Tree Farm Dinners

These dinners are for current Tree Farmers and other interested landowners. Come learn what the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation is all about and tour an active

Tree Farm/manufacturing facility. All dinners are \$10* per person, which includes your meal.

- \$10/first person, \$5/each additional family member
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register by mail coming soon
 - July 24, Chrissy's Tree Farm, Freeman
 - August 23, [Reynold's Homestead](#), Critz
 - Emporia TBD
 - Albemarle TBD

Beginning Woodland Owner Weekend Retreats

New landowners and those new to woodland management, join VDOF and VCE for a weekend of classroom lectures, hands-on activities, and field trips that will help you get started with keeping your woods healthy and productive. On-site lodging is available.

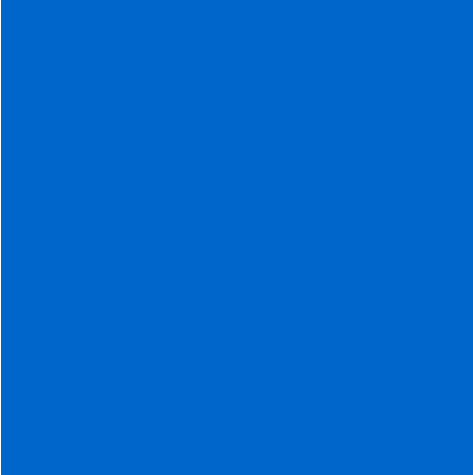
- **SW Virginia**
 - August 17-19, 2018
 - [SW Virginia 4-H Center](#), Abingdon
 - Register [on-line](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)
- **SE Virginia**
 - September 21-23, 2018
 - [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge
 - Registration opens in July

42nd Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

Spend a lovely fall day in the woods with fellow woodland owners and natural resource professionals learning about active woodland and wildlife management practices.

- Dates TBD!
- Fluvanna/Goochland Counties
- Tazewell/Buchanan Counties
- Sussex/Southampton Counties

For a full listing of events, visit the [Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Events Calendar](#).



I look forward to working with all of you!

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