

## **WOODLAND “TALKS & WALKS” OFFERED AT LENNOX FOREST**

*HAMDEN, NY, OCTOBER 9, 2009* -- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County and the Watershed Agricultural Council Forestry Program will be offering five programs this fall, designed to help families enjoy and sustain their forests and woodlands. Set for Fridays, beginning October 23 and ending November 20, these afternoon programs will run 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., beginning with the “talk” at Ford Hall, 4-H Camp Shankitunk in Delhi. Following the talk, forestry and wildlife specialists will take participants on a walk through portions of nearby Lennox Memorial Forest.

Tree and woodland plant identification is set for October 23. On October 30, “Wonderful Woodland Wildlife” will cover bear, deer, turkey, grouse and forest-interior birds. “Wildlife in Woodland Waters” on November 6 will focus on amphibians and reptile identification and habitat needs. On November 13, “OreinTREEing” will teach participants how to use a compass and map to find your way through your woods. “Shiver Me Timbers” on November 20 will help participants learn the basics of timber stand improvement.

The fee for each program is \$5 per person. Make check payable to “Cornell Cooperative Extension” and indicate which programs you plan to attend. For more information, call 607-865-6531 for a program brochure. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by calling Extension by October 16. Please register by October 16 for all programs. Be sure to dress for the weather; in case of bad weather, the walks portion of the program may be cancelled.

Speakers include Robert Beyfus, a retired Extension Educator with expertise in forest plants; Larry Bifaro, Region 4 NYS DEC wildlife biologist; Andy Mason of the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society; Ryan Trapani of the Catskill Forest Association; the Watershed Agricultural Council’s Forestry Program foresters; and Mike Zagata of the Ruffed Grouse Society.

The Lennox Memorial Forest became the first operational forest in the New York City Watershed Model Forest Program in 2000. Located near 4-H Camp Shankitunk, people can hike the trails to learn about forest management or simply to enjoy the beauty of this natural site.

For more information or to download the Woodland Talks & Walks brochure, visit [www.nycwatershed.org](http://www.nycwatershed.org).

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