

Women and Their Woods Educational Retreat

SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2020

Highlights Foundation Retreat Center • 392 Boyds Mills Road, Milanville, PA 18443

The Women and Their Woods Educational Retreat is an in-depth, fun, engaging, and thought-provoking workshop on caring for your woodlands now and into the future. No matter the size of your woodlands or if you're not yet an owner, **join us for four days and three nights of learning, networking, and applying new knowledge about good forest stewardship.**

The retreat will take place at the Highlights Foundation Retreat Center campus, located in the wooded hills near Honesdale, PA. Cabins and lodge rooms have modern facilities and wireless internet access. Farm-style meals are prepared by a top-notch chef and are a time for lively discussion, while snacks are always available for late-night or early morning sessions. The intimate and inspiring setting in the Pocono Mountains features serene walking trails, a 1,300-acre forest, and a creek that runs to the nearby Delaware River. Learn more about the Highlights Foundation Retreat Center at www.highlightsfoundation.org/facility/.

Retreat sessions are presented by professionals from a variety of organizations, including:

Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences • Northern Tier Hardwood Association • Land trust professionals • Private consulting foresters • Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources • Pennsylvania Forest Stewards • Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences • Penn State Center for Private Forests • RHP Law Group LLC • United States Department of Agriculture

AGENDA

THURSDAY

Welcome

Retreat begins at 4:00pm

- Meet your peers and enjoy a welcome dinner with retreat staff and presenters
- Connect with the property's history and its surrounding forest

SATURDAY

Identifying your forest values and planning goals in a changing landscape.

- Forests and water
- Forest health
- Bird walk
- Forest legacy planning
- Conservation easements 101
- Forest financials
- Off-site field tour

FRIDAY

Connecting to your land and understanding what you have.

- Setting goals and articulating values
- Understanding forest stewardship
- Tree identification practice
- Understanding and responding to change in your forest
- Forest measurements
- Creating wildlife habitat
- Timber value and markets

SUNDAY

Planning the next steps for your forest, your legacy, and ways to stay connected to the Women and Their Woods network.

- Creating a dynamic plan
- Practicing what you learned
- Skill sharing and networking
- Graduation

Retreat ends at 2:00pm.

Retreat applications and more information about the event can be found at DelawareHighlands.org/watw. Invite your friends, family and register by August 1 to secure your space!

