

# Master Woodland Owner Course Syllabus

CENTRAL LAKES COURSE (MAY-NOVEMBER 2018)

Online topic

In-person topic

Web meet-up

Date	Title	Description
Thursday, May 3	<b>1. Your Hopes for your land</b>	Developing goals and plans, working with a natural resource professional
Thursday, May 17	<b>2. Mapping your woods</b>	Using My Land Plan and other tools to map your land
Friday, May 18 1-5:30 PM	<b>Workshop Meet-up Gathering Partners Conference</b> Cragun's, Brainerd, MN	Introductions, panel and discussion; optional field tours and sessions
Thursday, May 31	<b>3. A Walk in your Woods</b>	How management influences tree species composition, density, and health
Tuesday, June 12 6 – 7:30 pm	<b>Meet-up web and phone</b>	TBD
Thursday, June 14	<b>4. How many trees are in your woods?</b>	Woodland inventory
Thursday, June 28	<b>5. Soils, topography, and hydrology</b>	Soils influence on tree growth
Thursday, July 12	<b>6. Agroforestry</b>	Non-timber forest products and silvopasture
Thursday, July 26	<b>7. Tree regeneration</b>	Natural regeneration and tree planting
Thursday, August 9	<b>8. Silviculture</b>	Systems used to manage the forest
Friday, August 10 Noon – 4:30	<b>Forestry Field Tour</b>	TBD
Thursday, August 23	<b>9. How to Manage your Woods</b>	Logging equipment and working with loggers
Thursday, September 6	<b>10. Wildlife and your Woodlands</b>	Golden winged warblers and how to attract other wildlife
Tuesday, Sept 11 6 – 7:30 pm	<b>Meet-up web and phone</b>	TBD
Thursday, September 20	<b>11. Income Taxes, Property Taxes and Succession Planning</b>	An introduction to financial aspects of woodland ownership
Thursday, October 4	<b>12. Capstone Exercise</b>	Develop action steps to accomplish your goals or implement an item from your stewardship plan.
Friday, October 19 Noon – 4:30	<b>Walk in the Woods and Master Woodland Owner Completion</b>	TBD

# The Master Woodland Owner, Central Lakes Course, Opens May 3, 2018

We know how deeply you care about your land. That's why we've developed the Master Woodland Owner program and tailored the Central Lakes course especially for people who are interested in woodlands, healthy fisheries and water quality. This comprehensive education program provides you with the resources you need to care for your woodland and protect water quality.

## Education to Fit your Schedule

Twelve self-paced modules are offered online. Each contains exercises and group discussions. Complete the work on your schedule, while still contributing to group learning. Three in-person meetings 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

- Have an action plan to accomplish one project on your woodland,
- Know options for woodland management, and
- Know who to contact if you need assistance.

*It takes years to grow a healthy forest. We will help you cultivate, care for, and plan for the future of your woodland.*

## Registration

All landowners are welcome to register for this class at a reduced rate of \$95 due to a grant funded in part through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources-Forest Stewardship Program. Each additional family member may register for \$50. Please register at [z.umn.edu/regmwo](http://z.umn.edu/regmwo).

A reduced price of \$45 is being offered to the first ten registrants with woodland property in parts of Crow Wing and Cass County and to Crow Wing County landowners with woodlands enrolled in SFIA or 2C. Landowners with land in the Federal and State designated Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape; the Pine River Watershed, and the Tullibee Lakeshed are also eligible. Woodland owners may apply for the reduced price by completing a short form at [z.umn.edu/mwoapp](http://z.umn.edu/mwoapp). We will provide applicants meeting the above requirements a discount code. **Discount codes must be used at time of registration and cannot be applied retroactively.** This reduced price has been made possible with funding from the North Central Landscape Committee.

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