

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

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Featured Events

On-line Woodland Options for Landowners

- March 4 – May 24
- On-line
- Register [on-line](#)
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The Woods in Your Backyard

- March 13 – May 28
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Beginning Landowner Retreats

- March 14-16, Appomattox
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- May 16-18, Galax
 - Registration opens in March
- September 19-21, Providence Forge
 - Registration opens in July

Virginia Forestry Summit

- April 30 – May 3
- Norfolk

Good morning Forest Landowner e-Update Subscribers,

What a month February was! Two great Woods & Wildlife Conferences, two fun EmpowerU workshops, and a trip to Louisville, KY (a city I'm not terribly compatible with since I don't like bourbon and I'm allergic to horses).

The daffodils are up on campus and my crocuses are blooming, and we are being inundated with eggs, all signs of spring. Unfortunately, it appears the rain will continue – as will our mud-farming operation.

If your land is too muddy for management right now, here are some learning opportunities for you for take advantage of until things dry out:

Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

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
- \$45/family – includes a hands-on field trip and 3 books
- [Syllabus](#)
- Register [by mail](#)
- Register [on-line](#)
- Registration open until noon, Monday, March 4th

Trees Virginia Roanoke Workshop: Trees, Construction, and Uninvited Guests

Come learn about managing trees during construction, strength loss and safety while working in EAB-comprised

- [Agenda](#)
- [Registration opens in March](#)

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trees, the ecology and impact of invasive species, and invasive species management

ISA and SAF CEUs have been applied for. A block of rooms at the [Holiday Inn Tanglewood](#) has been secured.

- March 6
- [Virginia Western Community College](#), Roanoke
- \$85
- [Register on-line](#)

[The Woods in Your Backyard On-line Course](#)

This self-paced, non-credit course will help landowners convert lawn to natural areas and enhance stewardship of existing natural areas. Based on the guide of the same name, the course provides strategies to landowners and managers of small parcels of land that improve the stewardship of their property for personal enjoyment and environmental quality. It uses a hands-on learning approach to help participants develop and implement a plan for their property. Activities include how to map habitat areas, understand basic ecological principles about woodland and wildlife, choose and implement a few habitat management projects, and how to set a timetable and record your progress. Online discussion groups will allow participants to interact with others taking the course. A certificate of completion is awarded when all assignments are completed.

- March 13 – May 28
- [On-line](#)
- \$95/person and includes the 108-page guide "[The Woods in Your Backyard](#)" and a tree identification guide
- [Learn more](#)
- [Register on-line](#)

[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](#)
 - [Register on-line](#)
 - [Register by mail](#)

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 - Registration opens in July

**Virginia Forestry Summit – From Seedling to Stump:
Forestry for Profit and Pleasure**

- April 30 – May 3
- [Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel](#), Norfolk
- [Registration](#) opens in March

And finally, if you want to engage the youth in your family, nominate them to attend Camp Woods & Wildlife. Camp Woods & Wildlife (formerly known as Holiday Lake Forestry Camp) will be held June 17-22, at Holiday Lake 4-H Center near Appomattox. Open to boys and girls ages 13-16, this camp provides field-based learning experiences in forestry and wildlife. Campers explore career paths, make new friends, and learn from natural resource professionals in a beautiful outdoor setting. Nominations are open through April 10 and may be made by any adult not related to the student. For forms and information, visit www.dof.virginia.gov/forestry/camp/. Please contact Ellen Powell (ellen.powell@dof.virginia.gov) if you have any questions.

Hope to see you out and about!

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