



Learning to Identify Appalachian Cove Forests

May 19, 2022 | 9:15am-12:00pm

We invite foresters, loggers, and other natural resource practitioners to a workshop about Appalachian Cove Forests. This workshop will be field-based and primarily focus on how to identify cove forests. We will also touch on ecological forest management and operations in cove forest sites. The workshop will be a “Walk & Talk”-style and include a 1.5-mile hike held at a segment of the Mountains to Sea trail near Waynesville, NC. <https://mountainstoseatrail.org/segment/2/>

Pre-approved for 2 SAF CFEs

AGENDA	
9:15-9:25	Registration/Check-In Meeting at Standing Rock Overlook off of the Blue Ridge Parkway (milepost 441.4)
9:25-9:45	Welcome and Introductions Cover ground rules and hand out maps and materials Please DO NOT collect any plant material whatsoever
9:45-11:45	Hike/Field Tour Stop 1: Natural Communities and Identifying Cove Sites Stop 2: Invasive Species in Coves Stop 3: Changing Cover Types Stop 4: Rich Cove vs Acidic Cove & Understory Plant ID Stop 5: Hydrology and Operations Stop 6: Hydrology and Operations
11:45-12:00	Wrap Up Final questions and evaluations

Accessibility: During this workshop we will be hiking a segment of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail. It will be 1.5 miles round trip and include two shallow stream crossings and about 500 feet of elevation gain.

Thank you to the following for making this workshop possible!

