



Forest Health Workshop Series 2024

Identifying and Managing Forest Pests and Diseases

Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation
Bureau of Forestry

Join DCR Foresters at this walk and talk series to learn more about the health of our forests, latest invasive species concerns, and common insect and disease in Massachusetts. Come ready to spend two hours in the outdoors, walking over varied terrain. Enjoy a hands-on learning experience and the opportunity to talk one on one with forest health experts!

Wells State Park

Friday May 24, 2024; 9am-11am

Join Forest Health Specialist Felicia Hubacz for a walk on Mill Pond Trail where we will look at Emerald Ash borer damage, discuss hemlock and white pine health among other topics. Bring your questions!

Nickerson State Park

Friday May 31, 2024; 9am-11am

Join Forest Health Director, Nicole Keleher as we meander through the paved, accessible bike trail in Nickerson State Park's pine oak forests. Learn about the lasting impacts of spongy moth defoliation events, white pine needle decline, and one of our newest concerns, southern pine beetle.

Tolland State Park

Friday June 7, 2024; 9am-11am

Join Forest Health Specialist, Eric Peterson, as we walk over the paved trails at DCR's Tolland Campground in western Massachusetts. Eric will lead a group discussion covering current forest health issues including hemlock woolly adelgid, beech leaf disease, emerald ash borer, spongy moth, and white pine health.

Otter River State Park

Friday June 14, 2024; 9am-11am

Come along with Danielle Johnson as we visit areas of Otter River where we will discuss forest health issues affecting northern central Massachusetts forests.

Mt Tom State Reservation

Friday June 21, 2024; 9am-11am

Join Forest Health Specialist Casey Duggan for a walk in Mount Tom State Reservation. Learn about its distinct natural communities and forest types, and various threats they are facing. This walk will cover uneven terrain. Please, plan accordingly.

Walden Pond State Reservation

Friday June 28, 2024; 9am-11am

Join Forest Health Specialist Tom Prior on a journey around Walden Pond where we will have a discussion about a number of Forest Health threats including but not limited to: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and Hemlock Elongated Scale.

Registration

The workshops are free of charge and open to all but do require registration as space is limited. To sign up, please email Tom Prior at thomas.prior@mass.gov with your name, which date you will be attending, and if you will be applying for pesticide contact hours or professional credits.

Professional Credits

1 pesticide contact hour available for Massachusetts categories 35, 36, and applicators license. MCA CEU credits, ISA CEU credits, MA Licensed Forester CFE credits, and MA Timber Harvester credits available.