

Gary's journey to becoming the 2023 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year started when his parents purchased this property in 1967. After taking over this property in 1999 and almost being removed as a Tree Farm, Gary began working with a local forester to create a forest stewardship plan. This laid the ground work to propel him into managing the property for not only forest products, but also forest health and recreation.

Gary has been an active member of the local WWOA Phoenix Falls Chapter, which helped him when he was first learning about managing his property. He has hosted several field days and always wants to learn more about how to manage his property for the future. Gary just completed his 4th timber harvest since taking ownership.




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

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Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee
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2024 Annual Field Day



Saturday, August 3, 2024
 Marinette County, WI

Hosted by Gary Welsch and Jodi Polzin
 2023 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year



The Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee
invites you to attend their
2024 Annual Field Day

Tours of the Welsch Tree Farm will be by walking on moderately uneven ground from station to station through the property and a wagon ride tour. Features include: special sites and highlights of the Welsch property, red pine management, forest pest management, and bedrock geology of the property and surrounding area.

AGENDA

(Tentative and subject to change)

- 8:00 Registration and gather
- 8:30 Welcome to the Welsch Tree Farm
Silent Auction opens
- 9:00 Tours begin
- 1:00 Lunch provided
- 1:30 Silent auction
closes
- 2:00 Closing Remarks
- 2:15 Optional Demonstration:
Lazy Man's Way to Process Firewood

Additional information on the tour includes: installing firebreaks to protect your forest, wildfire prevention in sandy pine/oak areas, impact of spongy moth, emerald ash borer and oak wilt and how to mitigate their impacts, and mechanized firewood processing.

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.

Questions? please contact: Tom Jacobs at trees.trails@gmail.com -or- 715-856-6340

Lodging Information:

A variety of motels and camping options are within 30 miles of the Welsch Tree Farm.

Crivitz Lodge, 215 Hall Ave, Crivitz, WI 54114, (715) 854-7014

Exxon Quick Stop and Motel, 530 State Hwy 180, Wausaukee, WI 54177 (715) 856-5386

Waubee Lodge, 18398 Waubee Park Ln, Lakewood, WI 54138 (715) 276-6091

The Four Seasons Island Resort, N16800 Shoreline Dr, Pembine, WI 54156, (715) 324-5800

Campgrounds

Twin Bridge County Park

N9714 Parkway Rd, Crivitz, WI 54114
(715)732-7530,

<https://www.marinettescountywi.gov/parks/camping>

Tommy Thompson State Park

N10008 Paust Ln, Crivitz, WI 54114
<https://wisconsin.goingtocamp.com>

A full list of lodging options:

<https://go.wisc.edu/oadz91>

Directions to Welsch Property

N13426 Northway Drive (formerly County A)
Athelstane, WI 54104

The Welsch property is approximately 20 miles northwest of Crivitz or 28 miles east of Lakewood located 2 miles west and north of Athelstane on Northway Rd. Watch the east side of the road for the "Welsch's 80" and "50 Year Tree Farm" sign at end of the driveway.

**For GPS users-Northway Drive was previously known as County Rd A. Some of the mapping servers have not updated so address may be found as N13426 County Rd A.*

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

**I want to attend the
2024 Annual Field Day on
August 3, 2024**

**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 July 26, 2024 to
guarantee the request.*

Checks payable to:

Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee

Mail registration form and payment to:

Tom Jacobs
W8367 Moonshine Hill Road
Crivitz, WI 54114

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.*