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Fredericksburg/Stafford County Friday, October 25

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Gari Melcher's Historic Belmont Estate
224 Washington Street, Falmouth, VA 22405
<https://www.garimelchers.org/visit/directions/>
Tour begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Ramble through the urban forests of greater Fredericksburg as we follow the life cycle of an urban tree from cradle to grave. The city's urban forest canopy and zero wood waste goals take work and partnerships both to plant new trees and to use old trees. These bookends function to provide valuable human and wildlife habitat features right where lots of people live, work, and play.

Stop 1: The Brompton Oak & Living History – One of Virginia's most famous trees provided shelter to confederate soldiers and later, to convalescing union fighters. The big white oak has also witnessed the growth of scientific arboriculture and soon it will watch the conversion of part of the President of the University of Mary Washington's yard to native meadow.

Stop 2: Small spaces & Big Changes – Imagine a pocket park...or a small backyard that is more. More biomass, habitat, and value. And at the same time, less...less work and waste. It starts with the simple act of planting a tree. Observe species & age diversity in this urban forest snap shot and the conversion of a backyard into a zero grass oasis with escalating ecosystem value.

Lunch: Old Mill Park on the Rappahannock River - Catered by Allman's BBQ. Lunchtime demonstrations include: 1) treatment for emerald ash borer and 2) "better" tree planting.

Stop 3: Urban Lumber? – Logging and lumber manufacturing from the urban forests is both different and the same as rural forestlands. Watch the reveal of beauty unique to high-character urban trees and the creation of value-added products from what might have previously been firewood, at best.

Stop 4: Much 'ado @ Mulch - Norfleet has been turning tree and wood "waste" into treasure for 50 years. This behind the scenes mulch making tour will invite you into a process that completes an urban tree's lifecycle as it is transformed into a product that benefits living trees, creates beauty and enables Fredericksburg to brag about their ZERO wood waste accomplishment!

Return by 4:00 p.m.

For more information contact:
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Please register by 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 11

ALL ITINERARIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

43rd Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours 2019 (aka the Bus Tours)



Join fellow forest landowners and natural resource professionals for a fun and exciting day in the woods learning about forest and wildlife management. Check individual tour descriptions for dates and times.

These tours promote wise resource management on private woodlands. You will:

(1) observe science-based management practices; (2) become acquainted with public and private sources of technical and financial management assistance; and (3) network with fellow landowners, natural resource professionals, and others who share your interest in Virginia's natural resources.

Each tour includes several demonstration stops on private, industry, and public lands. See inside for times, departure points, and itineraries.

All tours are outdoors and held rain or shine. Please dress appropriately (sturdy shoes, hats, rain gear, insect repellent, sunscreen, etc.).

A limited number of scholarships are available for K-12 teachers. Please call Jennifer Gagnon 540-231-6391 for details. Awarded first-come, first-served.

Floyd County Friday, October 11

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Floyd County Recreation Park Picnic Shelter
114 Park Drive NE
Floyd, VA 24091
Tour begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Join fellow woodland owners and natural resource professionals as we spend the day touring Floyd County, at the top of the magnificent Blue Ridge Plateau. We'll learn about managing Floyd's abundant natural resources.

Stop 1: Southwest Virginia is a great place to grow Eastern white pine, and Floyd County has been doing so for a long time. Learn about regenerating this species and available cost share assistance for doing so. We'll also discuss income opportunities from Eastern white pine, including tipping young trees for the greenery industry, and harvesting mature trees for logs.

Stop 2: Timber harvests of mature Eastern white pine are common in Floyd County. Visit a recently harvested site to learn about harvesting methods and selling your timber. We'll also discuss how to protect water quality during and after a timber harvest.

Lunch: Locally catered

Stop 3: Populations of certain wildlife species have been declining across their native ranges for years (think bobwhite quail, golden-winged warbler, and woodcock). One reason for the decline is a loss of early successional habitat needed for breeding (shrubby areas found on recently abandoned agricultural fields and sites with recent timber harvests). Hear about Virginia's efforts to help landowners create early-successional habitat and available cost share programs.

Stop 4: What happens to your timber after it's harvested from your land? What types of products are made from species such as Eastern white pine and yellow-poplar? Find out on a tour of the Griffith Lumber Company's sawmill.

Return by 4:30 p.m.

Plan on staying in Floyd? Consider attending the Floyd County Jamboree Friday evening at the Floyd County Store! For more events and information, visit: <http://visitfloydva.com/>.

For more information contact:

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Please register by 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 27th

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Jennifer Gagnon, VFLEP Coordinator, at (540)231-6391/TDD* during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800)828-1120.

Charlotte County Thursday, October 17

Meet at 8:00 a.m. behind the Farm Bureau Building
400 George Washington Highway
Charlotte Court House, VA 23923
Tour begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.

From the heart of Virginia's Southern Piedmont in rural Charlotte County... explore the scenic and productive forests of this historic area. Charlotte County was formed from neighboring Lunenburg County in 1764 and named for Queen Charlotte, wife of George III of England. The village of Charlotte Court House has been listed with the state and National Registers of Historic Places as a Historic Courthouse District for its uniqueness in architecture, not unlike colonial Williamsburg.

Stop 1 & 2: Ridgeway Farms – Take a peek at a segment of a 3,000+ acre farm managed for forestry, wildlife and agriculture – once part of the original Bruce Estate. See farming practices of old along with timber management that enhances modern-day quail and other wildlife, including a waterfowl impoundment adjacent to the Roanoke River. Witness a mixture of yellow-poplar and other bottomland hardwood stands that accompany pine management techniques.

Lunch & Stop 3: Morgan Lumber Company – A family owned 4th Generation Southern Yellow Pine Sawmill – Ken and John Morgan welcome you to their first-class operation. Since the 1940's the mission of Morgan Lumber has been to consistently and efficiently produce value-added products of superior quality. A mill overview and tour will be given using state-of-the-art headsets. Lunch will be a catered southern-style meal.

Stop 4: Old Crowe Farm (Jim Moyer) – Private forest landowners need realistic objectives. We will learn about some of these at this historic bed and breakfast plantation where they have heritage breeds of livestock and organic produce. Southside is full of young hardwood stands, many of which are unmanaged. How can landowners best manage these young hardwood stands? What about having cattle graze under the trees? See the beginning of a silvopasture system and learn what it can do for landowners and hardwoods.

Stop 5: Kunath Farms – Travel forward 10 years to visit a well-established silvopasture system. See what landowners can expect in terms of maximizing pine timber while raising livestock with proven low stress levels resulting from being raised in the shade.

Return by 5:00 p.m.

For more information contact:

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Please register by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 3



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Visit <https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu>
and look for On-line Registration
Or send this form and payment to:

Kathie Hollandsworth
228 Cheatham Hall (0324)
310 West Campus Drive
Blacksburg, VA 24061

(make checks payable to: **Virginia Tech Treasurer***). Registration fees include transportation, refreshments and lunch.
All tours are \$45/person, \$80/couple.

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