

SWPWO



Southwest PA Woodland Owners

July 2011

July 9th(Saturday) Summer Tour: Forestry & Wildlife Research for - Private Woodland Owners

We will be touring the West Virginia University Appalachian Hardwood Center at the WVU Research Forest, between Morgantown and Bruceton Mills, WV at 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. WVU Faculty Members and Extension Service Forest Management Specialists will share some of their forestry and wildlife research as it applies to management on private woodlands.

Additionally, sites where this research is being conducted including regeneration results after two types of silvicultural tree/timber harvests; access roads; wildlife habitat improvements; tree plantings; etc. will be visited to see, “First Hand” some of the practices being utilized.

Refreshments will be provided. Appropriate clothing and hiking footwear are recommended. Use map and directions on next page to drive directly there or meet at the Greene County fairgrounds Building #10 to leave at 12:15 PM.

Forest Service Cracks Mystery Behind Broken Bats

Below is a link to a news report about the USDA Forest Service’s Research efforts into why baseball bats have been breaking and a new rule on the acceptable grain for making bats. If you don’t want to type the link, just search the internet for the title of this article. There are news articles and this video in the search results.

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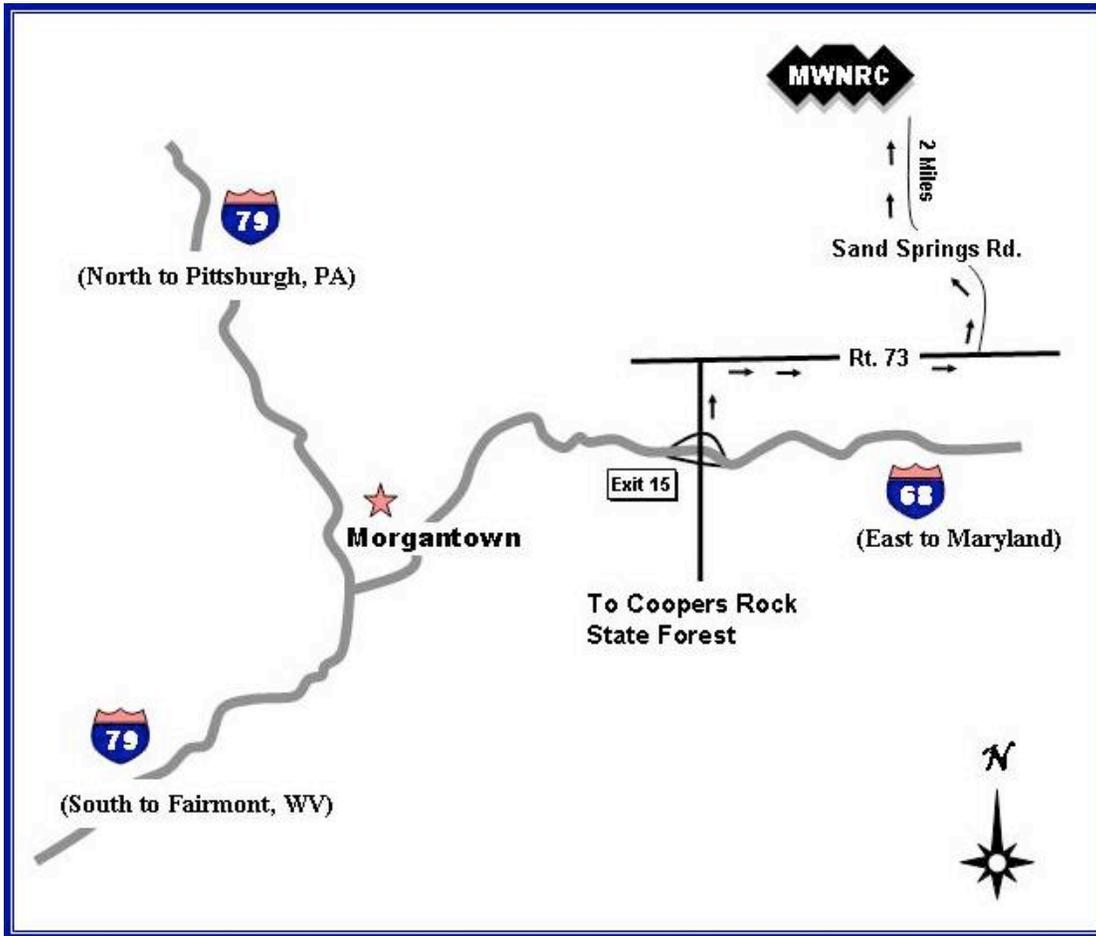
submitted by Harold Thistle

Thank You for a Successful Day in the Woods

We had a successful day at our Mysteries of the Forest summer tour on June 11. A record number of one hundred and forty seven people attended this event and the weather cooperated in East Finley that day. Thank you to our speakers; Richard Joyce, Joe Stefko, and the interns from the PA Game Commission, Mike DiRinaldo

and Bob McBride from PA Bureau of Forestry, Arlyn Perkey, Mark Fajerski, Maureen Adair, and John Burnham.

Map to July 9th Fieldtrip to MWNRC



Directions: Take Route 79 south to Rt 68 east. Take exit 15 (Coopers Rock State Park). Go north (left) off of exit. Take a right onto Rt 73. Left on Sands Springs Rd. Go 2 miles to the MeadWestvaco Natural Resources Center (MWNRC).

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2011 SWPWO Calendar of Events

August 6 (Saturday) Summer Tour: Field Trip A Walk In The Woods:

What is a forester looking for when examining your timber?

Bob McBride, State Service Forester for Fayette, Greene and Somerset Counties

Description: Join DCNR Service Forester Bob McBride as he examines a variety of timber stands on a local, private forest property. Bob will explain each stand's primary characteristics, such as species combination, age (maturity), size (diameter and merchantable height), stocking level and quality. For each stand, he'll point out levels of natural regeneration, invasive plants to be concerned about, plus discuss competition and management options, including when and why to log (or not).

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Place: Hickory, PA

September 7 (Wednesday) Meeting (Note new location)

The Habits and Habitats of the Furry Creatures in your Forest

Description: Ever wonder what those prints are in the snow? Richard Joyce from the Game Commission will talk to us about the habits of the furry creatures that live in our forests like bobcats, mink, coyote, and black bear. We will learn how to recognize the signs of the animals and places likely to find and view them. The Game Commission will also give us the annual update on any changes in the hunting season regulations and an update on deer populations.

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: First Floor Meeting Room, Courthouse Square Building, 100 W. Beau Street, **Washington, PA**. Free Parking: enter through the Beau Street B-Level entrance at the base of the Courthouse Square Building

September 10(Saturday) Field Trip: Recognizing the Signs of Macro-Fauna in Your Woods

Description: A follow up field trip will bring us into the woods to look for signs of wildlife and observe habitats of our native fauna.

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Place: PA Gamelands Area #223, Kirby, PA

Meet at 12:30 PM at Building #10, Greene Country Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA

October 22 (Saturday) Family Picnic with Woodland Field Day – host a PA tree Farm Workshop in combination with the picnic

Time: 12:30-6:00 PM

Place: To be determined

November 9 (Wednesday) Meeting

Reclamation of a Forest Land Gas Well Drilling Site:

A talk about what to expect after a gas well is drilled on your property.

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Building #10, Greene Country Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA

November 12(Saturday) Field Trip: Visit to Gas Well Forest Reclamation

Sites: Visit gas well reclamation sites in early and later stages

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Meet at 12:30 PM at Building #10, Greene Country Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA

Our Purpose

Southwestern Pennsylvania Woodland Owners (SWPWO), a not for profit association, is an organization of individuals interested in sound woodland management practices which encourage the diverse use of forests for timber production, wildlife habitat, watershed protection and recreation and to promote this multiple-use philosophy through education and technical assistance for the benefit of the membership and general public.

Membership Information

For 2011

Membership dues for 2011 are due by January 30, 2011 and will be collected at meetings or can be sent to:

SWPWO

**2506 Hollywood Dr
Pittsburgh, PA 15235**

If sending in dues, please include name, address, phone number and an e-mail address. Membership to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Woodland Owners Association is \$10 per year for an individual and \$15 per year for a household.. Keep your membership up to date to receive a calendar of the 2011 programs and to continue to receive the newsletter.