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Marquette County Woodland Owners hosts Open Woods Celebration May 18

Byron Hill of W5202 Co Rd J, Town of Harris, Westfield will host the Marquette County Open Woods event on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 9 am to 1 pm as part of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association's (WWOA) 40th year anniversary celebration.

All are welcome to join the Hill's at the Hill Family Woods for this free event. Join us for a fun day in the woods. Are you a woodland owner who would like to learn more about caring for your woodlands and keeping it healthy? Perhaps you're thinking of purchasing woodlands? Or maybe you would just like to spend a beautiful spring day in the woods with your family? This day is for you!

The Open Woods event will begin at 9 am. V's Forestry Consulting Forester, Marcia Frost-Vahradian will lead a forester's walk at 10 am through the property to see recent thinnings and learn about when and why they will be thinned again. Scout around the cabin to discover the vernal pools, seasonal pools of water that provide habitat for distinctive plants and animals, among the nearby oaks. Learn about the importance of these distinct wet areas to a variety of unique plants and wildlife. You can also stop by at your leisure and take a self-guided walk to try your best at identifying the different tree species. Bring a picnic lunch to complement the provided snacks and take in the sights and sounds of nature while you eat.

The Hill Family Woods is located at W5202 Co Rd J, Town of Harris near Westfield. To get to Hill Family Woods from I-39, take exit 113 onto Co Rd J east. Continue for 3.4 miles and the farm will be on the left (north) side of the road. Look for WWOA signs to point you in the right direction.

The Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association is a nonprofit, educational organization, established in 1979 for and by Wisconsin's private woodland owners interested in becoming better stewards of their woodlands. WWOA offers year-round educational opportunities for novice and experienced private woodland owners who want to improve the health of their woods. Learn more about WWOA by visiting our website at wisconsinwoodlands.org or for a free informational packet, contact WWOA at wwoa@uwsp.edu or 715-346-4798. Additional Open Woods sites can be found on the website under the Events tab at Open Woods Events.