

Björklunden Seminars

"Vacation with a purpose"

JUNE 9-14, 2024 AT BJÖRKLUNDEN



Forests through Time

Course Description

Forests are fascinating environments, full of wonder, joy, and cycles of life playing out over many time scales. Together, we will learn about the history of the forests at Björklunden (including where all those birch trees are!), and how these forests have changed over recent human time scales.

Each day we will engage in discussions on foundational principals in forest ecology, along with readings from across disciplines. Each student will work on a deep listening practice, explore the fundamentals of tree ring climate recording as a process, and hone their observation skills while gaining a broader foundational knowledge base for the forests surrounding us.

We will study the biological and ecological basis behind current challenges forest ecosystems face (climate change, landscape fragmentation, pollution, invasive species). We will also review the role and impact of humans on these communities, focusing on the reciprocal relationships between humans and forests, in addition to the ecosystem services framework.

We will walk through and deeply listen to the Forests of Björklunden in this immersive learning experience.

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Instructor



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Ribbons is a forest ecologist who teaches in the Lawrence Geosciences department.

She has been working and playing in forests her entire career.