

Oak Resiliency Learning Exchange
Managing Oak Forests at the Quabbin Reservoir

Webinar
October 7, 2021
12 pm – 1 pm

Field Tour
October 14, 2021*
9:30 am – 1:30 pm

[Webinar Registration](#)

*Rain Date: October 15

Join the Forest Stewards Guild and partners for a learning exchange on Oak Forests at the Quabbin Reservoir. We will begin with a one-hour webinar on oak research and management featuring researchers from the Harvard Forest and managers from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Water Supply Protection.

One week after the webinar, we will visit field sites impacted by *Lymantria dispar* (formerly known as gypsy moth). At each site, you will hear about the insects' impact, management considerations and assess the current condition. Then, during a working lunch on the shores of the Quabbin Reservoir, you will work with a group of fellow natural resource professionals to recommend strategies for managing Oak forests at a watershed scale.

Field Tour Agenda

- 9:30 am** **Arrival**
Participants will meet at the Hagerville Station to carpool and caravan to Quabbin Gate 35.
- 10:00 am** **Field Site 1 – Non-treated Study Plots**
Participants will have up to 10 minutes to assess the site before presenters discuss the impacts of *Lymantria dispar*, their management strategy, and data collection at the study plots. Participants will then have a few minutes to ask questions before moving to the following site.
- 11:00 am** **Field Site 2 – Salvage Harvest**
Participants will have up to 10 minutes to assess the site before presenters discuss the impacts of *Lymantria dispar* and the salvage harvest. Participants will then have a few minutes to ask questions before moving to the lunch site.
- 12:00 pm** **Working Lunch**
Participants will discuss what they noticed at each site in small groups and develop a large-scale and long-term planning response. Lunch will take place on the shores of the Quabbin Reservoir
- 1:00 pm** **Group Report Out**
Each group will report on what management strategies they discussed.
- 1:30 pm** **Adjourn** (caravan and carpool back to Hagerville Station)