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 oquassa). 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

Sponsored by:

Maine Division SAF
Big Reed Forest Preserve
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: ______________________________________
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☐ I do not want my contact information distributed in the registration packet

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TRANSPORTATION
I will meet the bus in:
☐ Orono ☐ Oakfield ☐ Oxbow

CARPOOLING?
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
207-834-5778
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

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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.