

**RIFCO'S SUMMER TWILIGHT SESSION TO FEATURE ASSESSMENT OF STORM
DAMAGE & SNAG HABITAT CONDITIONS**

The RI Forest Conservator's Organization is conducting its annual Summer Twilight Woods Walk at the Derbyshire woodlot in Foster, RI. The event is being held on Thursday, August 8, starting at 6:30 p.m. The Derbyshire woodlot is located at 16-A Salisbury Road, which is south of Central Pike, and abuts the historic and now preserved Borders Farm.

The Derbyshire woodlot includes some historic sites (cemetery, cellar hole), a well-developed forest trail system, a pond on Hemlock Brook, and has seen some improvement harvesting in the past. With the presence of the adjacent open fields to the south, recent storms have led to damaged and toppled trees in the southern portion of the property. Are these good habitat trees?? Or should they be salvaged for any wood value and the woodlot cleaned up?? Has nature provided sufficient numbers of standing dead snags?? We'll tally existing snags, assess the numbers, and look at the options for enhancing wildlife habitat conditions by creating standing dead snags, if needed.

The program is free of charge, and there is no need to register. Refreshments will be provided, and directions to the site are available at www.rifco.org, or by calling RIFCO at (401) 568-3421.

The RI Forest Conservator's Organization is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and wise use of Rhode Island's forest resources. RIFCO is also a co-sponsor of the RI Tree Farm Program, and an affiliate of the National Woodland Owner's Association.

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