

How to Read the Woods

For Technical Service Providers

Schedule and conduct an initial assessment with the woodland steward

- Introduce Reading the Woods
- Begin to “shift the gaze” towards a holistic view of the forest
- Complete the Woodland Steward Self-Assessment



Conduct a Whole Woods Assessment with the woodland steward

- Obtain a forest inventory
- Collect questions

- 🔍 Whole Woods Enterprise Matrix
- 🔍 Consult local specialists
- 🔍 Review the Woodland Steward’s Self-Assessment
- 🔍 Refer to the Library & Archive for any remaining questions



Complete the Whole Woods Stewardship Analysis for Sustainable, Nature-based Enterprises

- Evaluate family needs and preferences
- Assess market potential
- Evaluate enterprise production feasibility
- Determine financial viability
- Assess long-term sustainability



Generate a Whole Woods Enterprise Plan

- 🔍 Use enterprise calculators to project costs
- 🔍 Use the Enterprise Budget Template to create an enterprise budget
- 🔍 Complete the Yearly Tasks Plan Worksheet



Conduct a Post-Assessment with the woodland steward

- Review the Whole Woods Enterprise Plan, make amendments
- Determine whether further mentoring is needed
- Consider additional nature-based enterprises ..

REPEAT ASSESSMENT TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL NATURE-BASED ENTERPRISES

🔍 Tools and resources



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