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**Monroe County Master Forest Owner to host "Woods Talk" on Vernal Pools
Listen on Facebook LIVE on April 3rd.**

The Master Forest Owner program provides private woodland owners of New York State with the information and encouragement necessary to manage their forest holdings wisely. In addition to the complimentary visits MFO volunteers provide to woodlot owners, they also offer annual workshops and wood walks for the community and encourage all who are interested to attend.

Join a Facebook Live "Woods Talk" on April 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. about vernal pools with Laura Bailey, Northwest Regional Director of the Master Forest Owner (MFO) Program, brought to you in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County (CCE-Monroe). This virtual talk will be coming to you LIVE from the edge of a vernal pool in the woods. Join in and learn about the unique geology and hydrology of these seasonal wetlands, the animals that depend on their occurrence, and the plant communities associated with them. During this talk you will be able to listen to the calls of different frog species that depend on and visit these pools, identify the tree species surrounding the pool, get an in depth look into one of the few thermogenic plants in the world – the skunk cabbage, and more!

The talk will allow you to actively participate by asking questions in real time. Locations in Monroe County, where you can take a walk on your own to look for vernal pools, will be shared.

FOR REGISTRATION visit the Master Forest Owner Program – Northwest Region Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/events/3301267513236596/>.

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Picture Attached / Caption - Vernal pools are a unique type of seasonal wetland filled each spring by rain and snow melt, then dry up during the summer. They support several species that depend on this temporary wetland habitat for survival. Photo credit: vtecostudies.org

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