



Mad River Valley Town Forest Celebration

Saturday, October 14, 2006
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Fayston Elementary School
and adjacent town lands

Come learn about the Valley's town-owned forest lands and enjoy the magic of fall in the Vermont woods! Leaders from Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, and Warren will share important information about what's happening with town forests in each of our communities, and representatives from local and statewide organizations will have information on other exciting forest-related activities. Local and regional experts then will lead a variety of fun, hands-on field activities for all ages. The event is free and open to all. Rain or shine. Dress warmly with stout footwear. No dogs, please.

SCHEDULE

12:30 - 1:00

Gathering: Enjoy great local food, mingle, and check out a wealth of forest-related displays and information

1:00 - 1:45

Opening session: Welcome and brief remarks on town forest initiatives in the Mad River Valley and elsewhere in Vermont

Kids activity: Fairy House Building (Part I). Leader: BJ Wilkinson(Spring Hill School/Waitsfield)

1:45 - 3:15

Workshops in the woods – choose one of the following:

- **Finding Yourself in the 21st Century** – Getting started with GPS
Leaders: Rourke Sharlow (Warren) and Stephen Engle (Quebec-Labrador Foundation)
- **Seeing the Forest *and* the Trees** – Looking at the forest through a forester's eyes
Leaders: Leo Laferriere (Waitsfield) and Tom Sweet (Hunger Mountain Forestry)
- **Whose Home Is This?** – Getting to know the trees, critters, and others that live in our woods
Leader: Bridget Butler (Audubon Vermont/Moretown)
- **If You Build It, They Will Come** – Designing, building and maintaining a new trail
Leaders: Geoff Slater (Catamount Trail Association/Fayston) and Fred Gilbert (Mad River Path Association/Fayston)
- **Fairy House Building (Part II).** Leader: BJ Wilkinson (Spring Hill School/Waitsfield)

3:15 - 3:30

Wrap-up: Brief remarks and reflections with cider and donuts

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