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Register Now for On-line Woodland Options for Landowners

If you are interested in learning the basics about how to manage your woodlands but haven't been able to attend an in-person short course, you may be interested in On-line Woodland Options for Landowners. This 12-week Internet-based course takes you through all the steps of designing and drafting a management plan for your property. The basic level of participation requires you to complete reading assignments, short quizzes and evaluations - great for absentee landowners. The advanced level of participation provides hands-on exercises, taking you out onto your property to determine land use history, find and mark your boundary lines, draw stand maps, and formulate management objectives. A tree identification book and learning modules help you identify your trees. A cadre of natural resource professionals is available via the class discussion board. These mentors will answer your questions and provide basic advice. Finally, an optional end of the semester field trip will answer any additional questions you have and will review many of the field skills taught during the on-line portion (e.g., compass and pacing).

The 2009 class begins June 1. Registration fee of \$25 includes all required course materials. Please visit www.valeaf.org to register or contact Jennifer Gagnon jgagnon@vt.edu 540/231-63941 for more detailed information on the course.