

# Forest Pest First Detectors for Outdoor Recreationists



## Course Schedule & Important Dates

- Opening: March 16 - Access to course opens
- Week 1: March 16 - 23
  - March 19, 12 - 1 pm – **Ask Me Anything**: Informal session for any questions about course
  - March 21, 7 – 8 pm – **Webinar: Beech Diseases and Impact on Forest Health**
  - Sections 1-3: Introduction, Forest Health, and Beech Leaf Disease
- Week 2: March 23 - 30
  - Sections 4-6: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Asian Longhorned Beetle, and Emerald Ash Borer
- Week 3: March 30 – April 6
  - April 2, 7 - 8 pm - **Webinar: Treating Ash on Trails for Emerald Ash Borer**
  - Sections 7-9: Spotted Lanternfly, Jumping Worms, Oak Wilt, and Taking Action
- Week 4: April 6 - 13
  - April 10, 7-8 pm - **Webinar: Taking Action**
  - Complete: Course evaluation, Sign-up sheet (optional)
  - **April 13 -Course ends.** Access to materials continues until end of 2024.

## Accessing the Course

To get into the course go to: [go.uvm.edu/fd](https://go.uvm.edu/fd) and either log in or create new account.

For help, watch this 11-minute “[How To video](#)” or read the “**Step-By-Step Guide**” in the “**Instructions for Accessing Course**” email that will be sent on **March 11th**.

Contact me for help! [Ginger.nickerson@uvm.edu](mailto:Ginger.nickerson@uvm.edu) or call (802) 505-8189.

### Live Webinars:

All live webinars can be accessed via the Zoom link or phone number below. You must use the password to get into the webinar.

An email reminder will be sent before each session. Recordings will be sent out after every live webinar.

- Zoom Webinar Link: [Join here](#)
- Meeting ID: 872 5390 5168
- Passcode: 120095
- Phone access: To call in by phone, find your local number [here](#)

Test Zoom access at <https://zoom.us/test>. For help, contact Ginger: [Ginger.nickerson@uvm.edu](mailto:Ginger.nickerson@uvm.edu) or call (802) 505-8189.

### Course Overview

**This course is designed for anyone who loves the outdoors and cares about forests!** Whether you enjoy hunting, fishing, skiing, camping, or just the peace of the woods, this information will empower you to support forest health in your community and on the land you care for.

There are no grades or credits, and all participation is voluntary. You have full access to the course materials until the end of the year, allowing you to engage at your own pace.

### Course Components:

- **Eight sections** containing videos, activities, discussion questions and additional resources.
- **Four live webinars** on Zoom, recorded for those who cannot attend live.

### Key Webinars:

1. **Ask Me Anything:** Get answers to your course-related questions.
2. **Beech Leaf Disease and Forest Health:** Learn from Dr. Jeff Garnas of University of New Hampshire about the impacts of beech leaf and beech bark disease on forest health.
3. **Treating Ash on Trails:** Dan Hale of the Appalachian Trails Conservancy shares hands-on experience treating ash trees on trails for emerald ash borer.
4. **Taking Action:** Explore how to apply your learning to protect local forests.

After the course ends, **volunteering as a Forest Pest First Detector** offers a chance to actively engage in educating others and monitoring for pests. You will have the option at the end of the course to sign up to receive updates about invasive pests in Vermont and learn about volunteer opportunities.

Our hope is that this course will not only educate but also inspire you to take action for the health of our trails and forests. Together, we can make a difference!