

Oak in the Driftless Workshop

September 29th, 2018

UW-Baraboo/Sauk County

Program

8:00 - 8:20: Registration & refreshments

8:20 - 8:55: Welcome & morning presentation

9:00 - 9:45: Concurrent sessions

9:50 - 10:35: Concurrent sessions

10:35 - 10:55: Break

11:00 - 11:45: Concurrent sessions

11:50 - 12:35: Concurrent sessions

12:35 - 1:30: Lunch

1:35 - 4:00: Field trips

Morning Concurrent Sessions

The morning concurrent sessions are designed to match your experience! If you are new to caring for land, consider attending the **Introductory** or **Introductory/Intermediate** sessions. If you are ready to move beyond the basics, the **Intermediate/Advanced** or **Advanced** sessions will challenge you with technical information and guidance. Please see the back of the program for a list of session descriptions, and map for room locations.

	Introductory	Introductory/ Intermediate	Intermediate/ Advanced	Advanced
	Room A-238	Room A-241	Room A-127	Room A-130
9:00	Oak Ecology	Managing Habitat for Birds & Other Wildlife	Managing Your Land for Deer and Turkeys	What are My Trees Worth?
9:50	The Wildlife in Your Oak Woods	What do Oaks Need to Grow?	Planning for Success	Deer Impacts on Oak
10:35	BREAK			
11:00	Intro to Woodland Invasives	Peers, Professionals & Programs	Tree Planting - Tools and Techniques	To Harvest or Not to Harvest?
11:50	Making a Plan for Your Woods	Winning the Race for Resources	Prescribed Fire	Focus on Financial Programs



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Door Prizes

Thanks to McFarlanes' Retail & Service Center in Sauk City, 6 lucky landowners will walk away with some amazing door prizes including a Stihl chainsaw! *Everyone who attends has automatically been entered to win the chainsaw.* Use the extra raffle tickets you received at registration to enter to win one of the other prize packages. **Please enter all your tickets by 10:55 am.** The winners will be chosen and announced by each of the room moderators after the last concurrent session. Winners must be present to win, and only one prize per person. Prizes can be redeemed during the lunch hour on the lower level outside the A-104 Lecture Hall.

Lunch

Lunch will be served at 12:35 pm on the lower level outside the A-104 Lecture Hall. We encourage you to grab your lunch and head to one of the four rooms where the morning sessions were held to sit down and **talk with the speakers** that presented in that room. See the morning sessions schedule to see who will be where.

You may also take this time to **meet your local WI DNR county Forester**. WI DNR foresters from Sauk, Iowa, Dane, Richland and Columbia counties will be available to answer your questions and even sign-up for a time to walk your woods with you!

Sauk and **Dane** counties will be available in the **Commons** area on the upper level.
Iowa, Richland and **Columbia** counties will be available in **Rodem's Room** on the upper level.

If you own land in a different county and your WI DNR Forester is not present today, you can still sign-up for a time to walk your woods with your local forester. Stop by the Commons area or Rodem's Room to get your name on the list.

Not interested in talking with a professional? Feel free to take your lunch outside or find a comfy couch around the building.



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Afternoon Field Tours

Please check your folder to see which bus and field site you have been assigned to. The buses will depart at 1:35 pm outside the main entrance, so **please be at your bus no later than 1:30 pm**. If you can no longer attend the afternoon field tour, please tell one of the workshop organizers so we are not waiting for you. If you were unsure whether or not you were planning to attend the afternoon field tour at registration and are now interested, or would like to switch tours, please find a workshop organizer and we will do our best to accommodate you. The buses will return around 4:00 pm.

Please note: Field tours will run rain or shine unless conditions are hazardous so please come prepared for the weather. We also recommend wearing long pants and sturdy footwear. A tour participant should be able to stand and walk for 1.5 hours without sitting and be in good physical condition. The group will pause periodically for discussion. With the recent rain, mosquitos could be a problem. Insect repellent will be available on each bus or please bring your own. Restrooms, snacks and water will be available at each site.

Field Tour A: Riverland Conservancy

- Focus is on invasives species control
- Other topics: implementing a plan, brush management and financial programs

Difficulty: *Easy/Moderate. Total distance is about .70 miles along a low to moderate incline on a mowed grass path.*

Field Tour B: Private Woodland

- Focus is on tree planting
- Other topics: prairie plantings, harvesting, and financial programs

Difficulty: *Easy/Moderate. Total distance is about 1.10 miles along a low to moderate incline on a mowed grass path. Assistance to the field site available if needed.*



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Field Tour C: Private Woodland

- Focus is on patch-cutting, a method where small openings are created to encourage oaks
- Other topics: invasive species, tree planting and financial programs

Difficulty: *Moderate/Difficult. Total distance is about .80 miles along a moderate to somewhat steep incline on a maintained grass trail.*

Field Tour D: Private Woodland

- Focus is a shelterwood harvest, a two-step method of tree harvesting that encourages oaks
- Other topics: conservation easement, and financial programs

Difficulty: *Moderate/Difficult. Total distance is about 1.10 miles along a moderate to somewhat steep incline on a maintained grass trail.*

Following the field tour, we kindly ask that you fill out a short workshop evaluation on the bus while heading back to UW-Baraboo. This information is important in helping us plan future workshops. **Please bring your folders and a pen with you** so that you can easily write. *Thank you in advance for your input!*

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Wisconsin Oak Ecology: Nate Fayram, Southwest Field Ecologist, WI DNR*. Oaks are a shared resource important to people and biodiversity in the Driftless, but what makes oak so special? Explore with Nate all the many benefits of oak communities, including native plants, wildlife, and rare species of conservation concern.

Introductory



What do Oaks Need to Grow? Brad Hutnik, Forest Ecologist/Silviculturist, WI DNR. In order to grow, oaks require certain conditions. Learn why oaks are vanishing across western Wisconsin and how you can help oaks survive and thrive in your woodlands. **Introductory/Intermediate**



Tree Planting - Tools and Techniques: Paul Kloppenburg, Sauk County Forester, WI DNR. Planting is one way to encourage oak on your land. Join Paul as he takes you through the tree planting process from planning, preparing your site, planting tools and techniques and protecting your new seedlings. **Intermediate/Advanced**



To Harvest or Not to Harvest? John Nielsen, Private Forester/Landowner, Nielsen and Nielsen Forestry LLC. Learn about the mechanics of selling & harvesting timber to promote oak; including site evaluation, what & how to cut, the timber sale process, and post-harvest follow-up. **Advanced**



The Wildlife in Your Oak Woodlands: Nancy Frost, Sauk County Wildlife Biologist, WI DNR. From frogs to deer, learn what species of wildlife can be found in oak woodlands, and how you can find them in your woods. **Introductory**

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Managing Habitat for Birds & Other Wildlife: Yoyi Steele, Former Important Bird Area WI Program Coordinator and Mike Mossman, Retired WI DNR Forest Community Ecologist. Learn about the critical connection between wildlife and habitat, what to consider when setting management goals, and how you can accomplish them.

Introductory/Intermediate



Managing Your Land for Deer and Turkeys: Rick Horton, Regional Wildlife Biologist, National Wild Turkey Federation. Learn why oak woodlands are important for deer and turkey. Rick will share tips to increase acorn production, regenerate oak trees, and other ways to attract and hold deer and turkey on your land.

Intermediate/Advanced



Deer Impacts on Oak: Don Waller, Professor of Botany and Environmental Studies, UW-Madison. An overabundance of deer in an area can have negative impacts on the plants and trees especially oak. Learn how Don is conducting research to monitor the impacts of deer and how they can help inform deer management decisions on your land. **Advanced**



An Introduction to Woodland Invasives: Kelly Kearns, Terrestrial Invasive Plant Coordinator, WI DNR. *Not sure what invasives might be lurking in your woods?* Learn how to identify common invasive trees, shrubs, and vines and how they impact the health of your woods. **Introductory**



Winning the Race for Resources - Reducing Competition for Oak: Brandon Bleuer, Forester, Southwest Badger RC&D. Whether its buckthorn or honeysuckle, or maple or ironwood, both non-native and native shrubs and trees can outcompete oak for resources. Learn how these competitive conditions develop and how you can help oaks get a leg up on the competition by learning about different invasive control methods. **Introductory/Intermediate**

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Planning for Success: Dr. Mark Renz, Associate Professor and Extension Weed Specialist, UW-Madison. Ready to tackle that invasives problem, but not sure where to start? Planning is the key to success. Learn how to develop a plan to tackle invasives on your property and be successful. **Intermediate/Advanced**



Peers, Professionals and Programs - Assistance for Woodland Owners: Jen Simoni, My Wisconsin Woods. Taking care of your woods is hard. Knowing what to do, where to start, and who to contact is even harder. Jen will introduce you to resources, landowner organizations, financial programs, and professionals so you don't have to go it alone! **Introductory/Intermediate**



Focus on Financial Programs: Kristin Lambert, Private Forestry Specialist, WI DNR and Chris Miller, Sauk County District Conservationist, NRCS*. Have a management plan and looking to take the next step? Learn about the state and federal programs that help cover the costs of a variety of management activities and how you can apply for financial assistance.

Advanced



Making a Plan for Your Woods: Dylan Bell, Columbia and Dodge County Forester, WI DNR. What is a management plan and why should I get one? Join Dylan as he takes you through how developing a management plan for your woods can help meet your woodland goals and the steps required to get one written. **Introductory**



What Are My Trees Worth? John Withers, Forester, Meister Log & Lumber Company. Trees have many values; however, the monetary value of a tree is determined by four factors. Learn what factors affect the value of your trees. **Advanced**

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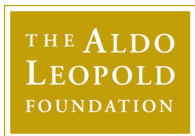


Prescribed Fire - Is it a Good Tool for Your Land? Ann Calhoun, Baraboo Hills Project Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy and Brad Hutnik, Forest Ecologist/Silviculturist, WI DNR. Learn how fire can be used as a tool to help meet your woodland goals. Ann and Brad will discuss considerations for deciding if, when, where & how to utilize fire on your land. **Intermediate/Advanced**



Thank You!

Thank you for joining us today, and
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