

Less than 1% of indigenous oak savanna habitat remains in the Willamette Valley. Fire historically controlled competing vegetation and kept the canopy open for oak seedling establishment but fire suppression has led to overstocked, poorer quality closed-canopy oak woodlands and conifer/hardwood forests. Many wildlife species, especially migratory and cavity-nesting songbirds and Western Gray squirrels, have declined. Conservation forestry offers an approach that will restore habitat and improve the economic sustainability of oak savannas and woodlands.

On May 19th, join us at the Cooke Family Forest and learn more about conservation forestry strategies for oak savannas and woodlands. In 2000, the Cooke Family began their oak management efforts with initial funding from the Oregon Department of Forestry, Forest Resources Trust. Since that time, the Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District has provided project support, while the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service–WHIP Program and the US Fish & Wildlife Service–Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program have provided funding and technical support, to continue to restore oak habitat on their property. Field day participants will have the opportunity to learn about the oak management practices used on the site, including the preservation of oak legacy trees, thinning of excess tree stems, control of non-native invasive plants, and the restoration of native grasses and forbs. The economic benefits of oak, such as its use for wine barrels and flooring materials, will also be covered.

Forested Flyways works with partners and private landowners to conserve and create habitat for imperiled wildlife. In Oregon, Forested Flyways is working with state and federal agencies and conservation organizations to improve the quantity and quality of oak habitat available for wildlife through specific management recommendations and technical support. Forested Flyways believes that when landowners have a thorough understanding of the benefits of management recommendations, they become more effective advocates for conservation forestry.

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WANT TO IMPROVE OAK HABITAT ON YOUR LAND?

Join Us for a

Conservation Forestry Field Day

Saturday, May 19th, 2007
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Cooke Family Forest
Yamhill County near Yamhill, OR

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To register:

To Register: Contact Mike Barsotti, Ph: (503)945-7385, Fax: (503)945-7416,
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A registration fee of \$5 helps cover the cost of lunch. If paying by check,
please make payable to Forests for Watersheds and Wildlife.

Forested Flyways is part of Forests for Watersheds & Wildlife™ (F²W²), the national habitat conservation program of the American Forest Foundation. *Forested Flyways* works with partners and family forest owners to restore and conserve forest habitat for birds and other wildlife on family forestlands across the United States.

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Landowners Don't Miss Out!

Create a Legacy for Future Generations! Learn about sustainable forest management that improves wildlife habitat.

Field Day Schedule

GUIDED TOURS WILL START PROMPTLY at 9:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Registration, Donuts and Coffee
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Welcome
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Field Tour with Speakers
1:00 p.m.	BBQ Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Drawing for Door Prize (tickets distributed at registration)

Speakers and Topics

Douglas Fir Removal, Prescribed Fire and Invasive Species Control: Techniques Used for Oak Woodland and Savanna Restoration
Steve Smith, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Thinning of Overstocked Oak Stands and Restoration of Native Grasses at the Cooke Family Forest
Mike Crabtree, Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District

Improving the Financial Security of Your Woods: Managing White Oak for Wine Barrels, Flooring & Furniture
Sarah Duemling, Forest Landowner

Wildlife and Oak Ecosystem Management: Who Benefits?
Bruce Campbell, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

Oak Restoration Equipment Demonstration
Rich Owens, Restoration Contractor

Directions

The Cooke Family Forest is located at 16005 NW Rockyford Rd., Yamhill, OR 97148

From Portland: Take I-5S to exit #294 onto SW Pacific Highway/OR-99W towards Newberg/Tigard. Follow for approximately 15 miles to the center of Newberg. Take a right onto N. Main Street. After about 6 blocks, turn left onto OR-240. Continue on for roughly 13.5 miles to the stop sign at the center of Yamhill. Follow "From Yamhill" directions below.

From Salem: Follow Marion St. NE/OR-22W across Willamette River bridge to Wallace Rd. NW/OR-221. Follow Wallace Rd NW/OR-221 for roughly 12 miles. Turn left onto SE Lafayette Highway. Continue for 12 miles to Lafayette. At stop sign turn left onto SE 3rd Street, proceed for 4-5 blocks and turn right on Bridge St./NE Abbey Rd. Follow for about 5 miles to intersection with OR-240. Take slight left onto OR-240 and follow to the stop sign at the center of Yamhill. Follow "From Yamhill" directions below.

From Eugene: Take I-5N for roughly 85 miles from Eugene and 22 miles from Salem to exit #278. Turn left on Ehlen Rd. NE., follow for about 10 miles to the stop sign at River Road/OR-219. (Note: Ehlen Rd. NE will become Yergen Rd. NE/McKay Rd. NE.) Turn right and follow to the stop light at the center of-wberg. Turn left onto OR-99W, follow to Main Street and turn right. After about 6 blocks, take a left on OR-240 and follow for about 13.5 miles to the stop sign at the center of Yamhill. Follow "From Yamhill" directions below.

From Yamhill: Note: Portions of NW Moores Valley Road are currently closed. These directions are based on this road closure. Proceed straight ahead (Westerly) on what becomes NW Moores Valley Road for approximately 1.8 miles to road closure barriers. Continue straight onto NW Oak Ridge Road and follow for 1.6 miles. Turn left onto NW Rockyford Road (gravel) and follow for approximately 1 mile. Look for Field Day signs and follow to parking.

REGISTRATION

*CONSERVATION FORESTRY:
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A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE*

To register, contact:

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Space is limited, so register today!
Deadline for registration is **May 14th**.

Please provide the following information when registering:

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Daytime phone

E-mail address

Acreage owned (This information is used solely for grant reporting purposes to indicate the total acreage potentially impacted by information presented at the field day.)

Payment Options: You can include a check for \$5 made payable to Forests for Watersheds & Wildlife or you can bring payment to the field day.

Questions? Contact Mike Barsotti of the Oregon Department of Forestry.

In addition to our sponsors, special thanks go to our speakers, and the organizations and individuals who volunteered their time and resources to help make this field day possible.