



NYFOA

New York Forest Owners Association

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DEVEAUX WOODS SHAMROCK WINTER WOODSWALK



A beautiful day for a winter woodswalk! Our NFC Chapter enjoyed a guided tour of DeVeaux Woods in Niagara Falls, NY this past Saturday. Carol Rogers from NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, lead our tour which started with a presentation on Samuel DeVeaux, his property and now the State Park. Carol then took us on a guided tour of the old growth forest.

This was our first chapter event of the year and if you missed it, you missed a great one!! Hope you can make some of our other events planned. It is always great to see some new faces!

Here are a few pictures for those who couldn't make it!!





DeVeaux willed to Episcopalian Diocese as an orphanage, then became a military school. Sold to Niagara University and used as dorms. Eventually sold to NYS Parks





Bob Glidden, NFC Chairman



Turkey Vulture on chimney.



Lew Fenar and Barb Dumbleton
sizing up this very old tree!





Coopers Hawk and nest.





The kids call the roots of this tree “Dinosaur Toes” One of the oldest trees at DeVeaux.





Next Chapter Event! Beaver Meadow—June 9th, 2018

“The mission of the Buffalo Audubon Society is to promote the appreciation and enjoyment of nature through education and stewardship. Our primary stewardship charge is to protect the 1,000 acres of property, habitats and ecosystems of our centers and preserves. However, if we are to preserve these gems of Western New York, we must also protect the entire region, our state, our country, and the entire globe.” In 1951 on April 30, a letter was sent to all Society members asking for contributions toward the purchase of 48.5 acres of property in the town of Java. Drained by Beaver Meadow Creek on its westerly flow to the valley of Buffalo Creek, in a watershed marked by active as well as abandoned dams of our most irrepressible animal residents, it was appropriately christened **Beaver Meadow Wildlife Refuge**. Beaver Meadow is a 324-acre nature preserve in North Java, NY. The preserve features its namesake beaver meadow with its associated ponds, glacial kettle ponds, wetlands with a boardwalk trail, wooded uplands, meadows, a hawk watch, an arboretum, and eight miles of marked and groomed trails.

To all NFC members, families and friends, join us for a presentation followed by a guided tour of Beaver Meadow Wildlife Refuge in North Java on **Saturday, June 9th** starting promptly at **10am**. We will be able to use the multi-purpose room to meet and have our lunch after the tour, or we can use an outside picnic area. The Chapter will cover the cost of the \$5 per person charge for all members. ***Our NYFOA mission is to encourage well informed management of privately owned woodlands in New York State as well as to promote, protect, represent, and serve the interests of woodland owners. We find that woods walks are a great “classroom” for us to see and learn how others are managing their forests as well as learn more about flora and fauna that is native to WNY. NFC member Wayne Forrest, thank you for setting up this event!*** ***More details in the Next Newsletter!***

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 22—24, 2018	NY Farm Show ✓
March 3, 2018	Rural Landowners Conference ✓
March 16 or 17, 2018	Game of Logging, Lockport, NY ✓
March 17, 2018	Shamrock Winter Woodswalk at DeVeaux Woods, Niagara Falls, NY Chapter Event ✓
March 17/18 & 24/25, 2018	Maple Weekends
April 20, 2018	Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District Tree Pick up
April 21, 2018	NYFOA Annual Meeting/Silent Auction—Syracuse NY
June 9, 2018	Beaver Meadow/Buffalo Audubon Tour Chapter Event
July 14, 2018	Shamel Milling—Introduction to Food Plots Chapter Event
August 25, 2018	NFC Family Picnic Chapter Event
October 13, 2018	NFC - MFO Woodswalk, Ken Gaines Property Chapter Event

