

2020 SOILS AND NATURAL RESOURCE WORKSHOP
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 Reid State Park

The 2020 MAPSS/MAWS/MASE Soils and Natural Resource Workshop will be held at Reid State Park in the town of Georgetown, Maine, on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm. Check-in will be by the gate on the Park Access (Seguinland) Road from 8:00 am to 8:30 am.

DUE TO CONCERNS REGARDING COVID-19, WEARING FACE MASKS IS REQUIRED AS IS SOCIAL DISTANCING. Not only is this requirement being made for your health and safety but out of concern for the health and safety of other participants and helpers. Carpooling is normally recommended but in light of the health and safety of all involved, carpooling should be restricted to those people who regularly associate with each other. Only the first 75 registrants will be allowed to attend one of two afternoon discussion sessions, due to the need to limit gatherings to 50 people or less (there will be regulators and station attendants at those discussions which will contribute to the head count). **People will still be allowed to register, beyond the first 75 but they will not be allowed to attend one of the afternoon discussion sessions.** Station attendants will be visiting each of the stations along with regulators, prior to the workshop, so they will be able to answer most regulatory questions for workshop participants. In addition, we are using the same station attendants at the same sites as last year, so they are quite familiar with them and regulatory determinations. During the afternoon discussion sessions, social distancing is required. To accommodate this requirement, we will be using a PA system (that we now know how to operate). Participants will congregate outside the actual pavilion, on the lawn area, either sitting or standing on the lawn or bring a folding chair for comfort. Regulators and hosts will gather at the edge of the pavilion to conduct the afternoon session. **It was not easy pulling this workshop off in light of these difficult times, but we felt it was needed, both for social/professional interaction and educations. Please do your part in making it safe and successful. Thank you.**

At the registration table, you will be given a location map to sites you are to visit as well as a few other technical handouts/keys. Assistants will be at all of the sites to point out the soil pits and other areas where you are to make observations (and determinations) and to answer questions. You have from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm to visit the sites. Note: some of the station assistants will have to leave at 11:30 to participate in the afternoon discussions so visits to those sites will be on your own or should be made prior to 11:30. These include stations # 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 11. After visiting the field sites, as mentioned above, there will be two discussion sessions at the pavilion due to the need to limit gatherings to 50 or less people; the first is from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm and the second is from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. Discussion of the sites and soils will include determinations by state, local and federal regulators and experts. **Lunch is on your own.** There aren't many places to buy your lunch in the area but there are a number of excellent places to enjoy what you bring with you including the pavilion, beaches or rocky prominences. The workshop has many interesting sites which include back sand dunes, flood plain soils, an oxyaquic soil transect with iris tubes, a new (approved by DEP) method for determining the Ksat and HSG of soils, streams, an upland to forested freshwater wetland to a salt marsh transect, vegetated stormwater buffer treatment area evaluations, where to begin measuring from for setbacks in the shoreland zone and vernal pools. These are challenging sites that will generate a good deal of discussion. Experts as well as State, local and Federal Regulators will be present to answer questions and provide valuable guidance for dealing with these difficult sites and soils. Of interest this year will be ACOE determinations based on the new WOTUS Rule as compared to determinations made last year with the former rule. See attached workshop description for more details.

The cost of the workshop is \$40.00 for MAPSS/MAWS/MASE members or associate members and **\$50.00 for all others.**

Please send your checks, payable to MAPSS, to:
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Though registrations will be accepted the day of the workshop, for planning purposes, we ask that you register by September 1. Check www.mapss.org for background information and updates.

If you have any questions about the workshop, call Dave Rocque at 287-2666 or send him an e-mail at david.rocque@maine.gov.

***Registration for MAPSS/MAWS/MASE/SSSNNE 2020 Soils and Natural Resource Workshop
Entrance Gate on Park Access Road
Reid State Park, Georgetown, Maine***

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Number Attending Workshop: _____ **X \$40.00 =** _____

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Total Due: _____