



BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER

August 2021 Friends of the Forest Newsletter



Welcome Back, Students!

The Forestry Outreach Center team, including returning and incoming labor students, is so excited to welcome back our students to campus for the Fall Semester. We look forward to meeting in-person and introducing you to the Pinnacles, Brushy Fork, and all the natural wonders Berea has to offer!



Land Acknowledgement:

Osiyo. Hatito. (Hello)

The lands which comprise the Berea College Forest are the traditional homelands of Shawnee and Cherokee peoples who hold these mountains in care and tradition. Thank you to Tiffany Pyette for this Land Acknowledgment Statement.

August Events:



- Pinnacles Hikes:
Saturdays - 10am
- Request a hike with us!
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Great news! Our labor students will be back, so the Center will re-open August 21st. We've missed you; stop by and see us that day!



Berea College Forestry Outreach Center



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Citizen Science Project:
Biodiversity of the Berea College Forest



Seek app by
iNaturalist, great I.D. tool
for kids and families

<https://forestryoutreach.berea.edu/>



What is the Forestry Outreach Center?

The Forestry Outreach Center provides a space in which people of all ages can learn about the natural world and, specifically, the Berea College Forest. The Center acts as a bridge between College and community, fostering an attitude of stewardship of the ecosystems and watersheds.

A Few Facts About the Berea College Forest

Berea College currently manages over 9,000 acres of forest land and offers both classes and outreach programs related to forestry.



Under the guidance of Forester Silas Mason, Berea's forestry effort began at the dawn of the American conservation movement in 1897.

Berea College Foresters follow sustainable forestry practices, including controlled burns and selective harvestings. Downed trees are taken from the forest by teams of Suffolk Punch draft horses.



August Skies Over the Forest

New Moon: Aug. 8th
First Quarter: Aug. 15th
Full Moon: Aug. 22nd
Last Quarter: Aug. 30th

Learn all about how to view the Persied Meteor Shower, August 12-13th. Our Astronomer, Jeff Hutton, discusses the meteor shower and other events coming this August!

Check out Jeff Hutton's June Skies article for more information! You'll find it at: <https://forestryoutreach.berea.edu/skies-over-the-pinnacles/>

August Activities

Come hike the Pinnacles with us!

Saturdays at 10am we will be offering regular hikes (weather permitting) Follow our social media for updates on Student Life Shuttles!

On August 21st, we'll switch to our fall/winter schedule, so Saturday hikes will begin at 1 pm.



BEREA PINNACLES

Hiking Menu

Saturday Hikes

Join us at the Pinnacles at 10am every Saturday for a public hike

Request a Hike



The Forestry Outreach Center staff are available to work with professors to plan activities for their classes, including ongoing research projects on the Berea College Forest. Naturalist John Abrams has connected with professors and students from ECU, UK, and the University of Louisville, as well as Berea College professors. As we tell our labor students, "Everything connects to the forest." Contact Wendy or John for more information.

Follow the Berea College Forestry Outreach Center and the Berea College Forestry Department's social media pages for information on upcoming activities!

Wado. Niyaawe. (Thank you).

Reach Out!

Questions about the forest? Hiking? The natural world? Feel free check out our website (<https://forestryoutreach.berea.edu/>) or reach out to:

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