

Big Reed Forest Preserve

The Nature Conservancy's Big Reed Forest Reserve (T8 R10 and T8 R11), at 4,583 acres, is the largest contiguous old-growth forest in New England. Forest community types include spruce-northern hardwood forest, northern hardwood forest, enriched northern hardwood forest, spruce-fir forest and northern white cedar seepage forest and includes the peak of Big Reed Mountain. Spruce-fir forests occur on the exposed bedrock ridges, steep rocky slopes, and well-drained upper valleys. The hardwood forests are found on the well-drained ridges and slopes. Nearly pure stands of northern white cedar grow in seepage swamps that occupy low, wet areas along the pond shores.

There are three ponds within the reserve: Big Reed Pond, Little Reed Pond and Buckley Pond. Big Reed Pond is the largest (90 acres, 36 ha) and is home to a wild population of land-locked Arctic char (*Salvelinus alpinus quassa*). The Reed Deadwater is a wetland complex located in the southeast portion of the reserve into which both Big Reed and Little Reed drain before flowing into Reed Brook and Munsungan Lake. The reserve includes the entirety of the Big Reed Pond watershed.

This tour is an opportunity to visit one of the few forests in Maine that have never been harvested. We'll enter the reserve from the 43 Mile Road and will bushwhack into the reserve to discuss the natural disturbance history and ecology of the forest. Conservancy staff will be joined by Shawn Fraver, University of Maine forest ecologist with a long history of research within Big Reed.

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Wednesday,
August 28, 2019

T8R10/T8R11WELS,
Maine

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Maine Division SAF



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REGISTRATION FORM

Forms and payment must be **received by**
Thursday, August 21, 2019

SAF Members: #____ @ \$75=____
Non-members: #____ @ \$90=____
Student Members: #____ @ \$30=____
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____
If we need to reach you on our day.

Email: _____

I **do not** want my contact information distributed
in the registration packet

TRANSPORTATION

I will meet the bus in:

Orono Oakfield Oxbow

CARPPOOLING?

Your name, town, email and phone # will be listed on our
website for other attendees to contact.

Carpool to:

Orono Oakfield Oxbow

Lunch Options:

Regular Vegetarian Gluten-Free

Registration Options

Mail the registration form, with your check
made payable to **Maine Division, SAF**, to:

Laura Audibert
11 Leopold St.
Fort Kent, ME 04743
207-834-6773
la4568@roadrunner.com

or

Register online (credit card only) at
our website: mesaf.org
Go to 2019 Field Tours and follow the
appropriate links.

**Registration is valid only when payment is
received.**

**There is a limit of 40 participants
for this field tour**

**Once the limit is reached, a waiting list
will be maintained on the MESAF
website**

We will be traveling on a coach bus with a
restroom and A/C. This led to a higher
cost, but more comfort for the longer ride.

If you have food allergies or other restrictions,
please contact Laura Audibert (information
above)

This tour will proceed as scheduled rain or
shine. In case of inclement weather, please
bring an umbrella, rubber boots and rain jacket.

*** This tour involves hiking through the
woods for at least a quarter mile and may
not be suitable for everyone.*

Approved continuing education credits

CEU

Maine LPF
SAF

4.5 Category 1
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When available, actual assigned credits will
be posted on mesaf.org

Tour Agenda

6:15 AM Meet at Orono IGA (I95 Stillwater
Exit)

6:30 AM Bus departs Orono IGA.

8:00 AM Bus arrives at Oakfield Irving
pick-up location.

9:15 AM Bus arrives at Oxbow Boat
Landing pick-up location.

10:00 AM Arrive at Big Reed Parking Area.
Bushwhack to various stands within the
Reserve. **Discuss history and forest ecology
within the reserve**

Speakers/Tour Leaders:

Nancy Sferra, Director of Stewardship and
Ecological Management, The Nature
Conservancy;
Andy Cutko, Director of Science,
The Nature Conservancy;
Shawn Fraver, Assistant Professor of Forest
Ecology, University of Maine.

*Lunch and snacks will be provided, but no
formal lunch time is planned. Attendees
can eat on the bus or in the woods as they
desire.*

2:30 PM Adjourn, Evaluations, board bus.

3:15 PM Bus arrives at Oxbow Boat
Landing

4:30 PM Bus arrives at Oakfield Irving

6:00 PM Bus Arrives at Orono IGA for final
drop off.