

2016 Bog Learning Network Workday Series - Pineola Bog

Date: Thursday, April 28th

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Friday, April 29th

The Pineola Bog complex in Avery County, NC is owned by the NC Division of Parks and Recreation and includes two Southern Appalachian bog communities. Pineola North encompasses 140 acres and occupies an extensive depression along the west side of the Linville River. Pineola South covers 19 acres in a narrow slough on the east bank of the Linville River to the south.

Workday Agenda

Depending on group size, we will work in either Pineola South or both Pineola South and Pineola North. Activities will include:

- Japanese spiraea, golden bamboo, and multiflora rose treatment using cut stump herbicide applications
- Hardwood canopy thinning and mid-story reduction using cutting, girdling, and some cut stump herbicide applications
- Yellow flag iris rhizome removal using hand tools

The day will begin with an overview of the history of the Pineola Bog complex provided by Marshall Ellis, Mountain Region Biologist for NC Division of Parks and Recreation, and the opportunity to see unique habitat features. We will then review the key identifying characteristics of the species that we will be managing along with the management techniques that we will be using.

We will picnic in a scenic location along the Linville River for lunch and there will be the option of regrouping at a local Mexican restaurant for dinner.

What to Bring & What's Provided

Recommended: Personal water bottle, field lunch, sturdy shoes, long pants & long sleeves

Suggested: Rubber boots, work gloves/safety glasses if possible, change of clothes for dinner

Provided: Ice water, all tools & personal protection equipment, boot decontamination station

Meet Location

We will meet at **10:00 a.m.** in the Pineola Baptist Church parking lot located at 75 Pineola Baptist Church Road, Newland, NC 28657 to leave some vehicles and caravan/carpool to the site.

Carpooling to the meet location is encouraged.

Directions from Marion, NC: Travel north on US-221 for 28.3 miles to Pineola Baptist Church Road on the left across from the Pineola Motel and Inn (before the Linville River). Follow Pineola Baptist Church Road for approx. 225 feet to the entrance of the church parking lot on the left.

Please **RSVP** to Gary Peeples at Gary.Peeples@fws.gov by **Thursday, April 21st** and include **"Pineola Bog Workday"** in the subject line so we'll be sure to have enough tools on hand and can notify you directly if the workday is cancelled due to inclement weather.