

Biltmore Forest School  
Cradle of Forestry in America  
**The Woodland Steward Series:**  
*Managing Your Legacy*

Over the past 15 years, and in direct relation to a growing population, WNC has seen an increase in wildland-urban interface issues, including fire danger and invasive plant and animal species. Approximately 78% of all forestland in NC is owned by nonindustrial private woodlot owners and this course is designed to offer educational opportunities on diverse land management goals to these landowners, especially those owning 20 acres or less.

Landowners interested in learning more about managing their land in Western North Carolina are invited to participate in a unique educational event scheduled for this summer. A team of land management experts from federal and state agencies, universities, and the private sector are coordinating efforts to offer the Woodland Steward Series through the Biltmore Forest School.

48 hours over 4 sessions will be provided with opportunities to engage with natural resource and land management specialists. Sessions include both hands-on opportunities in the field and instruction in the classroom. Introductory information on a wide variety of land management topics will be discussed.

***Session topics include:***

Discovering Your Land: Basic Land Management Skills -- How to set property management goals and objectives while considering the role of your land in the big picture of Southern Appalachian ecosystems. A basic introduction to some local native wildlife and how to manage your land with wildlife in mind. Learn to use basic tools such as plant ID, soil sampling, using maps and compasses, and GIS/GPS information to manage your land.

Woodscaping Your Woodlands & Firewise Management -- A general overview of managing your forest land—how topography affects the forest type and an overview of harvesting methods. Basic information on forest insects and diseases, pasture management, and how to grow native woodland medicinals and ramps. Reducing the risk of wildfire loss by becoming “Firewise” in your backyard.

Native Landscaping & Water Management -- A general overview of site inventory, analysis, and planning, as well as choosing native species to plant. Care of urban trees and basic

information on invasive plants. View stormwater best management practices and erosion control measures. Basic information on planning and locating ponds and managing streamside riparian zones.

Stewardship, Recreation, & Liability -- Planning trails and roads on your property, plus the basics of land ownership liability and conservation easements. Explore management practices in the field and apply your new knowledge and skills. Finalize your goals and objectives. Graduation ceremony and lunch will follow on Saturday for those who have attended at least 3 of the four workshops.

***Registration Information***

- Registration is \$50.00 per participant per session. Spouse or other family member registration is \$25.00 per session and one set of educational materials is provided for the family.
- Credit toward NC Environmental Education Certification is available, as well as CEU credits.
- Workshops count as electives toward Asheville Board of Realtors ECO Certification.
- Registration deadline is one week prior to the session desired.
- Attendance in at least 3 of the 4 sessions is required to graduate.
- Participant will receive e-mail confirmations upon receipt of registration and payment. Please read for detailed workshop information and directions.
- Lunch will be provided the first workshop day.

***Mail registration and fee to:***

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**Registration**  
**Woodland Steward Series**

	Participant	Spouse
<u>Discovering Your Land: Basic Land Mgmt Skills</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location: Cradle of Forestry in America July 11 (9am-5pm), July 12 (9am-12pm)		

	Participant	Spouse
<u>Woodscaping Your Woodlands &amp; Firewise Mgmt</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location: Holmes Educational State Forest July 25 (9am-5pm), July 26 (9am-12pm)		

	Participant	Spouse
<u>Native Landscaping &amp; Water Management</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location: NC Arboretum in Asheville August 8 (9am-5pm), August 9 (9am-12pm)		

	Participant	Spouse
<u>Stewardship, Recreation, &amp; Liability</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location: Cradle of Forestry in America August 22 (9am-5pm), August 23 (9am-11am)		

***Registration is Required!***

Please make checks payable to: USDA Forest Service

Participant Cost:

Number of sessions \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Family Member Cost:

Number of sessions \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total due “USDA Forest Service” = \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Other Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

(important for workshop confirmation and updates)

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Acres owned \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Cradle of Forestry*

Our century of conservation dates back to the building of the Biltmore Estate and the reforestation of abused and farmed-over land. Forestry education in the United States began in 1889 when George W. Vanderbilt began to purchase land in Asheville as a site for his Biltmore Estate.

In 1895, German forester Dr. Carl A. Schenck accepted George Vanderbilt's offer to come to North Carolina to succeed Gifford Pinchot as forester of his vast forest properties. To assist him in his effort, Schenck started the Biltmore Forest School in 1898. For the next 15 years, Dr. Schenck focused all of his forestry skills on running the Biltmore Forest School and transforming these woodlands that we know today as Pisgah National Forest.

Today the Cradle of Forestry in America is a 6,500 acre Historic Site within the Pisgah National Forest, set aside by Congress to commemorate the beginning of forestry conservation and to continue the rich legacy of conservation education in the

For more information on  
The Woodland Steward Series, visit:  
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- NC Woodlands
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- Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy



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