

*Would you like to learn more
about your woods?*



**Wisconsin's
Master Woodland Steward Program**



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I would like to invite you to become a Master Woodland Steward...

Wisconsin's Master Woodland Steward Program is for woodland owners interested in learning more about their woodlands and sustainable forest management practices. The Master Woodland Steward Program combines classroom instruction and outdoor experiences to teach participants the basics of forest ecology, silvicultural techniques, managing for aesthetics, recreation and wildlife habitat, business decision and planning tools as well as sources for technical and financial assistance.



Whether your woodland provides profit or pleasure you can gain valuable skills and knowledge that will help you become a better steward of your woodlands.

Graduates of the Master Woodland Steward program are asked to contribute at least 30 hours of volunteer service back to their community to help raise awareness about forest stewardship and sustainable forest management with their neighbors.

To learn more about the Master Woodland Steward program contact John DuPlissis, Forestry Outreach Specialist, at...

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The Master Woodland Steward Program will be offered at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point's Treehaven Field Station. This program provides participants with classroom instruction and hands-on learning experiences as well as field trips that are designed to help learn and understand the concepts better. You can sign up to participate in the entire program or only those seminars that are of interest to you. Space is limited and preference will be given to those interested in becoming Master Woodland Stewards.

Chainsaw Safety

Saturday, April 19th; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Personal safety in the woods is probably one of the most important topics that we can cover. This seminar is designed to teach you techniques to safely use a chainsaw and will focus on introducing participants to open-face felling. Topics covered include personal protective equipment, chainsaw safety features, chainsaw reactive forces, bore cutting, pre-planning the felling, and understanding hinge wood strength.



Getting to know your woodlands

These first two seminars will provide you with some of the basic skills and tools that you will need to perform an inventory of your woodlands and establish permanent re-measurement plots that can help you understand your woodlands better.



Forest Measurements

Saturday, May 3rd; 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

This seminar will teach you how to measure the growth and volume of your tree and give you the opportunity to practice these skills.

Tree Identification

Saturday, May 24th; 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

This seminar will teach you the basics of tree identification, how to use tree keys and give you the opportunity to practice these skills.



Forest Management 101

How trees grow

Saturday, June 7th; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Have you ever wondered why some trees do well in one place but poorly in another? This workshop will help you understand how trees grow and why they grow where they grow and how to apply these concepts to become a better manager of your woodlands.



Woodlot Management

Saturday, June 28th; 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Have you ever wondered if you are doing the right things to help your trees grow? Forests are living systems with processes that you need to consider when developing or implementing your management plan for your property. This workshop will help you understand the ability of a site to support a given tree species, how trees grow, reproduce and respond to change, how you can manage your woodlot to meet your goals and the opportunity to practice these skills.

Recreation, Aesthetics and Specialty Forest Products

Saturday, July 12th; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Forests provide us with many of the amenities which sustain life, not the least of which are opportunities to rest and relax. Woodland owners can manage their forests to provide for recreational opportunities like hiking or hunting as their primary objective and still manage their lands in a sustainable fashion by integrating the conservation of timber, wildlife, soil, and water resources as secondary objectives which are managed to enhance the recreation and interpretive experience. This seminar will help you understand some of the additional benefits that are derived from managing for recreation, aesthetic and specialty forest products.



Financial planning for woodland owners

Tuesday, July 29th; 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

The vast majority of Wisconsin's forest landowners do not own their lands for investment purposes or to receive income from the sale of timber. However, they do invest substantial sums of money in the purchase of forest lands, the planting and tending of trees, shrubs and food plots; the development of trail systems; and the equipment necessary to be able to carry out this work. The management plan for your property should also include a strategy to deal with the expenses and income related to your forest management activities. This seminar will help you understand the laws that apply to the expense and income related to your management activities, as well as the programs that are available to help you minimize those expenses and reduce your tax burden.

The Careful Timber Harvest

Saturday, August 16th; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Harvesting timber is a difficult choice for many woodland owners. Not because they do not want to harvest the trees from their land, but rather because they want to make sure that the job gets done right. Planning a timber harvest is not an easy or simple process.

There are many things to consider and you will need to weigh all the pros and cons, not the least of which is how the planned harvest will help you to reach your goals. This seminar will help you to understand the steps in the process necessary to have a carefully considered and well planned timber harvest.



Wildlife Habitat Management

Saturday, September 13th; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

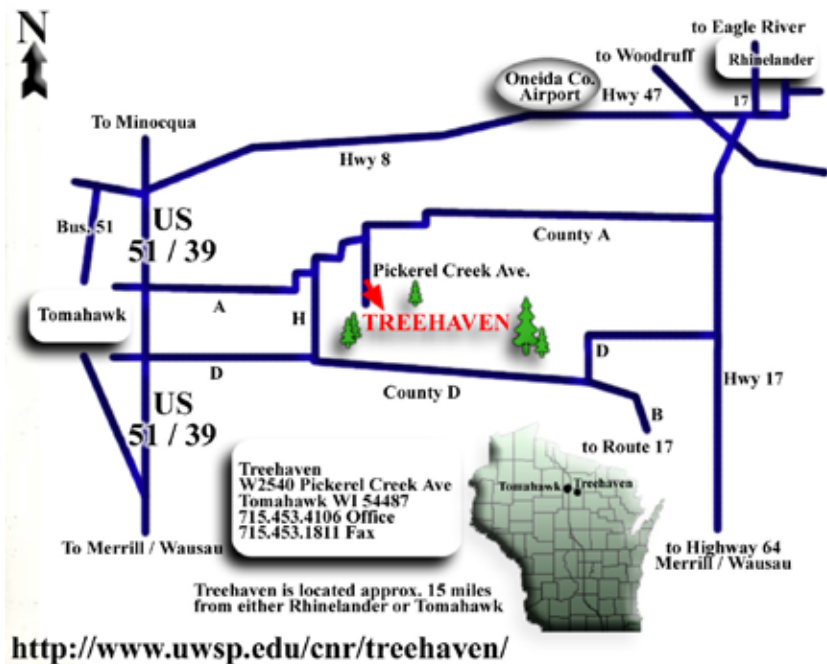
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Good forest management is good wildlife management. This may seem strange to some, but if you stop and think about it you will realize that wildlife management is really habitat management. This seminar will provide you with a deeper understanding and appreciation of what "habitat" means, help you learn to identify what animals are present on your land, and how you can manage your woodlands to provide habitat for different wildlife species.



Directions to Treehaven

Take I-39/Highway 51 to Highway A Exit. Go East on Highway A. Highway A will intersect with Highway H (Stay on Highway A, left at stop sign). Go about 2 miles and take a Right on Pickerel Creek Avenue. Treehaven is located at the end of the road. You can also take Highway 17 to Highway A. Take Highway A West to Pickerel Creek Avenue. Take a Left on Pickerel Creek Avenue. Treehaven is located at the end of the road.



The goals of Wisconsin's Master Woodland Steward Program are to:

- ☛ Provide information and educate private forest landowners on forest processes and the basics of sustainable forest management practices;
- ☛ Provide information and educate private forest landowners about professional technical assistance and cost-share options that are available to help develop stewardship plans to implement practices;
- ☛ Reach a greater number of Wisconsin's 290,000 private woodland owners through the activities of the program's graduates as they pass on what they have learned to their communities, neighbors, and peers about forest ecosystems and sustainable forest management practices.

The Master Woodland Steward Program is designed to teach woodland owners the basics about forest ecosystems, silviculture, and economics to help you become a more effective steward of your woodland property ...and how to share this knowledge with your neighbors...

How can I participate in this program?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please check which Seminars you would like to attend. Preference will be given to individuals who wish to become Master Woodland Stewards.

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| <input type="radio"/> Seminar 4 | <input type="radio"/> Seminar 9 |
| <input type="radio"/> Seminar 5 | |
| <input type="radio"/> I would like to become a Master Woodland Steward | |

The cost for the half-day seminars is \$10.00; The cost for the full-day seminars is \$20.00; or \$100.00 to attend all seminars.

Number of half-day seminars _____ @ \$10.00 = _____

Number of full-day seminars _____ @ \$20.00 = _____

Total cost of all selected seminars: \$ _____

Please mail this form with a check for the correct amount to:

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Space is limited. Please register at least one week in advance of the seminars of your choice

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