

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

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Featured Events

Tree Farm Dinners

- November 8, Suffolk
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

Woods & Wildlife Conferences

- Feb. 23, 2019
- Culpeper and Roanoke
- Registration opens in December

On-line Woodland Options for Landowners

- March 4 – May 24
- On-line
- Registration opens in January

Beginning Landowner Retreats

- March 14-16, Appomattox
- May 16-18, Galax
- September 19-21, Providence Forge
- Registration opens 2 months prior to programs

Visit the [Events Calendar](#) for details!

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Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

A wonderful [Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour](#) season has just wrapped up! And what a season it was. We saw elk (about 35 total) in Buchanan County, I drove through Tropical Storm Michael to see stunning habitat for the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker in Sussex County, and watched a live quail hunting demonstration in Goochland County. Thanks to the District Forestry & Natural Resources agents and our fabulous natural resources partners and supporters across Virginia for once again organizing these educational (and fun) events. It was great visiting with everyone who participated. Already looking forward to next year.

And speaking of next year, we now have a number of programs on the calendar for 2019. These include not one, but TWO, [Woods & Wildlife Conferences!](#) We are expanding this always-popular conference that has been held in Culpeper to another location in Roanoke. Stay tuned for agendas and registration coming in December. The long-running [On-line Woodland Options for Landowners](#) class will start up again in March. This 12-week, self-paced class will teach you the basics of woodland management and can help you develop a draft management plan for your property. Registration opens in January. And finally, our [Beginning Landowner Retreats](#) are scheduled. These 1.5 day-long programs are geared towards folks new to woodland management. They combine classroom, field trip, and hands-on activities, as well as interaction with natural resource professionals.

And stay tuned for so much more!

Useful Resources

Puts university knowledge into the hands of people.

Virginia Department of Forestry

Learn about cost-share programs, forest management options, buy seedlings, and find your local forester.

Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee

The American Tree Farm System

Virginia Forestry Association

Forest Stewardship Program

USDA Forest Service

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- Interested in cruising your own timber (i.e., determining volume and value)? Try [the Virtual Cruiser Vest](#) on-line learning module.
- Did you know your woodlands can help protect and clean up the Chesapeake Bay? Learn more at [Forests for the Bay](#).

Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

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

Tree Farm Dinners

Tree Farmer dinners are for all interested landowners. You DO NOT need to be a Tree Farmer to attend. Learn what the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation is all about and tour an active Tree Farm. Dinner is \$10 per person, which includes your meal.

- November 8th Suffolk
- [Agenda](#)
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

Woods & Wildlife Conferences

These day-long conferences have something for everyone interested in natural resources. The agendas will include topics useful to owners of small and large woodlands, new and experienced owners, and those simply interested in woods and wildlife.

- Feb. 23, 2019
- [Culpeper](#) and [Roanoke](#)
- Registration opens in December

On-line Woodland Options for Landowners

Learn about your woods and how to keep them healthy and productive - from your computer. This 12-week self-paced class covers the basics of woodland management. And for those who want more, hands-on activities are also provided. An

optional hands-on, in-person field trip in central Virginia will serve as the capstone for the class.

- March 4 – May 24
- On-line
- Registration opens in January

Beginning Landowner Retreats

These 1.5 day-long programs cover the basics of woodland and wildlife management – using classroom, field trip, and hands-on presentations. There will also be plenty of time to interact with natural resource professionals to get all your property-specific questions answered.

- March 14-16, [Appomattox](#)
- May 16-18, [Galax](#)
- September 19-21, [Providence Forge](#)
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For a full listing of events, visit the [Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Events Calendar](#).

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