

Eastern Kentucky University TREE CAMPUS USA DAY

EKU / KY TACF Chestnut Regional Seed Orchard

April 19, 2019

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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1. The American Chestnut Foundation Overview
2. Breeding Plan (35 years to date) The American Chestnut Foundation
3. Examples of American Chestnut (*Castanea dentata*) wood / crafts
4. “Tree Snap” APP Demonstration to Pinpoint Pure American Chestnut Trees
5. What Chestnut Meant to Wildlife + Pollinating Short Course, Scott Friedhoff, TACF
6. Pollinators -- Jimmy Sizemore, Clay County
7. Berea College Forest -- Clint Patterson, Lead Forester

9:00 – 2:00 Volunteer Work

Projects include weed pulling, mulching, completing deer fence details, setting raptor perches, breaking up dirt clumps to facilitate mowing, ... etc.

**10:00 Orchard Tours by Tom Saielli, TACF Mid-Atlantic Regional Science
11:00 Director, discussing plantings to date, breeding plans, blight
1:00 tolerance testing, future plantings**

**12:00 – 12:12 Talk by Rex Mann, KY TACF “Why Restore This Tree?” followed by 10
minutes of Q & A.**

Notes for preparation:

- Please wear enclosed shoes and long pants – you could get muddy. Dress for the weather, including rain gear if rain is in the forecast, or a hat and sunscreen.
- If you intend to volunteer, bring your own work gloves if you have them.
- If the weather is truly dangerous (e.g. lightning or heavy winds), notices will go out on the Kentucky chapter Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram as well as the chestnuts listserv. Rain alone will not deter us!

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On Twitter and Instagram @ KYTACF

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On the national TACF website: www.acf.org

Event parking for 19 April 2019

EKU Facilities Services will provide continuously circulating shuttles running from a nearby parking lot (see map below) to the orchard itself. We recommend you take advantage of this to minimize traffic at the orchard site. Highly recommended if you drive a car with low clearance.



Directions to the ECU Chestnut Orchard: Please close gates behind you – keep the cows in/out!

From I-75 Take exit 87 to KY-876 E/Eastern Bypass in Richmond (heading east) about 1 mile
Turn right onto Kit Cason Drive (heading south) about ¼ mile
Turn left on McKinney Skills Dr and go past the first driveway (that leads to a parking lot) and take the next right (you will see the police training center in front of you and a gravel road to the right with signs for Taylor Fork – take the gravel road. The road you take may have piles of construction materials, old stumps – don't worry, you are not going the wrong way – continue down this road, And then...

1. Public parking with shuttle service will be on your left. Look for the signs. It will be obvious.
GPS coordinates to public parking area: 37.728631, -84.299227
2. Or go all the way to the orchard...continue down the gravel road. Where you will pass a field with burned out cars and then reach another gate (keep this one closed). Past the gate you will cross a bridge and then continue on the gravel road up a hill. That road then turns to the right and runs along a ridge. Shortly after the turn there is a turn-off on the right with the path leading to a gate near the corner of a fence. The path has no gravel. The orchard and parking are through that gate (definitely leave that one closed). There may or may not be signs at that turn-off directing you to the seed orchard/parking area.
GPS Coordinates to seed orchard: 37.721268, -84.298424

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