

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

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Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

- [Watch archived on our YouTube Channel](#)
- Nov. 6 – How Clean is Your Creek?
- Nov. 13 - Forest Soils
- Nov. 20 - Winter Invasives
- Dec. 4 - Holiday Greenery
- **We will return in January**
- [Join us live here](#)

2021 Woods & Wildlife Conference

- February 19-20
- On-line
- Registration opens in December

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

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Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

Thank you to all of you who shared your cemetery stories with me via e-mail or on the Facebook page. Please feel free to keep them coming. I'm toying with the idea of some type of book about privately owned cemeteries in Virginia – with short stories and photos. Not sure how feasible this is – let me know if you think there would be interest in such a thing (I will not share your stories without permission).

Along those same lines, I was recently made aware of a website called [Find A Grave](#). You can search for cemeteries, post memorials and photos, and read about people buried there. I looked up ours and sure enough, there it was, along with many fascinating stories about the residents.

I was also remiss in not posting any photos of our cemetery as promised last month. I just posted a few to the [VFELP Facebook page](#) today.

On another note, I want to say THANK YOU to everyone who attended the [Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours](#). It was wonderful seeing (the top half of) your faces, and exploring beautiful Virginia. For those of you who were not able to join us, I am putting together a virtual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour. I'll feature one stop at each of the four tours. This will be available in December.

Finally, we're planning for the [2021 Woodland & Wildlife Conferences](#). These will look different in 2021. There will be just one conference, it will be virtual, and it will have a 2-day format.

The benefits? Reduced cost, up to 500 attendees, no travel, no snow dates, all sessions will be recorded for post conference viewing, and everyone stays safe. We are working on ways to make this fun and interactive. More details will be provided in the December e-Update.

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I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable, albeit probably different, Thanksgiving. I believe we'll be staying home and enjoying time with the granddaughters (the youngest turns 1 on Thanksgiving!).

Upcoming events [Events Calendar](#)

[Fifteen Minutes in the Forest](#) [Live at noon on Fridays](#)

- Nov. 6 - How Clean is Your Creek? with Jennifer Gagnon and Sally Entrekin
- Nov. 13 - Forest Soils with Neil Clark
- Nov. 20 - Winter Invasives with Karen Snape
- Dec. 4 - Holiday Greenery with Bill Worrell

We will take a short hiatus over the holidays and return with more videos in January.

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[On-line Woodland Options for Landowners](#)

This 12-week, self-paced course covers the basics of woodland management. Topics include a history of forestry in Virginia, soils, mapping, sustainability, management, and resources. Optional advanced activities take you out onto your property to create maps, determine property boundaries, and look for clues to historical uses of your land.

- Jan 11 – April 2
- \$45/family
- Syllabus coming in December
- Registration opens in December

[2021 Woods & Wildlife Conference](#)

This popular conference has topics of interest for new and experienced owners of both large and small woodlots. Presentations will cover sustainable woodland and wildlife management activities.

- February 19-20
- Virtual
- Agenda coming in December

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- Registration will open in December

[Beginning Woodland Owner Retreats](#)

Join the Virginia Department of Forestry and Virginia Cooperative Extension for these 1.5 day immersive experiences into sustainable woodland and wildlife management. A combination of indoor presentation, hands-on activities, and field trips make these educational and fun. Dates are tentative pending COVID-19 developments.

- Central Virginia
 - March 18-19
 - [Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center](#), Appomattox
 - Registration opens in January
- Southwest Virginia
 - TBD
 - [Matthews State Forest](#), Galax
 - Registration opens February
- Southeast Virginia
 - September 23-24
 - [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge
 - Registration opens June


[Upcoming Webinars from neighboring states](#)

- Nov. 5, 1:30 – [Woods for Wildlife: Forestry for Birds and Commonly Used Herbicides for Habitat Management](#)
- Nov. 10, 1:00 – [How Both Short and Long Term Wildlife Research can Inform Management](#)
- Nov. 12, 10:30 - [Well...Let's Talk Well Water Safety & Protection](#)
- Nov. 13, 1:00 – [Introduction to Tribal Lands & Their Management](#)
- Dec. 30, 8 – 5:00 – [Conference on Heirs' Property and Sustainable Forestry Management](#)

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