

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

June 2021

Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

- Join us live at 12:15 on [Facebook](#) or on [ZOOM](#)
- July 9 – Hunting Lease Best Practices
- July 16 – Prevent Harm to Urban Trees
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Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

Spring has sprung. And, although active year-round, ticks are most active in spring and summer months. About a month back, I had one crawling up my arm in the middle of the night. Of course, once I find one, it feels like ALL.THE.TICKS are on me, which makes for a poor night of sleep. And just the other day, while at a social event, I saw a look of disgust cross the face of a new acquaintance as I calmly pulled a tick out of my hair and broke it in half with my fingernail. Perhaps I'm not fit to be in polite company? But I'm also not willing to let a tick crawl around my scalp until I can sneak away.

I've had more ticks on me in the past 5 years than in my 45 prior years of life. And although some of them have bitten me, I have not contracted any tick-borne illnesses (that I'm aware of). But two of my dogs have been treated for Lyme and all three have been vaccinated for it. And I'm hearing more and more tick-borne illness stories from colleagues.

None of this has scared me enough to prevent me from going outside; nor is it meant to scare you from doing so. But it is a reminder to learn about ticks in your area and to check yourself thoroughly after being outside.

You can learn about [ticks and the diseases they carry from the Virginia Department of Health](#).

If you want to learn about how to landscape to reduce ticks and mosquitoes and to prevent getting tick bites, join our friends at UMass Extension for their [Tick and Mosquito Education Days](#) - a 2-day virtual program June 8 & 15. While geared towards Massachusetts, it looks like the information, particularly on June 8th - applies to Virginia. Cost is \$55 per day.

I also want to make you aware of two NEW resources available to you. First, we're pleased to be able to share with you [historic stumpage prices](#) on the Virginia Forest

**Field Trips for 2020
- Winter 2021
Online Woodland
Options Participants**

- July 30, [Claytor Nature Center](#)
- Aug. 13, [Holiday Lake 4 H Educational Center](#)
- [Register online](#) (previous OWO participants only please)

**Summer Online
Woodland Options
for Landowners**

- July 12 – Oct. 1
- \$45/family
- [Syllabus](#)
- [Register online](#)
- [Register by mail](#)

**Virginia Forestry
Summit**

- September 28 - October 2
- Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg
- Details coming soon

**Fall Forestry &
Wildlife Field Tours**

- October 2021 Schedule Coming Soon

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

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Landowner Update website! These values will be updated quarterly. The page is brand new, so any suggestions on making it more user friendly are welcome.

Second, our friends and partners, the [Virginia Department of Forestry, have a brand new website!](#) This user-friendly interface will help you find the information and assistance you need to manage your woods. [Check it out.](#)

Featured Programs:

We have a number of educational programs coming up for you this spring/summer and will be resuming in-person programming!!! All in-person events will follow all current COVID-19 guidelines. Online registrants will receive a confirmation e-mail one week prior to the program occurring.

See the complete list on our [Events Calendar](#).

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Field Trips for 2020 - Winter 2021 Online Woodland Options Participants

We are happy to finally be able to offer hands-on, in-person capstone field trips for participants in the 2019, 2020, and Winter 2021 Online Woodland Options for Landowners classes. Registration is free – but you must be a past Online Woodland Options student. Topics will include tree identification, measuring and valuing trees, and a tour of active woodland management practices.

We have two field trip options scheduled:

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Once you click SUBMIT on the registration form, your registration is complete. The form will take you to a payment page – simply ignore and close your browser.

[Summer Online Woodland Options for Landowners](#)

This 12-week, self-paced course will allow you to gain an introductory level understanding of basic forest management principles and techniques and to use this understanding to become better land stewards. It is intended for private forest landowners of any acreage; this course is not intended for forest landowners who have substantial experience working alone or with natural resource professionals in the management of their forests. Teachers, local leaders, and interested citizens are also welcome to join.

An optional end-of-semester field trip will allow students to hone their new skills and interact with one another and natural resource professionals. The 2021 field trip will be held at [James Madison's Montpelier](#) in Montpelier Station this fall.

- Begins July 12
- \$45/family (includes 5 books plus field trip)
- [Syllabus](#)
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[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.

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- Southwest Virginia
 - August 27-28
 - [Matthews State Forest](#), Galax
 - [Register online](#)
 - [Register by mail](#)
- Southeast Virginia
 - September 23-24
 - New Kent Forestry Center, Providence Forge
 - Registration opens July
- Central Virginia
 - October 22-23
 - [Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center](#), Appomattox
 - Registration opens in August

45th Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours


- October dates and locations to be announced
- Registration opens August 1

Upcoming Webinars from our partners

- **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay – Breakfast on the Bay Webinar Series**
Bring your morning coffee (or tea!) for a virtual, live talk series to learn how your hobbies can be part of the solution for a healthier Chesapeake!
 - June 15, 10:00 – [Native Plant Talk](#)
 - June 21, 10:00 – [History of the Chesapeake Bay Health](#)
 - July 15, 10:00 – [Tree Talk with Ryan Davis](#)
 - July 24, ;00 – [Brewery Tour with Alewerks](#)
 - July 27, 9:00 – [Waste to Energy with LCSWMA](#)
- June 8, 12:00 & 7:00 – [Forest Legacy Planning: Moving Towards the Decision Point](#)
- June 15, 7:00 – [The Monarch Butterfly's Journey](#) - \$5
- Many other topics on demand at the [Forestry Webinar Portal](#)

And if you missed them, the [Spring Legacy Planning Webinar Series](#) and the [2021 Woodland Stewards Webinar Series](#) are now available for on-demand viewing. Thanks to the 100's of landowners who joined us live for the webinars.

All the best,



Jennifer

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