

# **2018 Indiana Woodland Owner Conference**

## **November 2-3**

### **Abe Martin Lodge, Nashville, Indiana**

#### **Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 9:30 – 11:45 AM **Hitz Rhodehamel Woods Preserve tour** with The Nature Conservancy. Meet at Brown County State Park north entrance swimming pool parking lot to carpool to property. [Map link](#)
- 11:45 – 12:30 PM Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 - 3:30 **Freeman property tour.** Carpool to the property.
- 2:00-3:00 PM **Alternate program: Nature walk at Brown County State Park**, meet at the Strahl Lake parking lot for this 1-mile walk with a park naturalist. [Map link](#)
- 4:00 PM Registration desk opens
- 4:00 – 6:30 Dinner on your own
- 5:00 – 6:45 Indiana Forestry Educational Foundation board meeting (guests welcome)
- 6:30– 7:00 Dessert reception, *Melodeon Hall*
- 7:00 – 8:00 **Evening program: Share Your Best Forestry “Hacks”**- Bring your best forestry ideas, tools, and successes to share at this roundtable discussion.
- 8:00 – 8:30 **Bonfire**

#### **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** *All events in Melodeon Hall unless noted*

- 7 – 8:15 AM IFWOA Board of Directors meeting (guests welcome)
- 8:30 Registration desk and Silent Auction open
- 9:00 **Welcome**
- 9:10 – 9:45 **Indiana Division of Forestry update** – John Seifert, Indiana DNR
- 9:45 – 9:55 Rotation
- 9:55 – 10:30 **Woodland Owner University Concurrent Session**
- Landowner panel discussion – Moderated panel- Bring your Q&A
  - Market conditions, pricing, and hardwood industry update - Jeff Settle & Chris Gonso, Indiana DNR
- 10:30-10:40 Rotation
- 10:40 – 11:15 **Woodland Owner University Concurrent Session**
- How to kill a tree revisited – Ron Rathfon, Purdue Extension
  - Using online INFRMS to manage and plan- Brenda Huter, Indiana DNR
  - New landowner discussion – Bring your Q&A
- 11:15- 11:25 Rotation
- 11:25-12:00 **Woodland Owner University Concurrent Session**
- Top invasive woodland plants: ID, control, and reporting- Will Drews, Knox County SWCD
  - Succession planning: Starting the conversation - Liz Jackson, IFWOA
  - Chainsaw maintenance & safety – Joe Glenn, Game of Logging trainer
- 12:00 – 1:10 Lunch
- 1:10 – 1:45 **Woodland Owner University Concurrent Session**
- SICIM updates: Invasives initiative, local invasive groups, and landowner help – Emily Finch, SICIM
  - Reviving Indiana’s Rivers: Strategies for People and Nature – Brad Smith, TNC
  - Optional spouse craft activity, *registration desk*
- 1:45 -1:55 Rotation
- 1:55 – 2:30 **Woodland Owner University Concurrent Session**
- Spotting signs of forest pests: What to look for and when to worry – Elizabeth Barnes, Purdue
  - The Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment: A 10-year Update – Charlotte Owings, Purdue
- 2:30 – 2:45 Break
- 2:45 – 3:15 **IFWOA and IFEF Business Meeting**
- 3:10 Silent Auction closes
- 3:15 – 3:45 **Policy discussion** – Liz Jackson, IFWOA
- 3:45 – 4:00 Silent auction winners announced/exhibits close
- 5:15 – 5:45 Social time with cash bar, live auction items displayed
- 5:45 – 8:00 **IFWOA Awards Banquet and IFEF Live Auction**

*Agenda may be subject to change.*



## **Indiana Woodland Owner Conference 2018 Meeting Highlights**

***Sponsored by the Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Association, Indiana Forestry Educational Foundation, Brown County Soil & Water Conservation District, and The Nature Conservancy***

### **Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup> Program**

#### **Hitz-Rhodehamel Woods Preserve Reeves Tract tour (9:30 AM – 11:45)**

Join The Nature Conservancy (TNC) foresters on this nature preserve to learn about their management successes. Topics for discussion include forest management for songbirds, returning fire to the forest, and history of the forest and climate change adaptation. Travel on your own to meet at Brown County State Park swimming pool parking lot at north entrance to carpool to property. Lunch provided. [Map link](#)

This preserve is an important part of the TNC Brown County Hills large forest block. The Conservancy continues to acquire properties in this area to help protect the forest as well as the forest interior birds that depend on it to thrive. Prescribed fire was recently introduced to this site to perpetuate the fire-dependent oak-hickory forest. The preserve features chestnut oak forests on its dry ridges, and white oak forests in the steep ravines. (Source: TNC Indiana website)

#### **Freeman property tour (1:00 PM – 3:30 PM)**

This private property is managed for a variety of landowner objectives including wildlife, beauty, recreation, and timber production. Topics to discuss may include edge feathering, recent harvests, timber stand improvement, invasive species management, hunting to control deer damage, and native prairie establishment. Those attending the morning tour will carpool from lunch, those attending afternoon only will travel on their own to meet at the property.

#### **Alternate afternoon program: Nature walk at Brown County State Park (2:00 – 3:00 PM)**

Join a Brown County State Park naturalist for a 1-mile nature walk. Travel on your own to meet at the Strahl Lake parking lot for this afternoon program. [Map link](#)

#### **Friday evening activities**

After the tours, enjoy dinner on your own before meeting at the Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County state park outside Nashville for the optional evening activities. All are welcome to enjoy dessert and drinks, meet fellow woodland owners, and preview the silent auction. After dessert, we will have an informal roundtable discussion where attendees can share their favorite forestry ideas, tools, and successes. After the program, there will be a bonfire behind the lodge for those interested in further conversation.

### **Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> Program**

#### **Kid's program (9 AM – 4 PM)**

Drop off your kids or grandkids (ages 5 & up) for some fun supervised activities.

**Indiana Division of Forestry update** – *Jack Seifert, state forester*. Our state forester will discuss ongoing division projects and issues in the private lands program and on state lands.

**Landowner panel - Open discussion and Q&A** – Bring your woodland questions for an open discussion with experienced landowners and foresters.

**Market conditions, pricing, and hardwood industry update** – *Jeff Settle & Chris Gonso, Indiana DNR*. Markets for Indiana hardwoods have generally been strong, but there are some changes in customers and species preferences, which are leading to demand and price fluctuations. Learn

more about the status and future expectations.

**How to kill a tree revisited** – *Ron Rathfon, Purdue Extension*. Ron will explore the concepts of herbicides, delivery, and timing to get the best results for killing an unwanted tree (or shrub).

**Using online INFRMS to manage and plan** – *Brenda Huter, Indiana DNR*. Indiana Division of Forestry's online tool not only is a place to file your annual reports but is a great recordkeeping tool. Brenda will demonstrate the use of INFRMS to track information, documents, and future plans for your property.

**New landowner Q&A** – It's true "there is no dumb question," but maybe you are afraid you're the only one who doesn't know the answer? New landowners can ask basic questions of a forester in this open forum.

**Top invasive woodland plants: ID, control, and reporting** - *Will Drews, Natural Resources Specialist, Knox County SWCD*. Learn how to recognize some of the invasive plants that may be invading your own property and how to manage them.

**Succession planning: Starting the conversation** – *Liz Jackson, IFWOA executive director*. Have you talked to your family about your goals for your woodlands? Do they know the basics about managing the property? This session will suggest some tools to engage your family.

**Chainsaw maintenance & safety** – *Joe Glenn*. Efficient and safe chainsaw use depends on good saw maintenance. This session will give you helpful hints to maximize your chainsaw life and keep you safe.

**SICIM updates: Invasives initiative, local invasive groups, and landowner help** – *Emily Finch, SICIM Regional Specialist*. SICIM's initiative has a goal to create county invasive groups around Indiana to help local landowners combat invasives. Emily will update us on these efforts and how to get involved.

**Reviving Indiana's Rivers: Strategies for People and Nature** – *Brad Smith, The Nature Conservancy*. Conservation practices for riparian health.

**Spotting signs of forest pests: What to look for and when to worry** – *Elizabeth Barnes, Exotic Forest Pest Educator, Purdue Department of Entomology*. Elizabeth will show how to recognize and report some current and "on the horizon" pests of hardwoods.

**The Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment: A 10-year Update** – *Charlotte Owings, HEE project coordinator, Purdue Department of Forestry & Natural Resources*. Charlotte will discuss the background of the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment and the results from the first ten years of the study on the effects of timber management on plants and animals.

**Policy discussion** – *Liz Jackson IFWOA Executive Director*. Liz will review some of the recent and upcoming national and state policy issues affecting private woodland owners.

**Optional spouse activity** – Meet in the lobby for a special craft activity for spouses.

### **More information**

For more information about the agenda and registration, go to [www.ifwoa.org](http://www.ifwoa.org).

### **Hotel Reservations**

A block of rooms is available at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park at a rate of \$99.99 + tax, ask for the 1101IF block. Call 1-877-563-4371 **by October 5** for the special rate.

**Registration**  
**2018 Indiana Woodland Owner Conference**  
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Please register **by October 26<sup>th</sup>**, late registrations will be accepted. Register online at <http://2018ifwoa.eventbrite.com> using your credit card or by sending this form and a check payable to "IFWOA" to the address below.

<u>Circle your registration selection</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nonmember</u>
<b>Full registration:</b> Includes Friday tours/reception, Saturday lunch, program, breaks, social, and banquet.		
Family rate (2 adults & up to 2 children)	\$140/family	\$150/family*
Individual rate	\$ 85/person	\$95/person*

**OR choose a la carte registration:**

**Friday tour and/or evening events only:**

(Includes all day tours OR afternoon only choice of tours and optional evening reception)

Family rate (2 adults and up to 2 children)	\$ 30/family	\$ 30/family
Individual rate	\$ 20/person	\$ 20/person

**Saturday Day Program only:**

Includes full program, lunch, and breaks (excludes the banquet)

Family rate (2 adults and up to 2 children)	\$ 80/family	\$ 90/family*
Individual rate	\$ 50/person	\$ 60/person*

**Banquet only:**

Family rate (2 adults and up to 2 children)	\$ 60/family	\$ 60/family
Individual rate (children \$20 each)	\$ 35/person	\$ 35/person

**Total enclosed**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Nonmembers receive a one-year membership

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of other attendee(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Enter number attending Friday all day field tours (9:30 AM- 3:30 PM, lunch provided)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enter number attending Friday afternoon only Freeman property tour
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enter number attending Friday afternoon only alternate state park nature walk
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enter number attending Saturday indoor day program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enter number attending Saturday evening banquet

- Note if you would like childcare on Saturday 9am-4pm, list ages \_\_\_\_\_
- Note if this is your first IFWOA annual meeting
- Note if you have dietary or physical accommodation needs and contact to confirm.

Mail registrations to: IFWOA, 1007 North 725 West, West Lafayette, IN 47906-9431  
 Call the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park at 1-877-563-4371 **by October 5**  
 to reserve your room for \$99 + tax in the 1101IF block.  
 Questions? Call 765-583-3501, email [ifwoa1@gmail.com](mailto:ifwoa1@gmail.com) or see [www.ifwoa.org](http://www.ifwoa.org).