

# Forest Health Workshop Series 2025

## Identifying and Managing Forest Insects and Diseases

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!

### **Mt Greylock State Reservation**

Friday April 25, 2025; 9am-11am

Join Forest Health Director, Nicole Keleher, as we hike a portion of Mount Greylock to identify different tree species and the forest health issues affecting them. We will be discussing the emerald ash borer, beech leaf disease, oak wilt, and a few other interesting forest health topics.

### **South Cape Beach State Park**

Friday May 16, 2025; 9am-11am

Join Forest Health Director, Nicole Keleher to learn about Southern Pine Beetle and the risk it poses to our pitch pine forests. We will cover signs and symptoms to look for, as well as discussing SPB management techniques.

### **Wells State Park**

Friday May 23 2025; 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!

### **Maudslay State Park**

Friday May 30, 2025; 9am-11am

Join Forest Health Specialist Tom Prior at Maudslay State Park as we discuss a litany of Forest Health threats including Hemlock woolly adelgid, White Pine Needle Disease, Beech leaf disease and Emerald Ash Borer. We will also be discussing the efforts made by the Forest Health Team to study and manage these threats.

### **Purgatory Chasm State Reservation**

Friday June 6, 2025; 9am-11am

Danielle Johnson will be leading a walk and talk along Charley's Loop focusing on forest health issues affecting the chasm. Issues to include hemlock woolly adelgid, elongate hemlock scale, spongy moth among other pests as well as the unique obstacles present forest health activities like treatments and hazardous tree removals.

### **Mohawk Trail State Forest**

Friday June 13, 2025; 9am-11am

Join Forest Health Specialist, Eric Peterson at Mohawk Trail State Forest to hike and learn about the different pests and pathogens affecting the forests of the Commonwealth. We will be discussing beech leaf disease, emerald ash borer, white pine decline, and a myriad of other topics. Be aware, the hike involves significant elevation gain and can be moderately difficult at points

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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.