Forest Management Pre-Harvest Tour Willis Road North and South - Lawton State Forest, Athol Monday, October 27, 2025 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Overview

Rain date: This event is rain or shine

Fees: Free of charge

DCR Foresters will be leading a tour of a prepared forest management project area, discussing forest management techniques, providing a view of the trees designated for harvest, and explaining how harvest operations will take place. A silviculture prescription will be provided to attendees upon request. These tours culminate in a public process that included public meetings and a written comment period on each project.

The tour will be conducted rain or shine as indicated below. Attendees are encouraged to dress for the weather and to wear sturdy shoes. Walking within the project area may be difficult due to fallen trees, rocks, and other obstacles. For additional information about the tour and DCR forest management on State Forests, Parks, and Reservations, please contact Tom Brulé, Management Forestry Program Supervisor, at 413-545-3891.

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DCR Forester Joelle Vautour will lead a tour of the Lawton State Forest – Willis Road North and South project; a 214-acre forest management project within a mixed softwood plantation and a white pine-hemlock-oak forest stand. Meet at the log landing on Townsend Road, approximately 900 feet north of the Willis Road and Townsend Road intersection in Athol. Attendees will then walk within the project area to view the planned operation. This tour will involve approximately 1-2 miles of walking on and off trail. Attendees should be prepared to be away from their vehicles for an extended amount of time and distance for this tour.

You will need

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Additional Resources

Mid State Projects

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