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RIFCO SPRING PROGRAM: GROUND-LEVEL FOREST ECOLOGY AT BRYSON TREE FARM IN EXETER

The RI Forest Conservator's Organization (RIFCO) will conduct its Annual Spring Program at the Bryson Tree Farm off Shannock Hill Road in Richmond, RI on Saturday, May 11th from 10 a.m. to noon. The guided walk will visit a couple of vernal (spring) ponds on the Bryson property with amphibian specialist Michael Cavaliere, and we'll explore the amazing variety of mushrooms and fungal life present in our woodlands with naturalist Deana Tempest-Thomas of the RI Mycological Society.

“The program is a field tour follow-up to a February Woodland Owner's Workshop”, according to RIFCO member and our hosts, Tom & Antonia Bryson. “We'll view our forest management activities that we've done over the past twenty years under our forest management plan and with our forester.” Those topics will include tree identification, deer-browse impacts, forest ecology and other woodlot management topics.

The property is located at 66 Shannock Hill Road, which is located just east of Carolina village in Richmond, RI. Parking directions and signage will be set up on site at 9:30 am, and the program will start at 10. The RIFCO Spring Program is free and open to the public. Directions to the site are available by calling RIFCO at (401)568-3410, or one can go to www.rifco.org for more information.

The RI Forest Conservator's Organization is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and wise use of Rhode Island's forest resources.