

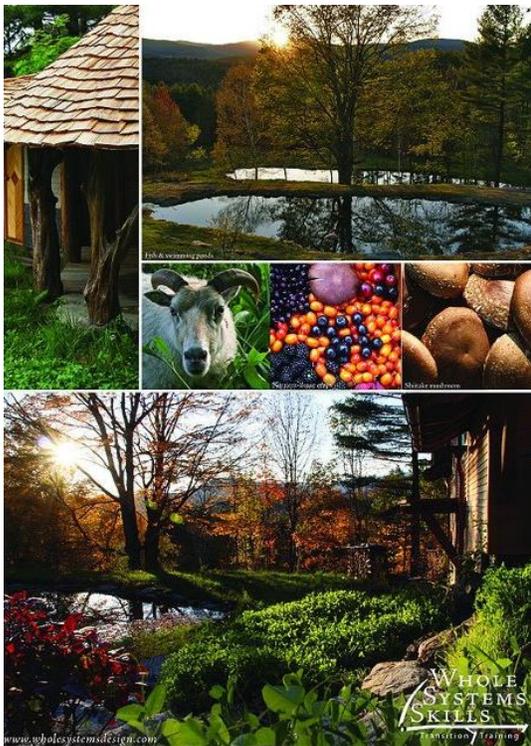
Whole Systems Research Farm

Saturday, June 16, 2012

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

66 Dean's Mountain, Moretown, VT

\$25.00 ELA Member or \$30 Non-Member



Situated on a hillside site in the Mad River Valley of Vermont, Whole Systems Research Farm is one of the most diverse and intensive permaculture sites in North America. Together the team has designed and implemented regenerative food, fuel, and shelter systems. Living in these land-use experiments provides constant feedback and inspiration necessary to continually improve design practice.

Whole Systems Research Farm is 10 acres of formerly abused and abandoned hill farm composed of dry ledgy hillside, high-water-table wet field, and young forest transitioning into an edible, ecosystem and wildlife-enhancing landscape of ponds, fruit and nut trees, forest and pasture, timber structures and outdoor living spaces. Tour highlights will include:

- Swale, terrace, pond and paddy systems which slow, spread and infiltrate stormwater flows to keep soil and nutrients on-site, reducing watershed flooding while fueling plant growth and reducing drought vulnerability
- Rapid topsoil creation from subsoil using perennials via grazing, coppicing and fertigation
- Biodiversity enhancements in plant, animals and fungi systems that provide both wildlife and human values
- Nutrient-dense plant and fungi cropping
- Fuelwood hedges for rapid biomass production, soil-building, fencing and microclimate enhancement
- Developing agro-forestry systems with integrated nitrogen fixing perennials
- Managing ecosystem restoration in combination with agriculture

Join Ben Falk, M.A.L.D. for a professionally guided tour of this unique and successful permaculture laboratory. **Registrations are limited - [Use This Link to Register Online Now.](#)**

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Ben Falk developed Whole Systems Design, LLC (WSD) as a land-based response to biological and cultural extinction and the increasing separation between people and elemental things. WSD is developing land production and ecological restoration methods aimed at increasing self-reliance in the face of peak oil, climate change, and other shifts. Mr. Falk's integrative approach to developing landscapes and buildings is continually informed by his life as a designer, builder, ecologist, tree-tender, and backcountry traveler. He has studied architecture and landscape architecture and holds a master's degree in land-use planning and design. He teaches design courses including permaculture, microclimate, and design for climate change. CEUs are being sought for this event.