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# Learn about sustainable practices on annual resilient forest tour this summer



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People interested in learning about sustainable forest management practices can gain some first-hand experience this summer by joining a tour of an Oregon coastal range forest with a local, environmentally-focused nonprofit.

Beyond Toxics is hosting its resilient forestry tour this year at Shady Creek Forest, about 40 minutes outside Eugene. The tours are an opportunity to see how forest management practices can promote biodiversity, sequester carbon that otherwise would contribute to global warming and protect critical natural resources, such as drinking water.

"The purpose of the resilient forestry tours is to give people a hands-on experience with local forests managed for both timber production and environmental and climate values," said Beyond Toxics Executive Director Lisa Arkin.

Beyond Toxics partners each year with small forest owners to host tours through biodiverse forests, according to a news release. Three tours are scheduled at Shady Creek Forest this summer: Saturday and on July 16 and Aug. 20.

Dave Eisler, the owner of Shady Creek Forest, will participate in the tour to explain his management practices.

"We picked Shady Creek Forest because of our very innovative partner, David Eisler, and also its location," Arkin said. "It happens to be this amazing, rich, lush, coastal forest sandwiched in-between some massive clear cuts."

Registration is required to attend the event. Go to <https://bit.ly/39snsnu> to register. The tours are cost free.

All tours leave at 12:15 p.m. from the east parking lot next to the Mahonia building, 120 Shelton McMurphey Blvd. in Eugene, where the Beyond Toxics office is located. Participants will then caravan to Shady Creek Forest.

Further travel instructions will be provided for registrants via email after registration.

Participants can carpool or take their own vehicles. Tours end at or before 4:30 p.m. and will return by 5:30 p.m.

Participants should be prepared for a hike equipped with sturdy shoes, a walking stick, a water bottle and a hat.

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