



# Master Woodland Owner Course Syllabus

Online topic

In-person topic

## North Shore Lost Forest Cohort (AUGUST 2017-APRIL 2018)

DATE	TITLE	COURSE TOPIC
Saturday, August 5	<b>Master Woodland Owner Introductions and Field Tours.</b> Meet in Two Harbors.	Master Woodland Owner: Introduction; Tree id and invasive plants; Visit to participant's properties
Saturday, August 26	<b>Field Tour at Sugarloaf</b>	Visit to participant's properties
September TBD	<b>Field Tour at Sugarloaf</b>	Visit to participant's properties
Thurs, Sept 14	<b>1. Your Hopes for your land</b>	Developing goals and plans, working with a natural resource professional
Thurs, Sept 28	<b>2. Mapping your woods</b>	Using My Land Plan and other tools to map your land
Wed 6 - 7:30p Oct 11	<b>Meet-up web and phone</b>	Discussion: Goal setting, planning and mapping
Thurs, Oct 12	<b>3. A Walk in your Woods</b>	How management influences tree species composition, density, and health
Thurs, Oct 26	<b>4. How many trees are in your woods?</b>	Woodland inventory
Tues 6 - 7:30p Nov 7	<b>Meet-up web and phone</b>	Discussion: Your forest past & present
Thurs, Nov 9	<b>5. Soils, topography, and hydrology</b>	Soils influence on tree growth
Thurs, Nov 16	<b>6. Non-timber Forest Products</b>	Maple syrup production and more
Wed 6 - 7:30p Nov 29	<b>Meet-up web and phone</b>	Discussion: Your forest and the future
Thurs, Dec 7	<b>7. Tree regeneration</b>	Natural regeneration and tree planting
Thurs, Dec 21	<b>8. Silviculture</b>	Systems used to manage the forest
Thurs, Jan 4, 2018	<b>9. How to Manage your Woods</b>	Logging equipment, working with loggers and finding a contractor
Wed 6 - 7:30p Jan 10	<b>Meet-up web and phone</b>	Discussion: Planting, management and contractors
Thurs, Jan 18, 2018	<b>10. Wildlife and your Woodlands</b>	
Thurs, Feb 1, 2018	<b>11. Income Taxes, Property Taxes and Succession Planning</b>	Introducing the financial aspects of woodland management
Sat, April 14, 2018	<b>Field Tour at Sugarloaf</b>	Achieving your dreams and "graduation"

## **The Master Woodland Owner, Lost Forest IV Cohort**

We know how deeply you care about your land. That's why we've developed the Master Woodland Owner program and tailored it especially for owners of property along the North Shore of Lake Superior. This comprehensive education program teaches you the ins and outs of caring for your trees, tree planting to fit your schedule and budget, estate planning, and more. It takes years to grow a healthy forest. We can teach you how to cultivate, care for, and plan for the future of your woodland.

Beginning this August, the University of Minnesota will offer the Master Woodland Owner program with a focus on restoring forest health and long-lived conifers to the North Shore. Four woodland field tours will be included in the cost of this program. These field tours begin in August with online modules starting in September. The last field tour will be in April of 2018. The class is open to anyone; however, the cost of the program for persons with woodland property along the North Shore of Lake Superior has been reduced to \$100 per family through a grant from the Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation. We encourage all owners of the parcel to enroll. Non North Shore landowners pay the regular registration fee of \$195 for the first family member, \$50 for the second. Register at <http://sugarloafnorthshore.org/forest-restoration/lostforest/>

## **Additional Information**

### **Education to Fit your Schedule**

Eleven online topics are offered as a series of self-paced modules with exercises and group discussions. Complete the work on your schedule while still contributing to group learning. Four in-person one day field tours of your class participants properties will be held to help answer your questions and to provide an opportunity to meet with and learn from your neighbors.

### **Comprehensive Learning**

After completing the Master Woodland Owner program, you will be able to:

- Consider new options to care for your woods
- Identify common trees and invasive plants
- Map your property and conduct an woodland inventory
- Find and talk with natural resources professionals
- Select appropriate trees and know how to plant them
- Develop and refine goals for restoring long lived conifers to the North Shore