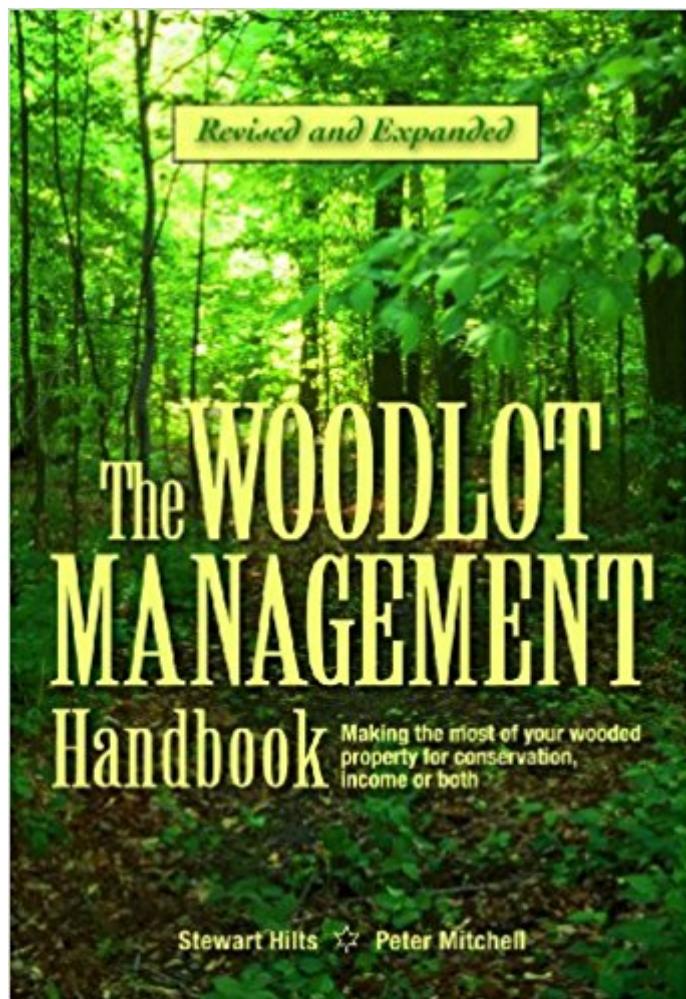


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# The Woodlot Management Handbook: Making The Most Of Your Wooded Property For Conservation, Income Or Both



## **Synopsis**

How to get the most out of a parcel of land by growing trees for timber, selling firewood and preserving land for future generations. A private woodlot may range from 5 to 500 acres, and they are extremely common. Hilts and Mitchell's book is a personal "get out and walk your woods" plan. The authors answer landowners' most common questions on: Basic conservation Nature appreciation Reforestation Recreational use Moderate forestry Timber management Assessing your own woodland Identifying trees Specific techniques for maintaining wildlife habitat, such as snags, logs, den trees and brush piles. There is also extensive information on landscape ecology, natural succession and hardwood plantings. In this expanded and updated second edition, the changing views and values of woodlots are explored, covering topics such as: Woodlots in the broader landscape Moving to ecological restoration Managing conifer plantations Watching for endangered species Dealing with invasive insects and plants. The Woodlot Management Handbook is the definitive book on this important topic.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is a basic introduction to woodlot management with a focus on the forest ecosystem, basic valuation metrics for trees, reforestation, and conservation. The major difference between this title and the Beattie, Thompson, Levine text is that the latter devotes substantially more space to financial, legal, and logistical issues associated with harvesting trees. Conservationists will probably prefer this book while the reader focused on income from his or her woodlot will prefer Beattie et al. Neither text goes very far helping the reader identify specific health problems in a woodlot; look

more to Pirone et al. for an excellent introduction.

This book was a very quick but thorough read. Filled with good sense and good intentions, with the good knowledge to back them up. Liked the fact that it addressed both conservation and profitability. Will refer back to it many many times as I work with my 10 acres of trees.

The Woodlot Management Handbook has some good ideas but the gist of the book could be presented in one third the space. Many common sense observations are previewed, presented, and then recapped. Although written for the novice, this book annoyingly talks down to the reader. Common Sense Forestry by Hans Morsbach covers much of the same material with a clear and concise style and also manages to be far more informative.

This book provides a good background for the subject of woodland management for both timber and enjoyment, blending the two subjects well. It does not provide much in the way of specifics, as the subject is too broad, and often recommends professional help rather than suggesting ways of helping yourself (i.e. further reading).

I found this book to be an incredibly valuable asset in the managing of my newly acquired 10 acres of woods. I had no previous experience and didn't read this text until I had owned it for several months. Unfortunately, I had learned the hard way many of the common sense facts the authors share in these pages. It is a well-written and well-documented work that is perfect for those of us who wish to conserve and preserve deciduous woodlands. I have opened mine up as a guide and reference several times after finishing it.

This book offers a solid introduction to woodlot ownership. The book covers conservation, measurement, and some legal/inheritance issues. The book takes you step-by-step through the basic process of each of these areas. I found the chapter on measurement to be a good quick-and-dirty guide to measuring your timber. Other reviewers have faulted the book for being too simplistic or referring woodlot owners to professional foresters, but I found it to be a good starting point for a complicated subject. Each chapter and many special sections contain references to other sources of information. I found this particularly helpful in the measurement section. I have a couple of other books that are very detailed in the area of measurement. This book summarized the process in one chapter and provided numerous other sources for more detail in the form of state

forestry articles that would have otherwise been difficult to locate. The book is simple on some levels but it is clear that the authors love forestry (particularly stewardship) and want to convey both the knowledge and the joy of woodland ownership. A GREAT book for beginning your journey into this complex subject.

The Book starts out with some good information, and then after a couple of chapters, the reader starts to lose interest due to the Authors repeating the same material over and over. 300+ pages to cover about 50 pages of material. Very little usable material is covered without the reader being told to get professional help.

Excellent source of information. It is one of a few books of its kind - well worth the investment. The author(s) did an outstanding job of telling the whole story. Everything I wanted to know was available to me in this book. I'm ready to manage!

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