

Silviculture Instructors Tour Schedule

OCTOBER 3rd (Saturday):

- Arrive at Portland International Airport (PDX) sometime Saturday, October 3rd. Take some time to enjoy the [forestry centric remodel](#). There is a LOT of local wood and signage highlighting stories about local sourcing and manufacturing. Most of it is in the main terminal where the pre-security ticketing counters are located. This is really the first stop on the tour, so make sure to check it out before you leave the airport. In particular explore the upper levels of the main terminal and try to find the sign and mural highlighting Mallore Weinheimer and the Jefferson County Sustainable Forestry Program--we will visit Mallore and one of the Jefferson County sites during the tour.
- We will stay at a [Embassy Suites](#) near the airport. Check-in is at 4:00. The hotel offers complimentary shuttle service departing from Island 2 with other hotel shuttles. It should be easy to find by following signage or asking at the information desk. You may need to call the hotel to request a shuttle pick when you are ready to leave the airport. The number is 503-460-3000. The hotel has a complimentary evening reception that is supposed to start around 5:00-5:30 where they will serve some appetizers and wine. You will be on your own for dinner and there is a restaurant in the hotel as well as other options within reasonable walking distance (Chipotle, Famous Daves, Red Robin <1 mile). We will have a reception to kick things off from 7:30-9:00 in the Cedars I & II rooms.

OCTOBER 4th (Sunday):

- Breakfast will be at the hotel starting at 6:00 AM
- 7:00 AM meet out front and load-up into the vans
- 7:15-8:15 Driving
- 8:15-9:00 AM Stop at [Seaquest State Park](#). This will be a short stop to see operational scale Variable Density Thinning in Douglas-fir type and use the bathrooms.
- 10:00-12:15 AM depart for [Webster Forest Nursery](#), a commercial nursery managed by Washington Department of Natural Resources.
- 12:30-1:30: Lunch at the [Olympia Forest Science Laboratory](#)
- 1:30-5:30 Drive to Capitol Forest with multiple stops highlighting the ~20 year old treatments in the [Silviculture Options Study](#).
- 5:30: Check into the [LaQuinta Inn and Suites in Tumwater Olympia](#).

- 5:50: Walk or get a ride limited van transport to dinner at the nearby [River's Edge](#) restaurant. Dinner service starts at 6:00.
- 7:30-9:00: Business meeting and social back at the LaQuinta Inn and Suites in the Meeting Room.

OCTOBER 5th (Monday):

- Breakfast will be at the hotel starting at 6:00
- 7:00-9:00: Drive to Quinault Rainforest Trailhead. We will have a quick stop about half-way for a bathroom break at Morrison Riverfront Park in Aberdeen, WA.
- 9:00-11:00: Quinault Rainforest Here we will see some temperate rainforest old growth and the worlds largest Sitka Spruce Tree. This is going to be a flexible stop with no talks. We will all start at the Quinault Rainforest Nature Loop which is a 0.5 mile loop through some very cool temperate rainforest old growth with lots of interpretive signs. The trail ties into a larger trail system on which you can complete a longer loop. At ~9:30 vans will take anyone interested to the Quinault Ranger Station or the short trail that leads to the World's Largest Sitka Spruce. At 10:30 we will have at least one van at the World's Largest Sitka Spruce parking area and the Quinault Ranger Station and will load up to depart. Van will stop at the Quinault Rainforest Nature Loop Trail head and pick-up anyone who stayed there. This gives folks the flexibility to hike more, enjoy the lake, the lodge, or spend more time sitting in the woods.



- 11:00-11:45: Drive to Kalaloch Beach for lunch (Kalaloch lodge if it is raining, beach area 1 if it is sunny).
- 11:45-12:45 Lunch on the beach
- 12:45-5:30 Multiple stops to see and learn about the [T3 Watershed Experiment](#)
- 5:30-6:30 Load-up and drive to Quinault Lake. We will have a pizza party and pitchers at a local place and stay at the historic [Quinault Lodge](#).

OCTOBER 6th (Tuesday):

- 7:00-8:00 Breakfast ordered from limited menu at the Quinault Lodge [Roosevelt Dining Room](#).
- 9:00: Leave the lodge
- 10:00: Stop in Aberdeen for restrooms and to pick up lunch.
- 11:00: Arrive at Mima Mounds. Talk about geology, Oregon white oak savannah and woodlands, managing Douglas-fir infiltration, and prescribed fire. We will eat lunch at Mima Mounds
- 1:00: Leave Mima Mounds
- 2:00: Arrive at Skokomish Community Center, Introduction/briefing, short drive to field site.
- 3:30-4:00: Leave Skokomish area for Tacoma
- Sometime before 5:30: Dropped off at the SAF event center or hotels in Tacoma.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: October on the Olympic Peninsula is almost guaranteed to be rainy and may be cool. Pack and dress accordingly, we will be spending considerable time outside in woods. Lunch on the second day may not include covered areas.

Some of the places we plan to do will have narrow forest roads and limited parking, do not plan on bringing a separate vehicle unless you coordinate with us first.

If you have questions or constructive suggestions about the proposed schedule please email Austin.himes@wsu.edu