

2017 WWOA Annual Meeting - Sunday Field Day Stations

Station #1 – Walking Tour of Forest Types and Forest Composition with *John Kotar, Emeritus professor of forestry, UW-Madison* - Within a given climatic regime, geology and soils control basic resources needed for plant growth. Tree species differ greatly in the way they utilize these resources and form forest communities. Forest management should be based on the understanding of these dynamics.

Station #2 – Wisconsin Forests and Climate Change Adaptation with *Stephen Handler USDA Forest Service and Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science* - What does climate change mean for your woodland, and how can you help prepare your woods for change? This field station will include a discussion of climate change trends for Wisconsin and an activity to get people thinking about how adaptation can help your woods thrive.

Station #3 – History of Forest Lodge with *Tim Koski, Northland College* - A 45-minute visual presentation on the history of Forest Lodge, from its humble beginnings as a logging camp to its present day ownership and use. Seating will be provided in the Great Hall of the Guest House. Following the presentation, we will take a short walk around the main buildings area.

Station #4 AM – Riparian Management Zone with *Dave Kafura, Forest Hydrologist, WI DNR* - What is a Riparian Management Zone (RMZ)? How can you use Best Management Practices to protect water quality when conducting timber management activities in this zone and what equipment concerns should you consider?

Station #4 PM – Wetland Buffer Strips – Learn about harvesting concerns related to lands adjacent to or within a wetland complex. How can you minimize harvesting impacts on wetland water quality.

Station #5 – Waters in Your Woods with *Monica Zachay, Land & Water Director at the St. Croix River Association* - Presentation on the different wetland and aquatic habitat types found in Wisconsin woodlands and the importance of healthy forests for healthy waters. Hands-on demonstrations to learn some of the practices and methods for managing and monitoring for good water quality and aquatic habitat in your woodlands.

Station #6 – Oak Wilt and its belowground spread: What are the control options? with *Paul Cigan, WI DNR Forest Health Specialist – Northwest WI* - Oak wilt is a serious fungal disease that is spread aboveground by spore-carrying beetles and belowground by transmission of spores from tree to tree through root grafts. Several control options to stop belowground spread are available, but the suitability of each option varies from stand to stand. In this station, participants will be guided through an oak wilt control scenario and have the opportunity to learn about and discuss the pros and cons of the various control options.

Station #7 – Walking Tour of Wildlife Habitat with *Valerie Johnson, Forest Wildlife Specialist at Ruffed Grouse Society, NRCS & Wisconsin DNR* - Take a walking tour to learn more about how to enhance or create a variety of wildlife habitats for the creatures that interest you the most.

Station #8 - Basic Forest Measurements with *Nicky Martin, Forestry Specialist at WI DNR Division of Forestry* - Become familiar with some of the tools foresters use to develop your forestry plan and evaluate forest conditions. We will have time for hands on practice with a variety of the tools available, giving you confidence in monitoring and learning how your forest is growing.

Station #9 - Landowner Resources: Getting the Most out of Your Woods with *Nicole Butler, Landowner Outreach Assistant at the St. Croix River Association and Taylor Tibbals, Outreach Coordinator - Midwest Region at American Forest Foundation* - Interactive discussion of landowner resources and assistance programs at the local, state and regional levels. Topics covered will include landowner support and assistance programs, cost share and tax incentive opportunities, tools for finding and selecting service providers, small acreage management resources, legacy planning options and more.