Celebrate this year’s Outstanding Tree Farm of the Year
Kimball Wildlife Forest Celebration and Tour
Gilford, NH

Saturday, October 5, 2019
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Rain or Shine

We’ll enjoy a walk on the well-maintained trails complete with interpretive signs

Visit an 8-acre prescribed burn

See beautiful views of Lake Winnipesaukee

Check out a forest opening and see how the vegetation benefits wildlife

Learn about research being conducted on crop trees and bird species

Meet at Kimball Wildlife Forest trailhead and parking area, 2355 Lake Shore Road, Gilford, NH

There is no cost to participate in this event. Pre-registration is appreciated for planning purposes.

For questions or to register, contact: Rita Carroll at rcarroll@forestsoociety.org or call her at NH Tree Farm Program Office at (603) 224-9945 x331.
Educational Tour and Celebration
A wealth of management activities have occurred on this property since the town acquired it and we will visit some of the more recent projects.

• Enjoy beautiful views of Lake Winnipesaukee while you hike the well-maintained trails and view the interpretive signs the Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee installed.
• Learn about an 8-acre prescribed burn conducted at the top of Locke’s Hill in 2018 to restore the Appalachian Oak-Pine habitat. This forest type provides a rich food source for wildlife such as ruffed grouse, turkey, black bear, squirrels, mice and chipmunks. In turn, raptors such as northern goshawk feed on small mammals and find nesting and perching sites in white pines in the tree canopy.
• Visit a forest opening created to enhance habitat diversity. Much of NH’s forests are 70 to 100 years old, and newly regenerating areas provide important food and cover for many wildlife. Bird surveys were conducted prior to the timber harvest to see what species were using the forest. We’ll learn about what wildlife are expected to use this regrowing forest.
• UNH researchers will share their preliminary findings from a “Crop Tree Study” conducted on the Kimball Forest. Researchers identified 60 trees as future “crop trees.” Neighboring trees that were competing with the selected crop trees were removed to allow the crop trees to develop larger, healthier crowns. The study is evaluating how the trees respond to different levels of thinning.
• Visit an old quarry where rock was removed to build the Kimball Castle. The quarry now serves as vernal pool habitat.
• Join us for hotdogs and hamburgers back at the parking lot and trail entrance.

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2355 Lake Shore Road, Gilford, NH

Directions:
The Kimball Wildlife Forest is located off Route 11 in Gilford, New Hampshire. From I-93, take Exit 20 (Route 11) East. The trailhead and parking area are on the right side of Route 11 approximately 3 miles past the Laconia airport.

From Alton, take Route 11 West. The trailhead and parking area will be on the left side of Route 11 approximately 13 miles from the traffic circle at the intersection of Route 11 and 28.

Presenters:
Tim Nolin – Licensed Forester, Forest Land Improvement
Andy Fast - Extension Forest Industry Specialist, UNH Cooperative Extension
Adele Fenwick - Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, UNH
Matt Tarr - Extension Wildlife Specialist, UNH Cooperative Extension
Ethan Belair - Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, UNH
Sandra McGonagle - Chair of the Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee
Scott J. Dunn - Town Administrator, Town of Gilford

Note: The 1.8 mile hiking trail loop is relatively rocky with several moderately steep sections.

Water and snacks will be provided at the top of Lockes Hill.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided at the end of the walk in the parking lot.

We will be in the field. Be prepared with insect repellant—especially for ticks, and appropriate footwear.

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