



# 2019 West Virginia Choose & Cut Christmas Trees



## West Virginia Christmas Tree

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Since 1954

Growing and marketing high quality products for your family and the consuming public. The operators of the Association's member farms are true stewards of the land and grow "Real" trees to help in the conservation and improvement of our natural resources.

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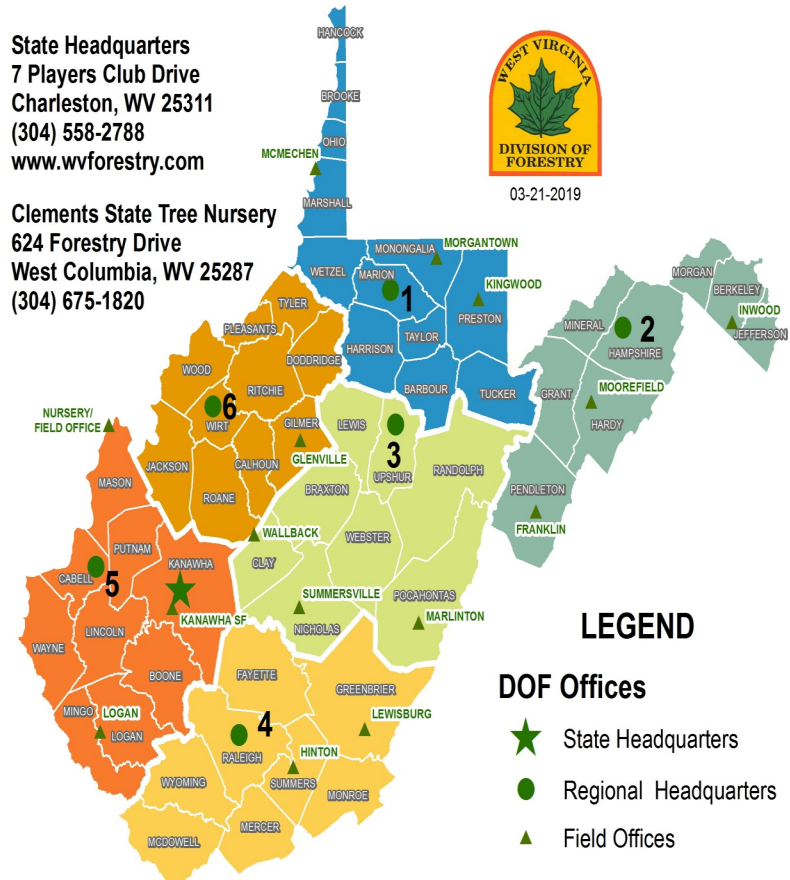
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## **2019 “CHOOSE-AND-CUT” CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS**

Selecting a West Virginia-Grown Christmas Tree is the Environmentally Sound Choice

- Do you want the perfect Christmas tree for the holidays?
- Do you want to make sound decisions when it comes to the environment?

Then travel to one of the many choose-and-cut Christmas tree farms, where holiday traditions and environmental stewardship go hand in hand. Our tree farms grow a wide selection and variety of high-quality trees that bring the beauty and aroma of the forest to your home.

While growing on these farms, Christmas trees stabilize the soil, protect water quality and provide cover for wildlife. Growing Christmas trees absorb carbon dioxide while emitting fresh oxygen. They also beautify the landscape with their classic shape and lush foliage – something not found on artificial trees. Best of all, they can be easily recycled after the holiday.

Gather up your family and friends and get out there! Your perfect Christmas tree awaits at one of West Virginia’s choose-and-cut Christmas tree farms.

### **Keeping Your Christmas Tree Fresh Through the Holiday Season**

Nothing beats the smell of a fresh Christmas tree, but fresh trees need special attention. To keep your tree fresh and beautiful when you get home, as well as to lessen the risk that your tree will become a fire hazard, follow these simple tips:

1. Cut at least one inch off the main stem, place the tree in a clean pail of warm water and put it in a cool, shaded area where it is protected from the wind and the sun.
2. When ready to bring the tree into your home, make another cut of at least one inch off the main stem and place the tree into a water-filled stand as quickly as possible. A bucket of sand and water may also be used in place of a stand. It is important to maintain a suitable water level at all times.
3. Trim the tree in all its finery, sit back and enjoy your creation throughout the holiday season.
4. Dispose of your tree properly as soon as the holiday season is over. Never attempt to burn a live Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove. This can be very dangerous.

Fresh pines and firs will hold their needles for several weeks when treated in this fashion. Spruces will hold their needles for at least two weeks.

To be assured that you get the tree you want, please call the farm before making the trip.

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Due to changes that may occur, the WV Division of Forestry and the State of West Virginia cannot verify the availability of businesses on the list.

## **Berkeley County**

**DeHaven's Choose & Cut Christmas Trees** - Darius & Joline Kesecker  
547 Plateau Drive, Hedgesville, WV 25427  
Farm address: 2377 Providence Church Road, Hedgesville, WV 25427  
304 -582-9806  
[dariusjoline@msn.com](mailto:dariusjoline@msn.com)

**Directions:** Off I-81, take exit 16W toward Berkeley Springs, go 14 Miles, then turn left onto Mountain Lake Road. Follow signs.

**Hours:** Opening November 24<sup>th</sup>. Weekdays: 9 AM to Dark. Weekends: 8 AM to Dark.

**Products:** Concolor, Canaan, Douglas fir. Quality trees up to 9 feet. Wreaths, garlands, and tree stands are available.

**Services:** Saws, baling, restroom. Assistance with cutting is available.

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**Pinecrest Tree Farm** - Paul and Ruth Payne  
10329 Hedgesville Road, Hedgesville, WV 25427  
304-754-3883  
[pinecrestteefarm@aol.com](mailto:pinecrestteefarm@aol.com)

**Directions:** From I-81 take Exit 16W to Route 9 West. Go approximately five miles to the stop light in Hedgesville. Continue through the stop light on Hedgesville Road (Route 9) 5.2 miles to the tree farm on left.

**Hours:** Open the Friday after Thanksgiving through December 24. Monday through Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM. Closed on Sunday.

**Products:** Blue Spruce, Concolor, and a few Canaan firs. Seasonal products include wreaths, etc.

**Services:** Saws, tree baling and help with cutting and dragging as needed. Tree disposal bags at no charge.

## **Braxton County**

### **Berry Fork Enterprises - Ed and Willa Grafton**

130 Berry Fork Road, Heaters, WV 26627

304-765-3014

willag@icloud.com

**Directions:** From I-79 at Flatwoods Exit (67), go North on US-19 five miles thru community of Heaters. Take the first county road to the right (Berry Fork Road, Watershed #4), go approximately 0.2 miles to first gravel road on right. Sign for Fork Enterprises.

**Hours:** Opens Friday after Thanksgiving.  
Friday- Sunday Only 9 AM - 5 PM.

**Products:** White pine, Spruce: Norway and Black, Fir: Concolor and Canaan. Also have wreaths, centerpieces, swags and baskets. Standard size wreaths (24") available during sales hours all other sizes are special order.

**Services:** Bow saws provided. Free tree shaking and netting.

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## **Brooke County**

### **Pike-Vue Christmas Trees – Dean and Neal Smith**

Farm Address: 1691 Rear, Washington Pike, Wellsburg, WV 26070

304-737-2838 or 304-639-4889

[Joanie84@frontier.com](mailto:Joanie84@frontier.com)

**Directions:** Route 2 to Wellsburg; take Route 27 East. 5.5 miles to farm on the left at the WV and Pennsylvania state line.

**Hours:** **Closed Sunday**. Beginning November 25<sup>th</sup>. Open Monday thru Saturday 10 AM-7 PM. (November 18-23 by appointment only). Closed Thanksgiving Day.

**Products:** White and Scotch Pine, Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce up to 15 feet. Limited amount of Canaan Fir. Tree bags, wreaths and tree stands.

**Services:** Customer's pick tree, we cut, shake and bundle. No trees tied on car without a tie-down rack.

## Fayette County

**Crickmer Farms** - Al and Louise Tolliver  
1635 Crickmer Road, Danese, WV 25831  
304-484-7661 or 304-712-8919  
[altolliver@crickmerfarms.com](mailto:altolliver@crickmerfarms.com)

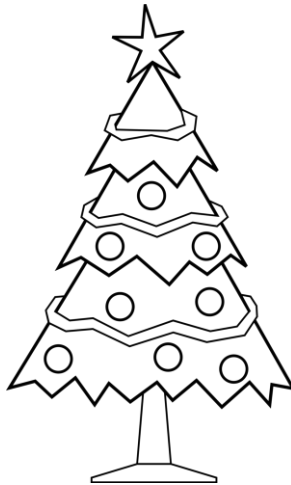
**Directions:** From I-64 take Exit 143. Turn north on Highway 20 and go five miles to Meadow Bridge. Turn left on Highway 31 towards Danese. Go four miles to the second left on Alaska Mountain Road (Millbrook Baptist Church sign). Follow single-lane paved road three miles to farm.

**Hours:** Beginning November 29th, open Thursday through Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM. Other days by appointment.

**Products:** Fraser firs 6-14', larger trees available, so call ahead for sizes. New Christmas shop will be displaying our many different size Fraser Fir wreaths, swags, boughs & garland. Also, centerpieces, unique Christmas Tree ornaments and holiday decorations including handmade tree skirts and table runners.

**Services:** Bow saws, baling and drag sleds. Improved parking area and easy access to fields. Complimentary hot chocolate & candy canes will be available at check-in at the store.

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## **Grant County**

### **May Tree Farm - William H. Taylor**

78 Cottage Hill Road  
Petersburg, WV 26847  
304-668-6600

[mwtaylor@frontiernet.net](mailto:mwtaylor@frontiernet.net)

**Directions:** From I-48, go to Thorn Run Road (north side of highway) and turn onto farm road opposite this country road. This road is located 2.5 miles west of Patterson Creek Exit or 0.5 miles east of Knobly Road exit. Farm can also be accessed from West Morgantown Road.

**Hours:** Open Friday after Thanksgiving. Thereafter: Friday 1-5 PM, Saturday 9 AM-5 PM, and Sunday 1-5 PM.

**Products:** Douglas, Fraser, and Concolor fir, etc., to 10', wreaths, tree stands

**Services:** Saws, assistance as needed.

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## **Hampshire County**

### **Dilello's Choose & Cut - Pete and Karen Dilello**

701 VA Line Road, High View, WV 26808  
304-856-3967

[seashells@frontiernet.net](mailto:seashells@frontiernet.net)

**Directions:** On Route 50 West from Winchester, VA, turn left on Route 259 South. Go exactly five miles toward Wardensville, WV. Make right turn onto Route 610/VA Line Road and follow Dilello's "Choose and Cut" signs (approximately ½ mile). Farm is located on left after passing a brick house. Longitude/Latitude Google Maps: 39.242701, -78.405356

**Hours:** Beginning Thanksgiving weekend, open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9 AM to Dark. Due to low inventory open only 2 weekends after Thanksgiving.

**Products:** Fraser and Canaan fir, 4-9' height. Blue Spruce 5-7 feet; Fraser fir wreaths are also available. Limited Douglas Firs available.

**Services:** Handsaws, tie-down rope provided to all customers, and tree carts for hauling to your car. \*No public restrooms.



## Hardy County

**Riggleman's Christmas Trees** - Michael and Kelly Riggleman  
132 Duffy Hill, Moorefield, WV 26836  
304-538-2856

**Directions:** Take Winchester Avenue to Route 7 or South Fork Road in Moorefield. Take first left at Paskell Hill, continue straight and turn into Duffy Hill Road. The road ends at the farm.

**Hours:** Beginning Thanksgiving weekend, open Tuesday – Friday 1 PM to Dark, Saturday 10 AM to Dark, Sunday - Noon to Dark.

**Products:** Scotch pine, Norway and Blue spruce, Douglas and Concolor fir.

**Services:** Baling, drill for stand.

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## Kanawha County

**Whipkey Christmas Tree Farm** - Robert D. Whipkey  
200 Lory Drive, Charleston, WV 25312  
304-965-0375  
[bob\\_ret55@hotmail.com](mailto:bob_ret55@hotmail.com)

**Directions:** Use Big Chimney Exit 5 off I-79, just five miles northeast of Charleston, WV. If going north, turn right onto Route 114. If going south on I-79, turn left onto Route 114. Go 50-100 yards then turn left onto Coopers Creek Road (Route 41). Go 2.5 miles to Four Mile Road on the left. Turn left and go 300 yards to the first driveway on right.

**Hours:** Beginning Friday, November 29th. Open Monday through Thursday 12 noon to 5 PM. Open Friday and Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 1 – 5 PM.

**Products:** White pine to 10' and Norway spruce to 8'.

**Services:** Saws, free tree shaking, baling and rope to tie down to vehicle.

For more up to date information call 304-965-0375.

## **Lincoln County**

**Wilkerson Christmas Tree Farm** - Larry and Syble Wilkerson  
12 Christmas Tree Lane (P.O. Box 6), Griffithsville, WV 25521  
304-524-2362  
[wilktreefarm@aol.com](mailto:wilktreefarm@aol.com)

**Directions:** Located 1/4 mile off WV State Route #3 on Sam's Branch Road in Griffithsville. Take Christmas Tree Lane at bridge.

**Hours:** Open 7 days/week from 9:30AM to 5:00PM while supplies last starting Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please call to make sure farm is open after first week.

**Products:** White Pine, Norway Spruce, and a limited number of three other species. Also available for sell wreaths, hanging baskets, door swags, tree bags, stands, walking sticks, greenery and ornaments.

**Services:** Saws, tree shaker, free baling, free Forest Fresh needle retention product, rope for securing to vehicle, assistance with loading tree on your vehicle, restroom, warming fire (weekends) and rustic benches in fields. Easy access and parking.

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## **Marion County**

**Mt. Zion Nursery** - Lucille Martin  
815 Mount Zion Road  
Fairmont, WV 26554  
Phone: 304-366-6597  
[MtZionNursery@gmail.com](mailto:MtZionNursery@gmail.com)

**Directions:** I-79, Exit 139. Turn towards Exxon. Go right onto Route 73, then right onto Mt. Zion Road. Farm is located 2 miles out on the left.

**Hours:** Opens Black Friday to December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Monday – Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM, Sunday 1 PM to 5 PM.

**Products:** Scotch and White Pine, Colorado and Norway spruce, pre-cut Fraser fir, wreaths and bows and trimmings.

**Services:** Saws, measuring poles, Baling, loading assistance, complimentary coffee, hot chocolate, candy.

## **Mason County**

### **Hidden Acres Christmas Tree Farm - David Osborne**

2102 Mount Union Road, Pliny WV, 25158

304-419-5571 or 304-932-7424

**Directions:** From Route 35 (north or south) go to Plantation Ck. Road, two miles to Mt. Union Road. Turn left 2 ¼ miles on the left to the farm.

**Hours:** Opening Saturday after Thanksgiving. Open Saturdays and Sundays only. Call for hours 304-419-5571 or 304-932-7424.

**Products:** White pine and Norway spruce.

**Services:** Trees cut, baled and loaded if needed.

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## **Mercer County**

### **Bluestone Nursery - Gene Bailey and Dave Stevens**

3517 Stovall Ridge Road, Camp Creek, WV 25820

304-887-1183 or 304-425-5928

[gene25820@yahoo.com](mailto:gene25820@yahoo.com)

**Directions:** From I-77 take Exit 20 (Camp Creek) turn right (south) on U.S. 19; go two miles to Stovall Ridge Road; turn right and go 3.2 miles to the farm.

**Hours:** Opening Thanksgiving to December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 AM – 5 PM, seven days a week.

**Products:** Canaan Firs, Norway Spruce and small number of pines, other firs and spruces. Wreaths, Forest Fresh, tree stands, snacks and drinks.

**Services:** Hand saws, cord for tying on vehicles, baling and restroom available.

**Plateau Tree Farm** - Jerry Belcher Sr. and Jerry Belcher Jr.  
1634 Mercer Springs Road, Princeton, WV 24739  
304-384-7757 or 304-425-1608  
[ajbelcher@frontiernet.net](mailto:ajbelcher@frontiernet.net)

**Directions:** Take I-77 Exit 14 towards Athens (five miles north of Princeton). Go one mile. Tree farm is on the left at 1634 Mercer Springs Road.

**Hours:** Opening November 23rd at 9 AM – Dark. Thereafter: Monday - Saturday 9 AM - Dark; Sunday Noon – Dark

**Products:** White pine, Canaan Fir and Norway Spruce. Wreaths are also for sale.

**Services:** Saws, free shaking and baling. Assistance provided as needed.

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## **Mineral County**

**Sweet Springs Tree Farm** - Jim and Gwen Wolford  
19504 Knobley Road, Burlington, WV 26710  
304-813-3060 or 304-813-0176  
[dgwolford.gw@gmail.com](mailto:dgwolford.gw@gmail.com)

**Directions:** 2 miles south of U.S. Route 50 on Knobley Road, Antioch, WV.

**Hours:** Opening the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Saturday, 9 AM – 5 PM; Sundays Noon – 5 PM, and by appointment.

**Products:** Douglas fir 4-10 feet, Blue Spruce 4-8 feet, Concolor fir 4-8 feet. Fir & Pine bundles for decorating.

**Services:** Handsaws provided. Twine for tying down, pre-cut trees on lot. Assistance with cutting and handling by appointment.

## **Monongalia County**

### **Mulkeen Landscaping Tree Farm - Francis X. Mulkeen**

743 Sleepy Hollow Road, Independence, WV 26374

304-292-0059

[www.mulkeenlandscaping.com](http://www.mulkeenlandscaping.com)

**Directions:** Follow signs - Take Route 119 south out of Morgantown, WV (Grafton Road). Go seven miles past the intersection with I-68. Turn LEFT on Gladesville Road. Go two miles and turn RIGHT on Arden Peters Road. Go one mile and look for signs.

**Hours:** Opening the Saturday after Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve, Daily, Daylight – Dusk. Allow time for tree selection in evenings as no after-dark hours in field.

**Products:** White pine, Canaan fir, Blue and Norway spruce. All trees one price any size. Also available are wood craft items, stained glass, mosaic art works, bird houses and feeders for sale. Balled and burlapped trees

**Services:** Saws provided and twine for tying tree. Good access roads.

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## **Morgan County**

### **Sleepy Creek Tree Farm - Kerry Noon**

37 Shade Lane, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-4324

**Directions:** Take Route 522 to Route 9 East to New Hope Road, then to Mt. Run Road to Shade Lane.

**Hours:** Opening day after Thanksgiving. Friday through Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM.

**Products:** White pine, Blue and Norway spruce, and Concolor fir. Wreaths, bundles of greens, and center pieces for sale.

**Services:** Cider and cookies.

## Nicholas County

### Yagel Poor Farm - Art Yagel

726 Eureka Road, Craigsville, WV 26205

(Correspondence to: PO Box 638, Summersville, WV 26651)

304-575-2787

[artysmoke@hotmail.com](mailto:artysmoke@hotmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/YagelPoorFarm](http://www.facebook.com/YagelPoorFarm)

**Directions:** From the Craigsville traffic light / intersection of WV Routes 20/55. Take WV Routes 20/55 south toward Richwood 2.0 miles; turn off sharp right on Crupperneck Road Rt 14; Follow paved road 1.6 miles to old church at top of hill; turn left on Eureka Road and go  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to red farm gate on the right.

**Hours:** Opens Friday, November 29th. Open Friday and Monday Noon – Dark, Saturday and Sunday 9:30 AM – Dark. Closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**Products:** White and Scotch pine; Blue and Norway spruce; Canaan and limited Douglas Fir. Most species 4' to 12' size. Other products available are greens; pine cones; tree bags; stands; watering elves and other related items.

**Services:** Candy canes to our guests; hand saws provided; free tree shaking and mesh baling; cutting and loading assistance, twine provided, chemical restroom.



## **Pendleton County**

### **Brushy Mountain Tree Farm** -Travis and Teresa Heavner

623 Skiles Pitsenbarger Road

Franklin, WV 26807

304-358-2511

[theavner40@hotmail.com](mailto:theavner40@hotmail.com)

<http://brushymountaintreefarm.com>

**Directions:** 33 East from Franklin to Long Mountain General Store, turn left on Troublesome Valley Road. Go 5 miles and watch for signs.

**Hours:** Opening day after Thanksgiving, 10 AM – 6 PM. Thereafter, Friday 3 – 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, and Sunday 11 AM – 6 PM.

**Products:** Frasier, Douglas, Canaan & Concolor fir 5-12 feet. Also available are wreaths, centerpieces, tree stands, and other tree supplies.

**Services:** Shaking, baling and field assistance.

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## **Preston County**

### **King's Trees** - John and Bill King

5372 Old Route 73, Bruceton Mills, WV 26525

304-379-8465 or 304-290-1329

**Directions:** From Morgantown, take I-68 east to Exit 15 Coopers Rock. Go left on Old Route 73 then turn right. Farm is five miles on right. From Maryland, take I-68 to Bruceton Mills Exit. Turn right to make left at Antique Mall. Go three miles to farm on left.

**Hours:** Opening Thanksgiving through December 24<sup>th</sup>. Open Monday through Friday Noon - 4:30 PM, Saturday 8 AM - Dark, and Sunday 11 AM – Dark or by appointment.

**Products:** Fraser, Canaan and Concolor fir, Blue and Norway spruce, and White, Scotch and Red pine. Also, for sale are wreaths: canes & crosses both plain and decorated. Now offering precut trees.

**Services:** Saws and tree netting.

**Miller's Christmas Trees** - Marshall and Pattie Miller  
8859 Cranesville Road, Terra Alta, WV 26764  
304-789-2183  
[mpmiller3@frontier.com](mailto:mpmiller3@frontier.com)

**Directions:** Go east on Route 7 to Terra Alta and turn left on Toy Avenue/Cranesville Road. Go approximately nine miles to Cranesville. Look for "Miller's Trees" sign. Driveway on left.

**Hours:** Opening November 15<sup>th</sup>. Daylight to dark.

**Products:** Scotch, White and Austrian pine, Norway and Colorado spruce, a few Douglas and Fraser firs.

**Services:** Saws furnished.

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## **Upshur County**

**French Creek Christmas Trees** - Ronald and Tillie Fowler  
943 Beechtown Road, French Creek, WV 26218  
304-924-5584 or 304-516-4919 or 304-516-0278  
[wvchristmastrees@gmail.com](mailto:wvchristmastrees@gmail.com)

Check us on Facebook – French Creek Christmas Trees - for special events

**Directions:** Ten miles south of Buckhannon, WV, on Route 20, turn right at the large, green "French Creek Christmas Trees" sign. Immediately turn left onto Beechtown Road. We are 1-mile down Beechtown Road on the left.

**Hours:** Opening day after Thanksgiving. Closed Monday – Wednesday; Thursday to Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM. Call for an appointment on closed days. Early tree tagging begins in October.

**Products:** White pine, and Canaan fir.

**Services:** Bow saws provided, wagon rides to and from field if desired, assistance with tree from field to loading, tree baling. Free coloring books and candy canes for the children. Pets are welcome if leashed.



## **Webster County**

**Lake's Tree Farm - Mayford D. Lake**  
109 Alpine Drive, Hacker Valley, WV 26222  
304-493-6473  
mjlake@wildblue.net

**Directions:** Take County Route 16, Lick Run Road, off State Route 20 near top of Hodam Mountain. Go 0.3 miles and bear right. Go 0.5 miles to the tree farm sign.

**Hours:** Open from the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve; Saturday 8 AM - 6 PM, Sunday 1:30 – 5 PM, and by appointment.

**Products:** Norway, Serbian spruce, White pine, and Fraser, Canaan, Concolor and Douglas fir. Also, for sale are boughs of White pine, Canaan fir, Douglas fir and Concolor fir.

**Services:** Saws, tie down strings and field assistance.

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## **Wetzel County**

### **Jolliffe Nursery**

24109 Mountaineer Highway, Knob Fork, WV 26581  
304-775-2141

**Directions:** Eight miles west of Hundred, WV, on Mountaineer Highway (Route 7). Twenty-one miles east of New Martinsville, WV, on Mountaineer Highway.

**Hours:** Opening November 29<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm to Dusk. Thereafter, Saturday and Sunday 1 PM to Dusk or by appointment.

**Products:** Fir, Spruce and Pine of all sizes. Also, wreaths, greens and grave blankets also available.

**Services:** Giant trees for town and church celebrations. Please call information.



## Wood County

### Evergreen Christmas Tree Farms - Terry Dunn

Mineral Wells, WV 26150

304-489-9209 or 304-483-0293

[tldunn1@live.com](mailto:tldunn1@live.com)

#### Directions:

**Farm #1** – Route 14 to Pettyville, take Viscoes Road 1/8 mile to farm.

Opens 11-28-19 each day until all trees sold. 8:00am to Dark. (Retail lot open until 7 pm each day.) Trees up to 9'.

**Farm #2** – Route 14 2 miles past Mineral Wells school, turn right onto Chesterville Road, farm is one-half mile on right.

Opens 11-30-19 Saturday/Sundays only until all trees are sold. 9:00am to Dark. Trees 6'-10'.

**Products:** Scotch, White pine and Norway spruce up available.

**Services:** Saws, Tie string and balers available. Free tree drawings and candy canes for kids. When possible assist customer shaking, baling and tying the tree on the vehicle.

Will cut for small additional fee.



# Christmas Tree Safety

- Buy locally grown Christmas trees if possible. Bounce and shake the tree. Pull the needles. If the needles fall, the tree is not fresh.
- Just before the Christmas tree is placed in the tree stand, make a slanting cut an inch or two up the trunk from where the tree was originally cut. Removing this lower inch or two will produce a fresh, clean surface that will allow the tree to absorb water easily.
- Keep the base of the tree under water at all times. A Christmas tree may use a quart of water a day, so keep a close watch on the water supply.
- Certain other precautions should be taken to ensure a safe Christmas. All lights should be inspected for faulty wiring and sockets. If any defect is found, the set should be discarded. Only light sets carrying the Underwriters Laboratory safety seal should be used. Other sets may be dangerous.
- Keep all flammable decorations, such as paper or cotton, away from the Christmas tree. Angel hair, snow spray, and white plastic foam are common decorations on Christmas trees. When used separately, angel hair and snow spray are essentially safe. But the National Fire Protection Association reports that when snow spray is used on angel hair, the combination is so flammable that just a touch of fire will cause it to burst into flame. While plastic foam may appear to be fireproof, it may burn if ignited by a spark.
- Artificial trees may be dangerous, too. Never string lights on a metal tree. A short circuit may easily electrify the tree and cause serious injury to anyone coming in contact with it. Colored spotlights should be used to illuminate this type of Christmas tree.

Note: Many West Virginia Christmas tree growers provide trees wholesale. To obtain a list of these growers, contact Larry Wilkerson, PO Box 6, Griffithsville, WV, 25521, or email [wilkreefarm@aol.com](mailto:wilkreefarm@aol.com).

## WV Division of Forestry Our Mission

The West Virginia Division of Forestry is committed to protecting, nurturing, and promoting the wise utilization and thus the sustainability of our state's forest resources.

### Our Programs

**Fire Protection:** Responsible for protecting nearly 12 million acres of state- and privately-owned forestland across West Virginia from wildfire.

**Investigative Unit:** Investigates all violations of the state's fire laws and enforces violations of the Logging Sediment Control Act of 1992.

**Water Quality:** Issues licenses to anyone who buys timber or logs for resale or who harvests timber within the state and provides training and certification for loggers in accordance with the Logging Sediment Control Act.

**Managed Timberland:** Promotes sustainable forestry within the state by providing a formula-based method of taxation for forestland.

**Forest Management:** Provides cooperative forest management programs for private nonindustrial forest landowners to promote sustainable forestry practices. Also, regulates the digging of ginseng, manages seven state forests, as well as the operations of the Clements State Tree Nursery.

**Urban and Community Forestry:** Helps municipalities throughout the state establish long-term tree care programs