

Forest Guild Southeast Regional Meeting

“Southern Appalachian Forestry Past, Present, and Future”

November 7 and 8, 2009
Warren Wilson College (WWC), Asheville, North Carolina

Saturday, November 7

- 7:30 am** Registration.
- 8:15** Welcome and introductions.
- 8:30** Load bus and depart for Biltmore. *(For the field tours please wear good walking shoes, clothes for being outside, and bring rain gear).*
- 9:00** Bill Alexander - Biltmore Estate Landscape and Forest Historian
Historic overview and current forest management programs including "light touch" timber harvest and discussions about management of wildlife and invasive exotics.
- 12:00** Lunch on Biltmore's West Side
- 1:30 pm** Dave Loftis - Bent Creek Experiment Station - Regeneration in the Southern forest with an emphasis on understanding how species (and communities) are distributed across environmental gradients and why that understanding is important.
- 5:30** Bus returns to Warren Wilson College and drop off at WWC Garden Cabin.
- 6:00** Pulled pork BBQ dinner at the WWC Garden Cabin. (Hog raised on the WWC Farm and prepared by WWC students).

Sunday November 8

- 9:00 am-noon** Tour of the WWC Forest with Sustainable Forestry Professor Dave Ellum and WWC Forestry Students. Overview of management objectives; felling, horse logging and milling demonstrations. Visit shitake mushroom operation.
- 1:00** ** Optional afternoon tour - Green Walkabout tour of WWC campus. This walking tour will highlight Warren Wilson's many sustainability initiatives including green building designs (several LEEDS certified buildings), the EcoDorm, organic garden, farm, native plant landscaping, and recycling center, to name a few. The tour will be led by Margo Flood, Executive Director of WWC's Environmental Leadership Center.

**** Please indicate on your registration if you would like to be part of this two-hour afternoon tour. A minimum of eight participants needed for tour to happen.**

Directions from I-40 east of Asheville: Exit 59; Bear right at the exit and go to the traffic light at the intersection with US-70. Turn left and go about 2 miles until you reach the second traffic light. Turn right on Warren Wilson Road. Go about 1.2 miles until you cross Swannanoa River and turn right at first entrance. Take left at stop sign and quick right into gravel lot.

Directions from I-40 West of Asheville: Exit 55; turn left under interstate and go to first stop light. Turn right on US-70. Go 1.5 miles to next stoplight and turn left on Warren Wilson Road. Go about 1.2 miles until you cross Swannanoa River and turn right at first entrance. Take left at stop sign and quick right into gravel lot.

Area Accommodations: We have a block of rooms reserved for \$59.95 at a Motel 6 at 1415 Tunnel Road in Asheville, three miles from campus. The number to call to reserve a room: 1-800-544-4866. The Group number to mention: M113400041, Forest Guild. The block is held until October 6; after that regular room rates apply. More information about the hotel can be found at their website, http://www.motel6.com/reservations/motel_detail.aspx?num=1134

Registration fees: Registration fees include the cost of the event, a box lunch on Saturday and dinner on Saturday night.

\$45.00 Forest Guild members
\$60.00 non-Guild members
\$35.00 students

Registration fees are payable online or on arrival at the meeting.

If you have any other questions about the meeting, please email Nate Wilson at jessandnate@blomand.net or 931-233-1892 (office) or 931-808-3004 (cell)

The Forest Guild's mission is to promote ecologically, economically, and socially responsible forestry. Its membership is made up primarily of foresters and other natural resource professionals across the country committed to sustainable resource management. For more information about our mission, please visit our website www.forestguild.org