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RI TREE FARM FALL TOUR AT TROTT-PERRY PRESERVE, HOPE, RI

The Rhode Island Tree Farm Program is conducting its annual Fall Tour along the woodland trails of the Trott-Perry Preserve, along the banks of the Pawtuxet River, in Hope, RI on Saturday, October 22, 2022. The tour will begin at 9:30 AM, and the event should last until 11 AM. The Trott-Perry Preserve, which encompass two of the earliest Tree Farms in Rhode Island, is owned by the Hope Associates, and is located on Doctor's Lane, off Main Street (Route 116), in Hope village, Scituate, RI. Signs will be posted at intersections, and plenty of parking is available at the trailhead.

According to Ronald Fasano of Richmond, the Chair of the RI Tree Farm Committee, "this year's forest walk will be led by Paul Dolan, the land manager for the Hope Associates, and will feature the newly enhanced trails with tree identification markers. We'd like to thank the Hope Associates for making their property available for this year's program".

The event is free and open to the public, and registration is not required. The event will be held rain or shine. Proper footwear and appropriate dress for the weather is required. For more information, contact RIFCO at (401)568-3410, or visit <u>www.ritreefarm.org</u>, where directions to the site will be posted.

The RI Tree Farm Program is a voluntary recognition program, part of the American Tree Farm System, promoting the sustainable management of our forests for wood, water, wildlife, and recreation since 1941. The RI Tree Farm Program sponsors annual tours to highlight the work that certified Tree Farmers do to protect and manage Rhode Island's woodlands. The Rhode Island program is co-sponsored by the RI Forest Conservator's Organization (RIFCO), the RI DEM's Division of Forest Environment, and Providence Water.

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