



# A Rapids Runs Through It Michigan Forest Celebration

**A Combined Meeting of the Michigan Forest  
Association & Michigan Tree Farm System  
Greater Grand Rapids Area, MI  
September 13-14, 2019**



## Registration Form

Registrations can also be completed online via eventbrite  
or by calling MFA at 517-816-7879

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Names of Additional Attendees:

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Please note any dietary or mobility needs:

\*Registration confirmation will be sent by email. Additional event details will be shared online and via email just prior to the event.

**Full Member Registration** rate @ \$120/person Number attending = \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Non-Member Registration** rate @ \$130/person Number attending = \_\_\_\_\_

*Full registration includes Friday lunch, dinner & events and Saturday events.  
(Friday Grand Rapids Public Museum not included; No group meals on Saturday.)*

**FIRST TIME attendees @ \$30/person (full registration)** \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Only (All day includes Lunch & Dinner) @ \$95/person \_\_\_\_\_

Friday (Lunch & AM/PM programs) @ \$50/person (no evening program/dinner) \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Dinner and Evening Program only @ \$45/person \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday events only @ \$40/person (Lunch is not provided) \_\_\_\_\_

MFA membership dues/renewal @ \$25/year (or \$10 non-member fee) \_\_\_\_\_

Optional donation to support the work of MFA or MTF (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment** (add \$20 late fee after **Aug 27th**) \_\_\_\_\_

Friday meetings and discounted hotel rooms will be at Holiday Inn GR Downtown (310 Pearl St, Grand Rapids 49504). Use [this link](#) or call 616-235-7611 or 877-666-3243 by the **August 27, 2019** deadline; ask for the "MFA" group rate.

*Registration at this event indicates your consent for use of photographs for MFA/MTF publications and marketing.*

To better serve our members' needs, tell us more about your interests (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Forestry   | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Easements | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting: _____               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Timber Harvests        | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodlands Management   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bees & Pollinators           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pests & Diseases       | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Enthusiast      | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry Plans               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Species       | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality          | <input type="checkbox"/> QFP-Quality Forestry Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax & Estate Planning  | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Forestry         | <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Tree Farms         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family-owned Forests   | <input type="checkbox"/> Birding                | <input type="checkbox"/> Forester Consultation        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veneer Trees           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildflowers                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Tree Farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                 |

If you own woodlands, what county &/or state is it in:

Mail completed form to Michigan Forest Association at 15851 S. US 27 Suite 16, Lansing, MI 48906  
Visit the Michigan Forest Association website at [www.michiganforests.org](http://www.michiganforests.org) for additional event, lodging & area info.  
If you have questions, contact MFA at 517-816-7879 or [info@michiganforests.org](mailto:info@michiganforests.org)

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### Schedule of Events (Tentative)

Two full days of presentations, field day site visits, and self-guided tours, coupled with opportunities to socialize and spend time in beautiful Greater Grand Rapids are being planned for you! Check the MFA website in late August to get the latest event details and updates.

### Hotel

Discounted hotel rates are available at the Holiday Inn GR Downtown (310 Pearl St NW, 49504; free parking, fitness center, indoor pool). Be sure to book your reservation using [this link](#) or call 616-235-7611 or 877-666-3243 by the deadline of **August 27, 2019**; be sure to ask for the “MFA” group rate.

### Friday, September 13, 2019

8:00 - Noon	Registration & Welcome .....	Holiday Inn GR Downtown
9:00 - 10:30	“Invasive Species” presentations .....	Holiday Inn - Grand Room
10:30 - 12:00	MFA Business Meeting (All are welcome!) .....	Holiday Inn - Grand Room
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch ( <i>pre-registration required</i> ; included with Full or Friday-only registration)	
2:00 - 4:00	Concurrent Sessions: <b>“Michigan Forests and Furniture”</b> presentation at the GR Public Museum (located across the street from the Holiday Inn), followed by self-guided tour. <b><i>Pre-registration required.</i></b> <b>“Women Owning Woodlands (WOW)”</b> panel discussion	
4:00 - 4:45	River Rapids Restoration Project presentation .....	Ah-Nab-Awen Park
6:00 - 8:30	Awards Dinner and Presentations..... Downtown Market at 435 Ionia Ave SW Mayor Rosalynn Bliss on the "State of the City Trees"; Urban Forest Project; and raffle. <i>(Following dinner, you are invited to explore the GR nightlife - Founders Brewery, etc.)</i>	

### Saturday September 14, 2019

Field day events will be held on Saturday between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm. All meals will be on your own for Saturday. Maps and additional information will be available at registration check-in and sent via email in early September. Social event options for Saturday evening will be also be available for those staying in the area until Sunday. (Interested parties can coordinate carpooling groups during dinner on Friday.)

- **Cok Family Tree Farm** (Sparta MI) – Beautiful, 400 acre parcel of woodland, lake, and wetland areas. Michigan Tree Farm of the year 2000. Learn about blue ribbon and veneer hardwoods, conservation easements, and estate/succession planning. Local experts and representatives from numerous organizations will be on-site with information stations.
- **The Highlands/Blandford Nature Center** (Grand Rapids MI) – Unique reclamation and restoration project of a former golf course through a partnership between the West Michigan Land Conservancy and Blandford Nature Center.

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#### Nature Centers and Self-Guided Walking Tours

- Pierce Cedar Creek Nature Center  
<https://cedarcreekinstitute.org/>
- Blandford Nature Center  
<https://blandfordnaturecenter.org/>
- Riverside Park walking tour  
[Tree Map](#)
- Kent County Parks: Knapp Valley Forest  
<https://kentcountyparks.org/knappvalley/index.php>
- Aquinas College walking tour  
[Tree Map](#) (over 35 native Michigan species)  
<https://www.aquinas.edu/tree-app>
- Urban Forestry Project  
[Tree Plotter Map](#)
- White Pine Trail  
<http://www.whitepinetrail.com/map>
- Fred Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park  
<https://www.meijergardens.org/>
- Calvin College Ecosystem Preserve  
<https://calvin.edu/ecosystem-preserve/>
- Highland  
[https://naturenearby.org/portfolio\\_page/exploring-the-highlands/](https://naturenearby.org/portfolio_page/exploring-the-highlands/)

#### Camping & Canoeing

- Duke Creek Campground (Cedar Springs)  
<http://www.dukecreek.com>
- Woodchip Campground (Byron Center)  
<https://woodchipcampground.com/>
- Lakeside Camp Park (Cedar Springs)  
<http://www.lakesidecampground.com/>
- AAA Canoe Rental (Rogue River)  
<http://www.aacanoerental.com/>

#### Greater Grand Rapids Information

- Experience Grand Rapids  
<https://www.experiencegr.com/>
- Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum  
<https://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/visit-museum.aspx>
- Grand Rapids Art Museum  
<http://www.artmuseumgr.org/>
- Grand Rapids Public Museum  
<https://www.grpm.org/>
- DASH (Downtown Area Shuttle)  
<http://downtowngr.org/get/dash>
- Downtown Visitor Parking Info  
<http://downtowngr.org/get/parking#visitor-parking/>

#### Shopping Venues

- Downtown Rockford  
<https://www.rockfordmichamber.com>
- Grand Rapids Downtown Market  
<http://downtownmarketgr.com>
- Tanger Outlet  
<https://www.tangeroutlet.com/grandrapids>
- Rivertown Crossings Mall  
<https://www.rivertowncrossings.com>

#### Links

- Michigan Forest Association  
<http://michiganforests.org/>
- American Tree Farm System  
<https://www.treefarmssystem.org>