



March 2023

Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

- Join us live every other Friday at 12:15 on [Facebook](#) Or [YouTube Premier](#)

Woodland Stewards Webinar Series

- March 7 & 14
- Online
- 1:00 PM
- Free

Landowner Retreats

Central Virginia - Beginner

- March 24-25
- Appomattox

Southwest Virginia

- May 19-20
- Galax

VA Forestry Summit VFLEP Workshop: Trophy Hunting For Trees

- April 26
- Williamsburg
- 8 - 12:30
- \$25 - includes lunch

Spring Venture Outdoors

- May 11 - Red Oak
- May 18 - Halifax
- June 9, Bedford
- 10 - 3:00
- \$10 - includes lunch

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

Social Media

Good Morning Forest Update Subscribers,

It's been warm lately and we've had quite a bit of rain. As such, our small farm pond is full of water and frogs! So far this year, I've heard [wood frogs](#) quacking and [spring peepers](#) peeping. And although I'm not a fan of summer, these harbingers of spring are more than welcome. Our pond is a vernal pool, meaning it is in a forested area, holds water only for a few months of the year, is not connected to any other body of water, and is critical habitat for a number of species, like the wood frog. Learn more about the importance of vernal pools and the cool critters that use them from Virginia Master Naturalist Judy McCord in this [Fifteen Minutes in the Forest video](#) from March 2022. [The Virginia Herpetological Society](#) is a great place to find additional information on frogs and salamanders (and snakes - for those of us who like them!).

We have SO many educational programs for woodland owners coming up! See below for featured events, and find a full listing here: [Events Calendar](#). We will also be offering the Online Woodland Options for Landowners short course in June. Registration will open in April.

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Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

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- March 3 - Forest Microhabitats
- March 17 - Virginia's Smallest Carnivore
- March 31 - Open mic - ask us anything
- [Watch archived on our YouTube Channel](#)

Woodland Stewards Webinar Series

- March 7 - [Wildlife Considerations when Restoring Oak/Pine Woodlands](#)
- March 14 - [Establishing and Managing Open Pine-Hardwood Stands](#)
- 1:00 PM
- Free

Farm Family Transition Workshop



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- March 21 & 28
- Harrisonburg
- 6 – 8:30
- \$30/individual; \$45/couple – includes dinner both evenings
- Contact Tom Stanley, 540-588-0241, stanleyt@vt.edu, to register.

Spring Venture Outdoors

Are you a woodland owner interested in tree identification, invasive plant/insect management, hardwood management, and stream water quality? If so, this spring your Central District Extension Forestry Program, in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Forestry, is offering one-day short courses on management options for your timberland in Southside.

- May 11 – Red Oak
- May 18 – Halifax
- June 9, Bedford
- 10 – 3:00
- \$10 – includes lunch
- Register [online](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

Landowner Retreats

Developed for those new to actively managing their woods, the Retreats combine classroom, field trip, and hands-on activities to teach concepts of sustainable woodland management.

Central Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner

- March 24-25
- Appomattox
- Program is full

Southwest Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner

- May 19-20
- Galax
- Register [online](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

Southeast Virginia Beyond the Basics Advanced Woodland Owner

- September 8-9
- Providence Forge

Agendas and registration available 8 weeks prior to Retreats

Virginia Forestry Summit

Join natural resources professionals and landowners for this annual education event.

- April 26-28

- [Williamsburg Lodge](#), Williamsburg
- [Agenda](#)
- Register [online](#)

VA Forestry Summit VFLEP Workshop: Trophy Hunting For Trees

Before the Virginia Forestry Summit begins, join Big Tree Hunter Byron Carmean and Colonial Williamsburg Arborist Charles Gardener to learn about the big, remarkable, and historic trees in the Williamsburg area. Byron will demonstrate how to measure big trees using the historic Compton oak. This program will be partially outdoors and will require some walking around town (0.5 - 1 mile). You do not need to register for the Summit to attend.

- April 26
- 8 - 12:30
- [Williamsburg Lodge](#), Williamsburg
- \$25 - includes lunch
- Register [online](#)

All the best,

Jennifer

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