

Forest Stewards Guild- Sustaining Ash Partners Network (SAP-Ne)

SAP-Ne Demonstration Site Tour: Bud Leavitt Wildlife Management Area

April 16th, 2026, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ET

Field Tour Agenda

Field Tour Purpose To: Introduce the approaches to preserving ash and promoting ash regeneration implemented by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (Maine IF&W), (2) explore the ash silvicultural practices, insecticide treatments, and monitoring efforts at Budd Leavitt, (3) discuss decision-making for ash preservation practices at a site slated for future management (4) network with your community during a provided lunch in the Maine woods.

Location: Bud Leavitt WMA – Route 15, Charleston, ME 04422

About Bud Leavitt Wildlife Management Area and SAP-Ne Demonstration Site: Within Bud Leavitt's 6,500 acres of forested uplands, beaver wetlands, and open fields is a seven-acre SAP-Ne Demonstration Site—part of a network of areas managed to sustain ash for future generations. Here, Maine IF&W forestry staff use practices including invasive plant control, silviculture, seed collection, and insecticide injections to shield ash trees from emerald ash borer (EAB). These actions will help support the long-term health of ash populations.

Event Agenda:

9:00 a.m.- Welcome and Introductions

9:15 a.m.- Bud Leavitt WMA Field Tour

- Tour Schedule
 - Stop 1: *Recent Partial White Ash Harvest*
 - Stop 2: *Regenerating 8-Year-Old Shelterwood Harvest*
 - Stop 3: *Brown Ash Wetland*
 - Stop 4: *Future Ash Management Upland*
- Presenters:
 - Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Staff:
 - Jack Chappen, Land Management Forester II
 - Kate Locke, Land Management Forester

12:15 p.m.- Lunch (provided by the Guild)

1:00 p.m.- Closing Reflections & Next Steps

