

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

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Good morning, Forest Update Subscribers,

I can't say it enough, thank you landowners and natural resource professionals for another wonderful year of educational programs! I'm looking forward to 2026, which will be a year with a couple of landowner education milestones.

First, forty years ago, the [Virginia Forest Landowner Update Newsletter](#) started as a collaboration among 5 faculty members in what was then the school of Forestry & Wildlife Resources. The original publication was called "Extension Forestry Notes". Much like today, the newsletter included short articles on topics related to woodland management and a calendar of events. To celebrate, I'll share some of these early editions on the VFLEP Facebook page throughout next year.

Second, as I've mentioned before, 2026 is the 50th anniversary of our [Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours](#)! Each day from October 20 to 23 we'll tour a different Virginia county. Participants will have the option to attend one or multiple days. Overnight accommodations will be available. More details are coming soon.

In the meantime, happy holidays to all!

Events Calendar

Featured Events:

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

December 26-January 6: The Twelve Shorts of Christmas

Join Virginia Cooperative Extension's landowner education team each day of Christmas for a natural resource themed short. 12:15 PM on [YouTube Premier](#).

Watch 150+ Fifteen Minutes in the Forest videos on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Woods & Wildlife Conferences

The long-standing Blacksburg and Culpeper Conferences will be held in February.

- February 21
 - [Squires Student Center](#), Blacksburg
 - Agenda and registration in mid-December
- February 28
 - [Daniel Technology Center](#), Germanna Community College, Culpeper.
 - Agenda and registration in mid-December.

Landowner Retreats

Beginning Retreats provide information on hardwood and pine forest management, legacy planning, management planning, and more. Beyond the Basics Retreats take a deep dive into a specific forest management topic. All Retreats combine classroom, field trip, and hands-on activities. Registration opens 10 weeks prior to events.

- Beyond the Basics Woodland Owner Retreat: Managing Your Forest for Timber Income
 - March 13-14
 - [Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center](#), Appomattox
- Southwest Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Retreat
 - May 8-9
 - [Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center](#), Abingdon
- Southeast Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Retreat
 - September 11-12
 - [New Kent Conference Center](#), Providence Forge

Visit the [Blue Ridge PRISM](#) website for programs on nonnative invasives

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