

Henry's Grove Woods Walk

**Hosted by: The Forest Stewards Guild, Massachusetts' Society of American Foresters, and
East Quabbin Land Trust**

September 24, 2026, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. ET

Tour Purpose To: (1) Introduce the ecological and human history of the site: from the severe impacts of the 1938 hurricane and the subsequent salvage harvesting and burning, to the tree farm management practices that followed, and the silvicultural treatments since the 2000s and today (2) unpack the 2020 timber harvest, including public engagement and unexpected outcomes, (3) discuss decision-making around next steps at a site with successful oak regeneration (4) network with your community during a brown-bag lunch overlooking the East Branch of the Ware River

Location: Henry's Grove, 52-120 Lombard Rd, Hubbardston, MA 01452

Parking: - 42.474761, -71.934711

About Henry's Grove: The East Quabbin Land Trust took ownership of Henry's Grove in 2017, permanently preserving it from future development. Formerly a tree farm belonging to Henry Howe, the 94 acre mixed-woods are a mosaic of natural regeneration, plantings, and applied silviculture. Henry's Grove is part of the Quabbin to Wachusett Forest Legacy; a 20-mile corridor singled out for its importance to water quality, wildlife connectivity, forest economies, and recreational opportunities.

Event Agenda

9:15 a.m. - Arrive at East Quabbin parking lot

9:30 a.m. - Welcome and introductions

9:45 a.m. - Henry's Grove Silviculture Tour – Hike out

1. 2020 Hardwood release – Skid trail layout and protecting advanced regeneration
2. 2020 White pine release – Harvest equipment and snow load damage
3. Patch cut – Creating stand variability amongst advanced oak regeneration
4. Crop tree thinning – Timber improvement in an even-aged stand
5. 2025 Crop tree release – Leaving a mess for wildlife habitat
6. 2020 White Pine release – The search for quality white pine
7. Reserves – Expanding reserve areas beyond vernal pools

12:30 p.m. - Lunch & networking at the overlook

1:15 p.m. - Henry's Grove Silviculture Tour – Hike back

8. Patch cut experiments – Creating pathways for acres of UGS to become acres of habitat
9. Beech Leaf Disease – The future is the understory

2:00 p.m. - Closing reflections

Presenters:

- Broad Arrow Forestry: Roger Plourde, Forester
- East Quabbin Land Trust: Cynthia Henshaw, Executive Director
- Massachusetts' Department of Conservation and Recreation:
 - Douglas Hutcheson, Forester, South Quabbin
 - Jacob Seidel, Service Forester, District Five