



## IRISH TIMBER GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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### ITGA Field day Invitation

*Management planning, scheduling felling & certification in mature woodlands*

**Date:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Meeting Time:** 10.15 am

**Meeting Point:** Meet at Clonad woodlands, outside Tullamore, Co. Offaly

**Directions:** From the Tullamore by-pass (N52) take the R421 signposted for Kinnitty, follow this road passing Tullamore Golf course and continue on for c. 1.5 km until you see the ITGA direction sign directing you into the forest entrance to the left.

(Co-ordinates of forest entrance 53.22755 -7.527094 )

*Participants are advised to bring suitable clothing and footwear and a picnic lunch*

#### Outline Itinerary

##### **10.15 am Welcome to Clonad by Stacey Bradley, IForUT Forestry Management**

The Irish Forestry Unit Trust's Clonad woodlands consists of over 500 acres of a diverse range of tree species and ages and was one of the first private forests in Ireland to achieve FSC Forest Management Certification. In Clonad, Stacey Bradley of IForUT and Donal Whelan the forest manager will outline ongoing management of these mature and semi mature woodlands, future management planning including felling and timber sales procedures and the various measures and checklists required to comply with forest certification in harvesting and timber sales.

The day will also highlight the steps involved in preparing for a timber sale and measurement and sampling procedures employed to assess crop volumes. The ITGA Template Tree Sales Agreement and Timber Sales Dispatch System will also be outlined as part of the day.

##### **Lunch –Participants are advised to take along a picnic lunch**

After lunch we will look at mature mixed woodlands and discuss general forest management and certification checklists for a range of forestry operations. We will also discuss wildlife considerations including the local deer population and other management issues.

*ITGA would like to acknowledge and thank Stacey Bradley, Brendan Lacey, Darryn McDowell and Oisín Meagher of the Irish Forestry Unit Trust for hosting this field day*