

Walnut Council Annual Meeting Tour Descriptions

Field Tour Highlights

Monday, June 12

Monday's tour of the **Revington Mootscreek property** near Brookston, Indiana will highlight a variety of management activities. The farm was purchased in 1971 and walnut plantations installed at the time. Pence Revington will share her challenges and successes at managing this property. Stops will include invasive species control of bush honeysuckle and EQIP cost share, tree and shrub ID, native hardwood management, walnut plantations, and prairie management.

The tour of the Purdue University Department of Forestry & Natural Resources **Richard G. Lugar Forestry Farm** will include research plots and demonstrations by faculty and graduate students. A demonstration study looks at the influence of deer exclusion fencing, fertilization, and select seed orchard seedlings of black walnut, black cherry, red oak and white oak. We will also tour black walnut progeny tests evaluating new selections, a white oak seed orchard, black walnut seed orchard and pollen flow study, and the effectiveness of various invasive species control techniques.

Optional Hugh Pence tree farm tour Wednesday June 14

The Hugh Pence property was a tour stop at the 2004 national meeting, and attendees can opt to return there to see changes in the plantation in the last 13 years. Hugh has also done extensive TSI and crop tree release in his native stands.

Optional Pre Conference Tour Description: Sunday June 11

Martell Forest is a Purdue University's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources property where we will tour research plantings including the oldest walnut clone bank at Martell, a grafted clone trial, and butternut resistance breeding plantings. Transportation is on your own, the property is 25 minutes west of the hotel. A confirmation with maps and specific details will be provided after registration.

Optional Post Conference Tour Description: Wednesday June 14

The **Stephens Forest** is another property of Purdue University's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. This 104-acre property contains high quality mature stands of tulip poplar and oak, regeneration openings, 40-year-old black walnut plantations, and curiously several non-native tree species planted by the prior owner, including mature cucumber trees (*Magnolia acuminata*). Transportation is on your own, the property is 35 minutes northeast of the hotel.

Optional Spouse Tour Highlights

Monday, June 12:

Spouses will board a bus to visit the small town of **Delphi, Indiana**. Guides will share adventures and stories of everyday life as it was 150 years ago on the Wabash & Erie Canal. Experience a 35-minute floating trip on The Delphi, a replica 19th century canal boat. After lunch at the canal museum, we will tour the Delphi Opera House, a mid-1800's Italianate building on the National Register of Historic Places.

Tuesday, June 13

The Tuesday tour will explore nearby **Battleground, Indiana** and Prophetstown State Park, Indiana's newest park. Located at two main rivers, this site was the home of Native Americans and is now a restored prairie. At The Farm at Prophetstown we will tour a 1920's Sears Roebuck farmhouse and see what 1920's farm life was like.

Please consider signing up for the spouse tours in advance so we can plan transportation and lunch. Spouse tours are included in full registration or can be reserved by the single day, see registration form.