

2013 Private Forest Landowners Conference: The Future of Penn's Woods

Website: <ecosystems.psu.edu/private-forest-conference>



Join the **Center for Private Forests at Penn State** for the 2013 Private Forest Landowners Conference. We want to bring together Pennsylvania's **private woodland owners** to foster a commitment to forest sustainability.

Features of the conference include:

- *Focus on education and outreach*
- *Displays from organizations recognizing a need to promote healthy forests*
- *Up to ninety-nine concurrent sessions on forest conservation, legacy planning, management, and other issues important to private woodland owners*
- *Optional Friday night banquet where attendees can socialize over common interests*
- *Optional Friday morning field tours where participants can see and learn about good forest stewardship practices.*
- *Nationally-known keynote speakers on forest conservation and care.* Most importantly, we hope to further our shared understanding that our state's private woodland owners care about their woods and to provide them with resources that will help them better tend their lands. Held by over 700,000 individuals, these lands provide diverse benefits and values to their owners and the larger society. To ensure the sustainability of these resources it is essential to consider their ecological, social, and economic values.

Conference is being hosted by the:
[Center for Private Forests](#)

When: Friday, May 10, 2013 - Saturday, May 11, 2013

Where: Blair County Convention Center
One Convention Center Drive
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16602

Planner: James Finley

Keystone Sponsors: DCNR Bureau of Forestry
PA Game Commission
PA Tree Farm Committee
Richard King Mellon Foundation
USDA Forest Service
Wildlife Management Institute

Agenda: Friday, May 10, 2013

- 8:00AM **Registration**
8:30AM **Friday Morning Tours**

Tour Topics and Guides - \$15 per tour

- Tour 1- Wind Energy Impact with Michael Barton, Forester and Wind Project Consultant
Tour 2 - Forest Regeneration, including Prescribed Burning, with Mike Eckly, The Nature Conservancy
Tour 3 - Vernal Ponds with Clayton Lutz, Pennsylvania Game Commission
Tour 4 - Invasive Species Control and Management with Art Gover, Penn State

Tours will start at 8:30am & 10:45 am departing from the Blair County Convention Center. Each tour travels 15 minutes to its destination and will spend 75 minutes at the site and then return to the Convention Center for the next tour and/or start of conference. Attendees can purchase a bag lunch for the afternoon tours if they would like. Click on the Register button to sign up for these tours. Conference registration check-in for the conference will open at 8 a.m. for Tour participants.

Friday afternoon sessions

- 1:00PM Session 1
2:00PM Session 2
2:45PM Break in Exhibit Hall
3:15PM Session 3
4:15PM Session 4
5:00PM Evening Break
6:30PM **Keynote Banquet (\$30 per person)**
 Dr. Doug Tallamy, Professor and Chair of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology
 University of Delaware, and author, 'Bringing Nature Home.'

Agenda: Saturday, May 11, 2013

- 7:30AM Registration in Exhibit Hall
9:00AM General Session - Curt Meine, Senior Fellow, the Aldo Leopold Foundation, and Leopold biographer.
10:00AM Break in Exhibit Hall
10:30AM Session 5
11:30AM Session 6
12:15PM Lunch in Exhibit Hall
1:15 PM Session 7
2:15 PM Session 8
3:00 PM Break in Exhibit Hall
3:30 PM Session 9

Silent Auction - The conference will also have a silent auction with funds raised to benefit the Center for Private Forests at Penn State, Friday, May 10, 2013 and Saturday, May 11, 2013, at the Blair County Convention Center.

Following is a list of nearly 100 presentations that you can sign up for at the conference.

More information on this website

[<ecosystems.psu.edu/private-forest-conference>](http://ecosystems.psu.edu/private-forest-conference)

Forest Finance

- » Forest Products Industry Economics Outlook -Thad Taylor
- » Timber Taxation - Mike Jacobson
- » Timber Security - Thad Taylor
- » Certification - Jim Grace, Timber Sales and
- » Contracts - Dave Jackson
- » Guidance for Financial Planning - Susan Lacy
- » Non-timber Forest Products and Alternative
- » Income - Eric Burkhart
- » Oil, Gas, and Mineral Leasing - Dave Messersmith
- » Agroforestry and Forest Landowners - Tracey Coulter

Forest Legacy

- » Private Forest Conservation after the Great Recession
Josh Parrish
- » Forest Legacy - Getting Started - Adam Downing
- » Passing on Personal Possessions - Sandy Smith
- » Recording Your Forest Legacy - Susan Stout
- » Cultivating the Next Generation of Forest Stewards
Sandy Smith
- » Conservation Easements - Andy Loza
- » Multi-generational Succession Model
Jeanne and Tony Riley
- » Forest Legacy Planning Panel - Susan Benedict, Moderator
- » Creating a Gifting Legacy - PSU CAS Development Team
- »

Woods Wildlife

- » Young Forest Habitat - Tammy Colt
- » Habitat for White-tailed Deer - Kip Adams
- » Food Plots - Jason Snavelly
- » Upland Game birds - Linda Ordiway
- » Herps and Vernal Ponds - Justin Vreeland and Clay Lutz
- » Golden Winged Warbler - Emily Bellush et al.
- » Bats in Pennsylvania Woods - Cal Butchkoski
- » Appalachian Mountains Young Forest Initiative
Carl Graybill, Jr.
- » Foods from the Forest - Andy Duncan

Forest Health

- » Restoration of American Chestnut - Sara Fitzsimmons
- » Managing Declining Hemlock - Gerald Hoy
- » Lessons from the Marcellus Region - Chad Gadsby
- » Controlling Invasives Holistically - Eric Burkhart
- » Emerald Ash Borer - Tim Pierson
- » Forest Soils - Craig Houghton
- » Forest Pests and their Friendly Counterparts - Beth Brantley
- » Forest Vegetation Management using IPM & Herbicides
Dave Jackson

Forest History

- » Charcoal Making - Adam Downing and Sandy Smith
- » Life on the Colonial PA Frontier - Joe Harding
- » Trail Cameras - Gene Odato
- » Forests and Art: How They Inspire - Dan Christ
- » Early Logging in Williamsport - Jim Walizer
- » People's Influence on the Landscape - Charlie Schwarz
- » Forestry for the Birds - Sarah Sergent
- » Woodlot Management for Wildlife - Mario Giazzon
- » Targeting declining species - early successional habitat,
Mark Banker

Backyard Woods and Forest Recreation

- » Backyard Landscaping with Natives - Diane Oleson
- » Invasive and Friendly Plants - Carrie Gilbert
- » Meadows Instead of Lawns - Katie Ombalski
- » Assessing Tree Risk - Bill Elmendorf
- » Backyard Habitat Triage - Adam Downing
- » Wildlife Damage - Gary San Julian
- » Margaret Brittingham - Bird Watching
- » Maple Sugar - Bob Hansen
- » Wild Mushrooms: From Foraging to Forest Farming - Eric
Burkhart

Wood Products/Making Your Woods Accessible

- » Making Your Woods Accessible
- » American Forest Foundation - Mike Burns
- » GPS and Mapping - Brent Harding
- » Access to Forestland - Tony Quadro
- » QDMA and Land Certification - Kip Adams
- » Trees to Lumber - Lee Stover
- » Processing Your Own Wood Products - Scott Weikert and
Marty Parsons
- » Modern Day Charcoal and Its Uses - Gary Gilmore
- » Solar Kiln - Scott Weikert
- » TNC Conservation Volunteers - Molly Anderson

Forests and Water

- » Watersheds in the Chesapeake Bay - Craig Highfield
- » Forests and Water- Bryan Swistock
- » Environmental Ordinances - Bill Elmendorf
- » Landowner Liability and Trespass - Mike Jacobson
- » Ponds - Bryan Swistock
- » Riparian Buffers - Stephanie Eisenbise
- » Water and Marcellus - Bryan Swistock
- » Stream Health Assessment - Zack RoederWoodland
Owners Associations - Fred Peabody

Tending and Management

- » ABCs of Managing Woodlots - Jake Scheib
- » Silviculture and Forest Management - Susan Stout
- » Creating a Forest Management Plan - Frank Snyder
- » Competition, Deer, & Light - Hardwood Regeneration - Dave Jackson
- » Forest Ecology - Richard Hill
- » Oak Management - Pat Brose
- » Firewood cutting and Small Woodlot Management - Mike DiRinaldo
- » Regenerating Trees Naturally - Steve Wacker
- » Prescribed Fire - Jenny Case, Susan Parry & Mike Pruss

Landowner Resources

- » Forestry Really Works - Jim Stiehler
- » Tree Planting - Matt Kern and Nate Fite
- » Tree Identification - Tim Latz
- » Woods Safety - Lee Stover
- » LIDAR - Mike McGeehin
- » Cut to Length - Bob Hobbes
- » Diversity Biologists and the Hunter Access Program - PGC
- » Service Foresters and the Bureau of Forestry - Andy Duncan
- » Pennsylvania Forestry Association - Linda Finley

Aesthetics and Biodiversity

- » Introducing American Chestnut to Forests - Leila Pinchot
- » Pros and Cons of Wind - Laura Jackson
- » Logging Aesthetics - Chuck Coup
- » Managing Your Forest for Biodiversity - Roy Brubaker
- » PNFI - Rebecca Bowen
- » Identifying and Caring for Sensitive Forest Types - David Yeany
- » Wildflowers - Kelly Sitch
- » Threatened and Endangered - Charlie Eichelberger

Forest Policy and Advocacy

- » **Environmental Ordinances** - Bill Elmendorf
- » Advocacy 101 - Christine Cadigan
- » Federal Policy Implications to Private Forest Landowners - Scott Jones

A full listing of speakers, session contents and other information will be in the program guide at the conference or on the website, <ecosystems.psu.edu/private-forest-conference>

Lodging

Altoona is a great place to visit.

Hampton Inn Altoona
814-941-3500

Holiday Inn Express
814-944-9661

Courtyard Inn by Marriott Altoona
(814)312-1800 or 1-800-MARRIOTT

Other Lodging Information
explorealtoona.com

Parking

There is a cost of \$2/day to park in the Convention Center Parking Garage. Parking in the open lot is free. The convention center offers a shuttle from the above listed hotels to transport participants to and from the Blair County Convention Center. Contact Allyson Muth, 814-865-3208 or abm173@psu.edu, for more information.

Additional Questions can be directed to Allyson Muth, 814-865-3208 or abm173@psu.edu, James Finley, 814-863-0402 <fj4@psu.edu>, or Sara Banker- 800-235-9473 or seb38@psu.edu

Children are welcome to accompany their parents or guardians to the conference. We are unable to offer any child care facilities or other activities specifically geared for children. However, the following family activities around Altoona are available and their websites are listed:

1. The Altoona Curve have baseball games on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings.
<www.milb.com>
2. Delgrosso's Amusement Park is open on Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12.
<www.delgrossos.com>
3. Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum is open
<www.railroadcity.com>
4. Other events and activities, including a shopping guide, can be found here:
<www.explorealtoona.com>

2013 Private Forest Landowners Conference Registration \$75.00

Conference registration will be \$75, which includes lunch Saturday and four breaks.

Friday Optional Field Tours: \$15 per tour per person. Friday tour bag lunch: \$10 per person.

Friday night Optional Keynote Banquet: \$30 per person

Payment Message - You may register online with any major credit card (Master Card, Visa, Discover or American Express)

or you may mail your check made payable to 'Penn State' to:

<p>2013 Private Forest Landowners Conference Attn: Allyson Muth The Pennsylvania State University 333 Forest Resources Building University Park, PA 16802</p>
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Cancellation/Refund Policy - Registration closes April 29. After this date, please contact Allyson Muth, abm173@psu.edu or 814-865-3208. Cancellation prior to April 29 will be a full refund less a \$10 service fee per registrant. After April 29, there are no refunds available.

The University reserves the right to cancel or postpone any event due to insufficient enrollment or other unforeseen circumstances. If an event is canceled or postponed, the University will refund registration fees but cannot be held responsible for other costs, charges, or expenses, including cancellation/change charges assessed by airlines or travel agencies.

2013 Private Forest Landowners Conference Registration Form

Please make your check payable to 'Penn State' and mail with this completed form to:

2013 Private Forest Landowners Conference

Attn: Allyson Muth
The Pennsylvania State University
333 Forest Resources Building
University Park, PA 16802

Please complete one registration
form for each person.
Registration Fee: \$75/person

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Personal Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____ (if no email, please write N/A)

Phone Number: _____ () _____ - _____

Company: _____

Title: _____

Contact Information:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Indicate your selection by checking box to the left of line item and complete totals:

TOURS at 8:30am \$15.00 Select only one for each time

YOU MUST CHECK ONE BOX

- Invasive Species Control and Management
- Prescribed Burn to Regenerate an Area
- Vernal Ponds
- Wind Energy Impact
- NOT GOING ON A TOUR

TOURS at 10:45am \$15.00 Select only one for each time

YOU MUST CHECK ONE BOX

- Invasive Species Control and Management
- Prescribed Burn to Regenerate an Area
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- Wind Energy Impact
- NOT GOING ON A TOUR

PLEASE FILL-IN YOUR TOTALS BELOW

Conference Registration: \$ 75.00

Tours Total: \$ _____

Friday Lunch: \$ _____

Dinner: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

(your check total made payable to "Penn State" and mailed to address above)

- Friday Box Lunch = \$10.00
- Dinner w/keynote speaker 6:00 pm = \$30.00