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RI TREE FARM FALL TOUR AT ROTONDO TREE FARM IN FOSTER, RI

The Rhode Island Tree Farm Program is conducting its annual Fall Tour amongst the open fields and along the woodland trails of the Rotondo Tree Farm, 150-A South Killingly Road, in Foster, RI on Saturday, October 21, 2023. The tour will begin at 9:00 AM and run until about noon. Signs will be posted at intersections, and plenty of parking is available at the trailhead.

In addition to the walk in the woods and fields of the Rotondo property, there will be a presentation on the topic of Conservation Easements as part of succession planning for woodland owners. The presentation is part of the RI Forest Health Works project, a multi-partner effort to help conserve significant tracts of forest land through education and funding for conservation easements. Kate Sayles, Executive Director of the RI Land Trust Council, will be available to provide information on that program for people who might be interested in taking that action to protect their woodlands from future development.

According to Ronald Fasano of Richmond, the Chair of the RI Tree Farm Committee, “this year’s forest walk will allow us to view the multiple wildlife habitat and forest stand improvement projects that Bob (Rotondo) has established over the past twenty years. We’d like to thank him for opening up his property for this year’s program”.

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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 [www.ritreefarm.org](http://www.ritreefarm.org), 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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