

# Forestry Tool Field Day Oct 31

A Forestry Field Day will be held at Duck Egg County Forest northwest of Viroqua on Saturday, October 31 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Demonstrations of directional felling, pulling logs out of the woods with a cable winch, chainsaw sharpening and the use of other forestry tools will highlight the day along with guided hikes through an area scheduled and marked for a timber harvest this winter. A variety of forestry tools will be available for sale, and several foresters, sawyers, and woodsmen knowledgeable in their use will be on hand. Using biomass for energy and heat is the subject of a current research project in Vernon County and will be introduced as well. In addition, Vernon Vineyards nearby welcomes visitors to stop in and sample their wines and cheeses.

The event is sponsored by the Kickapoo Woods Cooperative, Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development Council, and the Vernon County Forests. A full schedule of events for the day will be available on site and will be posted on the Kickapoo Woods Cooperative website at [kickapoowoods.org](http://kickapoowoods.org) as planning continues. It's a beautiful time to be out in the woods and the perfect time to consider what tools you need with the best season for forestry work arriving in the region.

To find the Duck Egg County Forest, take Highway 14/61 north of Viroqua about one mile, then turn left onto County Highway Y to the west. Travel approximately 5.7 miles and turn left onto Irish Ridge Road 1.2 miles (pass by the Winery at a bend in the road) and take a left at the graveled entrance at the Duck Egg sign. Weather may limit some field activities, but the event will be held rain or shine. Duck Egg is a public access hunting area and seasons will be open for bow hunting and small game, so visible clothing is recommended in light colors or blaze orange.

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