

As husband and wife, Geary and Kay have aspired to manage their Tree Farm in accordance with Leopold's Land Ethic. Tree Farmers since 1980 they acquired this property in 1992 and moved here permanently in 2005 in a log home they built themselves with red pine logs from their other Tree Farm. Geary and Kay never tire of the beauty and diversity of their property, from the small springs and seeps, to the cold water stream, to the significant geologic formations. Every trail lays out a new scene with a story to share.


Geary and Kay's Tree Farm journey and off-grid lifestyle has been filled with learning experiences which they are excited to share with us. They are proud of what they have accomplished as land stewards and hope to pass on their inspiration to future generations who will next steward this land.



We thank our sponsors and event planning committee:

- Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee
- SFI State Implementation Committee
- Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- UW-Madison, Division of Extension
- Wisconsin Farm Bureau

Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee
 PO Box 285
 Stevens Point, WI 54481




2023 Annual Field Day



Saturday, August 19 2023
 Sawyer County, Wisconsin

Hosted by Geary and Kay Searfoss
 2022 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year



The Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee
invites you to attend their
2023 Annual Field Day

Tours of the Searfoss Tree Farm will be by walking on moderately uneven ground from station to station through the property. Featuring but not limited to: northern hardwood management and vernal ponds, cold water streams, cultivating mushrooms, and geology of the property.

AGENDA

(Tentative and subject to change)

- 8:00 Registration and gather
- 8:30 Welcome to the Searfoss Tree Farm
Silent Auction opens
- 9:00 Tours begin
- 11-1 Small group lunches
- 1:30 Silent auction ends
- 2:00 Closing Remarks
- 2:15 Optional Brunet River tour begins*

*Limited number of kayaks/canoes available. BYO boat if you have one, or email Geary (gscpa2005@gmail.com) if you are interested but need to borrow a boat.

Other subjects will be storm damage, off grid living, wildlife benefits of vernal ponds, invasive plant management and the potential future impacts of emerald ash borer and spongy moth.

Some of the terrain will be uneven. Please dress appropriately, including sturdy walking or hiking shoes that are water repellent. Bring a walking stick if desired. Bring rainwear and bug spray just in case it is needed.

Registration for this event is required.

Registration fee covers morning refreshments, lunch and a field tour booklet.

Learn more at: www.witreefarm.org

Lodging Information:

There are a variety of motels and camping options in the Ojibwa area, within 30 miles of the Searfoss Tree Farm.

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites, 700 W 9th St. S., Ladysmith, WI 54848 (715-532-7811)

Winter Northern Lights, 5202 Strouf Ave, Winter, WI 54896 (715-266-6621)

Go to this website to see a full list of lodging options: <https://go.wisc.edu/oadz91>

Note: Geary and Kay have space to accommodate primitive camping in tents, contact if interested (715-945-3390).

Directions to Searfoss Property

7440 W Highland Rd., Ojibwa, WI 54862

Highland Road is 20 miles north of Ladysmith or 3 miles south of Ojibwa on Hwy 27. Turn east on Highland Rd and go straight east for almost 3 miles. The blacktop stops at the 2 mile mark, at the Brunet Lane intersection. Continue on the gravel road. We are the last driveway on the north (left) before the road ends at the river. Look for the Tree Farm sign, BearPaw Brook Farms sign, or the Searfoss name on the mailbox.

There will be an option to park and walk up the driveway with a self-guided tour along the way, or shuttle up the driveway to the event site.

Silent Auction:

At the event you will have an opportunity to participate in a silent auction to benefit the Wisconsin Tree Farm Program. If you have an item you'd like to donate, please contact Shirley Bargander at (715) 302-5368 or smbargander@gmail.com

If you have questions please contact:

Shirley Bargander
smbargander@gmail.com
(715) 302-5368

**I want to attend the
2023 Annual Field Day on
August 19, 2023**

**Registration is required
Space is limited so please register soon!**

Register by mail:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Registration Fee Enclosed:

\$20.00/person OR \$35.00/couple

Children 14 and under are free!

Number attending Amount Enclosed \$

Check if you require special accommodations:

Dietary restrictions: Dairy-free Gluten-free

Other—please specify:

*Registration and special accommodation requests
must be received before August 11, 2023 to
guarantee the request.*

Checks payable to:

Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee

Mail registration form and payment to:

Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee
PO Box 285
Stevens Point, WI 54481

To register online by credit card:

www.witreefarm.org

A small convenience fee will apply for this service

*This event has no procedure for the
refund of any or all registration fees
paid. Registration is non-refundable.*