

FOREST STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP SERIES



Circle Pines Center
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Part 1: October 27 - 29 workshop participants will become familiar with forest management planning, gain an understanding of Circle Pines Center goals for their 294 acres of property, calculate acreages for each forested and non-forested stand, and will assist forester **Rick McAvinchey** in sampling the trees and other vegetation in the various stands throughout the property. There will be instruction in using aerial photos and compass to navigate around the property. Tree, shrub and smaller plant identification will be a large part of this sampling process.

Part 2: November 10 - 12 participants will take the data gathered in the first workshop, and plug that information into a forest management plan for the property. We will discuss how to develop silvicultural prescriptions for different forest types, how to modify timber production prescriptions to improve habitat for wildlife and to accommodate threatened or endangered species, and how to protect streams, lakes and wetlands during timber harvest operations. Also on Saturday, **Trevor Newman** of Roots to Fruits in Clarkston will introduce us to principles of Permaculture as management options for Circle Pines Center. If time allows, we will schedule activities over the next decade or longer within the plan.



Rick McAvinchey is a Forester, Wildlife Biologist, owner of The Land Steward, LLC in Ortonville, MI. He is also a Michigan Registered Forester and a member of Michigan Chapter of Association of Consulting Foresters

Trevor Newman is an avid horticulturalist and amateur pomologist. He co-teaches Permaculture courses and gives lectures on topics such as ecological design, uncommon fruits, and fruit tree grafting.

Determine Forest Management Goals

Identify Vegetation and Forest Type

Calculate Stand Acreage

Navigate by Aerial Photo and Compass

Improve Wildlife Habitat

Protect Streams, Lakes, Wetlands

Full Series Rate: \$300 for first registrant, \$200 for additional family or group member. One Workshop Only: \$200 first registrant, \$150 additional family or group member.

Meals and Lodging: Two nights and five meals - Friday evening to Sunday lunch, (no bedding): \$70-\$170 (Member Rates Available)

Locally Sourced Organic Meals Only: \$70 Per Weekend (\$50 Member)

Call or Email to Register.

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This Workshop Series Will Take Place At Circle Pines Center In Southwest Michigan.

The mission of Circle Pines is to promote peace, social justice, environmental stewardship and cooperation. The Center aims to demonstrate cooperative alternatives for economic and social issues and to teach cooperation as a way of life.

The organization benefits from 294 acres of land with rolling hills, hardwood and pine forests, meadows and frontage on spring-fed Stewart Lake. We have miles of trails for hiking and cross-country skiing, diverse wildlife and an organic garden and orchard. The land is on the line between the Kalamazoo and Grand River watersheds in beautiful Barry County, near the Yankee Springs Recreation Area in Southwest Michigan.