

The Woods in Your Backyard

Second Edition

**A Publication of the Maine Forest Service
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry**

Discussion Topics

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publication

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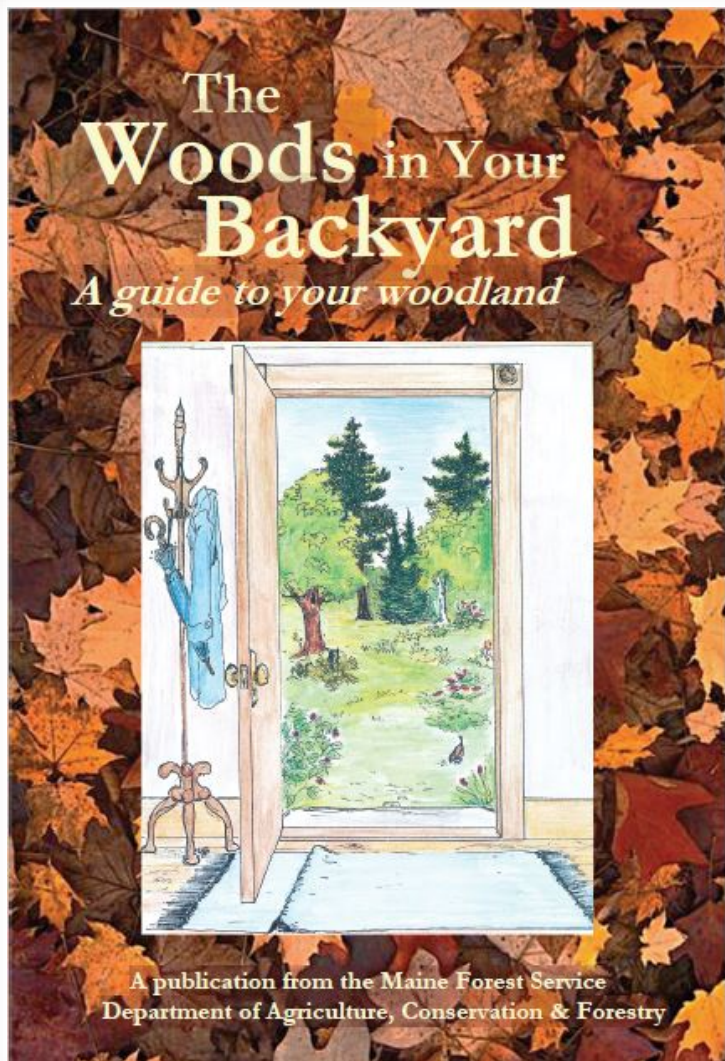
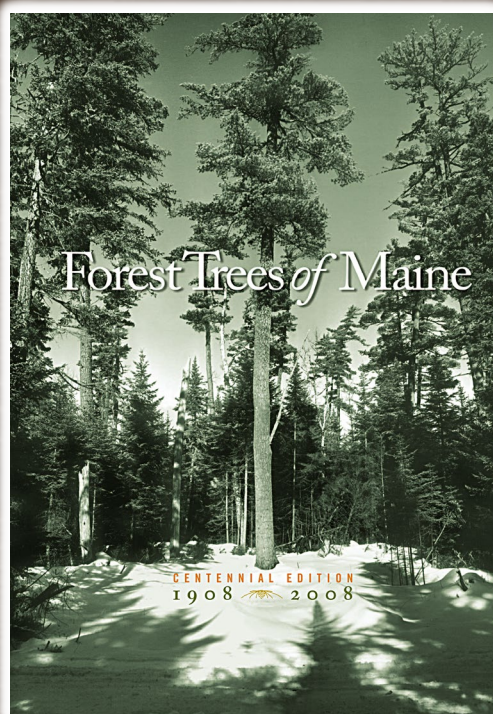
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WHAT WILL MY WOODS
LOOK LIKE?

BEFORE AND AFTER TIMBER HARVESTING

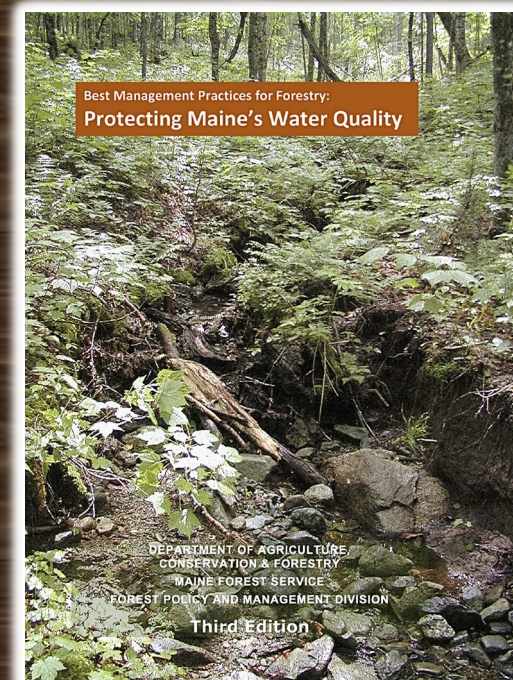


The Forestry Rules of Maine
2017

A Practical Guide for Foresters, Loggers and
Woodlot Owners

2nd Edition

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Helping Landowners Make Informed Decisions Since 1891



1999 Edition

The Woods in Your Backyard

A Homeowner's Guide



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2020 Edition

The Woods in Your Backyard

A guide to your woodland



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Who Should Read This Book?

The Woods in Your Backyard (WIYBY) is an introduction to the Maine woods and a resource guide for:

Woodland Owners

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Home/Camp Owners

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Teachers and Students

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Anyone with an Interest
in the Outdoors



Why Read the WIYBY?

To get a general understanding of the Maine woods

For **project ideas** and educational activities

To learn the forestry and natural science lingo

For tips on how to get additional assistance

To help you improve and enjoy your woodland

Viewing Wildlife

Building a Wildlife Blind

- Suggested locations for wildlife viewing
- Tips on types of blinds and construction
- [Link to an article at ME Audubon](#)



The WIYBY Team

The team that worked to prepare the second edition of the WIYBY included:

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The Chapters

1. **Knowing Your Woods**
2. **Optimizing Non-Timber Resources**
3. **Woodland Hazards**
4. **Protecting Your Woods**
5. **Growing and Harvesting Timber**
6. **From Great Ideas to Action: Planning is the Key**

Special Features

1. **Primary Resources – Agencies and Organizations that can provide help (in Chapter 1)**
 - Example: Maine Woodland Owners
2. **“Do You Know” Questions and Answers about Maine’s natural history (one per chapter)**

Do You Know?

#6. The year of the last log drive down the Kennebec River?

Answer on page 120

3. **The Glossary – To help with some of the forestry terms in the book**

Snag: A standing dead tree, or part of a tree. Snags are important wildlife habitat.

A Look at Chapter 2: Optimizing Non-Timber Resources

The sections include:

Improving Your Woods for Wildlife

Beauty and Adventure Out Your Backdoor

Producing Specialty Products

Backyard Family Activities (2)

Producing Specialty Products

Christmas Trees



Wreath Brush



Maple Syrup



Maple Syrup Excerpts



- 1. For New England's earliest settlers, maple sugar was often the most available sweetener.**
- 2. The raw ingredient of pure maple syrup is sap from maple trees.**
- 3. Sap runs in the spring when the nighttime temperature is below freezing and the daytime temperature is above freezing.**
- 4. Additional resources from MFS and UMaine Ext. provided**

Video

Backyard Family Activity #5:
The Three-Legged Compass Walk
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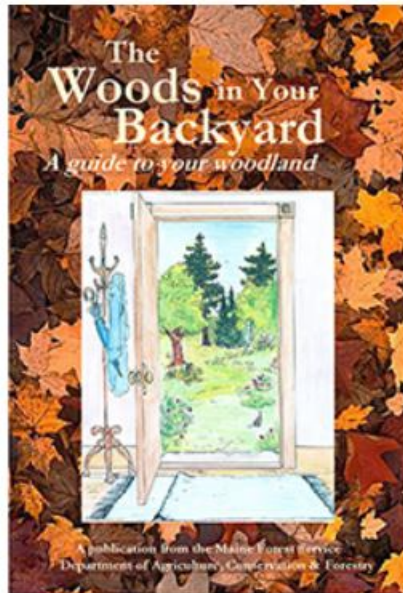
How to Get a Copy

1. Meet with a MFS District Forester to get advice about about your woodland
2. Contact the Augusta office by calling 287-2791 or sending an email request to forestinfo@maine.gov
3. Print or view the book from/on the Publications page of the MFS website

The WIYBY Web Page

Visit the MFS website at www.maineforestservice.gov
and look under Featured Projects

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The Woods in Your Backyard

This web site was developed as a companion piece to "The Woods in Your Backyard: A guide to your woodland." This resource guide was developed by the Maine Forest Service to help you understand the woods in your backyard and provide ideas for managing your property, whether you own a 1-acre lot or 20 acres on the edge of town.

A directory of state agencies and natural resource-based organizations is provided, beginning on page 3 in Chapter 1 and also in the [Chapter 1](#) section. These organizations are good initial contacts and a great source of additional information.

"Backyard Family Activities" are included at the end of each chapter. These activities are about your property as a family. The activities are most suitable for families and they all require adult supervision. Teachers and youth groups can also use them with older students. When completed, the Backyard Family Activities provide a planning framework for working in your woods.

We hope you enjoy this web site and find the information helpful.

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/publications/woods_in_your_backyard.html

Thank You



Questions?