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Registration fees include transportation, refreshments and a delicious lunch. See inside for information on fees for individual tours, departure points and itineraries.

These tours promote wise resource management on private forestlands. 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 that share your interest in Virginia's natural resources.

Each tour includes several demonstration stops on private, industry, and public lands. All tours are outdoors and held rain or shine. Please dress appropriately (sturdy shoes, rain gear, insect repellent, sunscreen, etc.).

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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 at 540/231-6391 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to discuss accommodations at least 5 days prior to the event.

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## The Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program and Virginia Cooperative Extension present: The 32nd Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour Series (aka "the Bus Tours") October 2008



Join fellow forest landowners, Virginia Cooperative Extension and a host of Natural Resource Professionals for a fun and exciting day in the woods learning about forest and wildlife management.

**Fort Pickett/Nottoway County - October 2**

**Montgomery/Giles Counties - October 10**

**Rockbridge County - October 15**

**Essex County - October 16**

Please register one week prior to tour - \$45/advance; \$50/day-of  
Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., tours begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.  
and conclude no later than 5:00 p.m.

**"Last year's romp around looking at trees, was still one of the best days I've had for years!" 2007 Frederick County Tour participant. "Super organization, well planned to motivate, inspire & create within us more effective knowledge & stewardship for our homes & communities." 2007 Albemarle County Tour participant.**



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## Fort Pickett/Nottoway County October 2

**Meet at: Southern Piedmont Research Station (located adjacent to Fort Pickett Military Reservation):** 2375 Darvills Road Blackstone, VA 23824-0448

**Stop 1 - Fort Pickett Military Reservation**  
Learn about the Army Compatible Use Buffer & conservation easements, results of forest research projects, and discover native and military artifacts along the way. Learn how to manage a mature pine stand and about Best Management Practices.

**Stop 2 - Catered Lunch at Twin Lakes** with a touch of pond management to assist landowners with maintaining fish health and aquatic weed control and fertilization.

**Stop 3 - Arbotech** - Explore Nottoway County's single largest private investment and high production pine sawmill facility.

**Stop 4 - Southern Piedmont AREC.** Learn about warm season grasses and stream buffer management; hear about small fruit research and observe a military exercise.

**For more information, contact:**

Jason Fisher (jasonf@vt.edu) 434/476-2147 or Neil Clark (southeast@vt.edu) 757/657-6450 x 406

## Montgomery/Giles Counties October 10

**Meet at: Food Lion parking lot, Hethwood Center,** 801 Hethwood Blvd., Blacksburg  
From I-81 - take exit 118 B to 460 W (bypass); exit on Prices Fork heading West; shopping plaza is on your left,

**Stop 1 - Obenshain Farm**

See the results of a low impact timber harvest, learn about conservation easements and the Blue Ridge Forest Cooperative.

**Stop 2 - Brown Farm**

Hear about mixed use management (recreation, wildlife, stream restoration) and water quality management for fish & other wildlife habitat.

**Lunch - Caboose Park** - Enjoy a local meal.

**Stops 3&4 - Mountain Lake**

Witness a recent hardwood timber harvest, discuss management & harvest planning and Best Management Practices; at the top, hear the history of Mountain Lake Resort and learn about their land management from the director of the Mountain Lake Conservancy; witness problems caused by exotic invasive species, hear about gypsy moth control issues and learn about the status of the American chestnut and restoration efforts.

**For more information, contact:**

Jennifer Gagnon (jgagnon@vt.edu)  
540/231-6391

## Rockbridge County October 15

**Meet at: Buffalo Trail Riders, Goshen.**

I-64W - Exit 43 at Goshen. Turn right on Rt. 780 (Scenic Dr., 0.25 mile), Left on W. Midland Tr. (Rt. 60, 0.75 mile), Right on Brattons Run (Rt. 780), Follow Brattons Run to Goshen (about 8 miles). The Horse Show Grounds are on your left in Goshen.

**Stop 1 - Mill Mountain Hunt Club**

Visit this large land holding, where exceptional wildlife habitat is maintained through continuous forest management. Learn why managing a forest can yield tremendous benefits, for timber and wildlife alike. You will also see how planted loblolly-pitch pine hybrids progress over time and other forest types and game patches.

**Stop 2 - Goshen Scout Camp.** After enjoying a delicious BBQ lunch with all the fixins, we will look at what it means to manage a two-aged white pine stand. VDGIF and VDOF representatives will be on hand to answer your questions.

**Stop 3 - Knoll Wayside on the Highland**

**Scenic Trail.** This short interpretative trail highlights different forest management treatments. The trail was initiated by forest



landowners in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and was recently revamped by the Society of American Foresters.

**For more information, contact:** Matt Yancey (yancey@vt.edu) 540/564-3080

## Essex County - October 16

**Meet at: Blanfield Plantation**

From Tappahannock: intersection of Queen St. (Rt. 360) and Rt. 17 take Rt. 17 north 7 miles to Beverley Road. Turn right to house.

**Stop 1: Blanfield Plantation**

Explore historic Blanfield Plantation's 3500 acres. Learn about longleaf pine management, control of Annosus root rot, thinnings and quail management.

**Lunch at Beale Church**

**Stop 2: Hutchinson Tract** - visit with folks from the US Fish & Wildlife Service and learn about managing for game and non-game species.

**For more information, contact:** Helen Heck (helen.heck@va.usda.gov) 804/443-1118

**All itineraries are subject to change.**

MeadWestvaco is providing a limited number of scholarships on a first-come, first-served basis for K-12 teachers to attend the 2008 Field Tours.

Scholarships will cover registration fees. Please contact Jennifer Gagnon 540/231-6391 jgagnon@vt.edu if you are interested.

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount enclosed: # attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$45 =** \_\_\_\_\_ **Office Rcvd** \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Form October 2008 Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

Please check the tour(s) you will attend and mail check made out to the proper registrar (**in bold face**) to the address indicated:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fort Pickett/Nottoway**  
434/645-9315

\_\_\_\_\_ **Nottoway County Extension**  
P.O. Box 22  
Nottoway, VA 23955

\_\_\_\_\_ **Montgomery/Giles**  
540/921-3455

\_\_\_\_\_ **VCE - Giles County**  
507 Wenonah Avenue  
Pearisburg, VA 24134-1933

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rockbridge** 540/564-3080

\_\_\_\_\_ **VCE Rockingham County**  
965 Pleasant Valley Road  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

\_\_\_\_\_ **Essex** 804/443-1118  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Tidewater RC&D Council**  
772 Richmond Beach Road  
Tappahannock, VA 22560

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