

# How to Read the Woods

## For Technical Service Providers

### Schedule and conduct an initial assessment with the woodland steward

- Introduce Reading the Woods
- Begin to “shift the gaze” towards a holistic view of the forest
- Complete the Woodland Steward Self-Assessment



### Conduct a Whole Woods Assessment with the woodland steward

- Obtain a forest inventory
- Collect questions

- Q Whole Woods Enterprise Matrix
- Q Consult local specialists
- Q Review the Woodland Steward’s Self-Assessment
- Q Refer to the Library & Archive for any remaining questions



### Complete the Whole Woods Stewardship Analysis for Sustainable, Nature-based Enterprises

- Evaluate family needs and preferences
- Assess market potential
- Evaluate enterprise production feasibility
- Determine financial viability
- Assess long-term sustainability



### Generate a Whole Woods Enterprise Plan

- Q Use enterprise calculators to project costs
- Q Use the Enterprise Budget Template to create an enterprise budget
- Q Complete the Yearly Tasks Plan Worksheet



### Conduct a Post-Assessment with the woodland steward

- Review the Whole Woods Enterprise Plan, make amendments
- Determine whether further mentoring is needed
- Consider additional nature-based enterprises ..

REPEAT ASSESSMENT TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL NATURE-BASED ENTERPRISES

Q Tools and resources



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