



**THE BERRY CENTER  
FARM AND FOREST INSTITUTE**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE BERRY CENTER FARM & FOREST INSTITUTE  
INCLUDING OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CONDITIONS, GROUP DYNAMICS AND  
EXPECTATIONS, AND PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS OF FARM, FOREST, AND FIELD  
WORKSHOPS AND COURSES**

The Berry Center Farm and Forest Institute holds field days, workshops, short courses, and long courses throughout the calendar year. These offerings, which may be as short as 2 hours and as long as a 5-day intensives, are hosted primarily at The Berry Center's 200-acre farm and / or at other area farms and woodlands. The "classroom" may be a barn, an outbuilding or shop, fields, woodlands, or a conventional indoor classroom space. There are some important specifics about the classroom conditions and the nature of our course offerings that are detailed here. Note that these conditions are not for everyone.

As you consider participation in The Berry Center Farm and Forest slate of workshops and courses, please note the following:

1. The program happens primarily outdoors. Courses will take place in all seasons and in a range of temperatures. Generally, in the event of rain or snow or other extreme weather conditions, alternate dates will be provided.
2. The course offerings often involve bodily labor and activity in a variety of settings, possibly including the use of machines and equipment (including but not limited to tractors, chainsaws, axes, carving tools), and possibly including farm animals (including but not limited to horses, mules, oxen, sheep, dogs).
3. Each field day, workshop, and course has been carefully curated and planned in keeping with the mission of The Berry Center and in conjunction with the initiatives of The Berry Center. The offerings are influenced by and formed around the work and writing of Wendell Berry and other agrarian writers and thinkers who inform The Berry Center's objectives.
4. Our field days, workshops, and courses are shaped with farmers and farming communities in mind.
5. Wendell Berry is not an instructor at The Berry Center Farm and Forest Institute. No field day, workshop, short course, or long course takes place at or near Mr. Berry's home place.
6. Participant numbers will be limited to an appropriate group size for each workshop or course and will be noted in the description. This limit allows for optimal learning and safety.