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# KENTUCKY LOGJAM

Providing Environmental, Safety, and Professional Information to Kentucky's Timber Harvesting Operators



## 2025 Logger Web TV

In 2025, over 500 master loggers will need six hours of CE (continuing education) to keep their Master Logger designation. On **February 25, 2025**, the Kentucky Master Logger Program will host another Logger Web TV to make obtaining these six credit hours more feasible and convenient.

Logger Web TV will be offered at the extension offices for the following counties: *Boone, Breathitt, Breckinridge, Casey, Crittenden, Cumberland, Fleming, Hancock, Harlan, Monroe, Ohio, Owsley, Perry, Taylor, and Whitley.*

Logger Web TV will be hosted from 9 am - 4 pm EST (8 am - 3 pm CST). The class will be broken into six 50-minute segments. The agenda will follow as:

- 9:00 - 9:50: Introduction, House Keeping, and Economic Update for 2024/2025
- 10:00 - 10:50: White Oak Initiative

- 11:00 - 11:50: White Oak Initiative
- 12:00 - 1:00: Lunch (On Your Own)
- 1:00 - 1:50: Water Maps, Safe Hauling, Trucking Cost Estimator
- 2:00 - 2:50: BMP Refresher and Changes update
- 3:00 - 3:50: What Log Buyers are Looking For (Tie's, Stave, Saw/Grade Logs, Way wood/Pulp)

By attending Logger Web TV, you will receive six hours of continuing education and be eligible to renew your designation. The class will cost \$50, and the renewal fee will be an additional \$25 (\$75 in total). Please register and send a check, cash, or money order to the Kentucky Master Logger office (Please do not send money to extension offices).

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## Kentucky LogJam

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# Introducing the Kentucky Logging Bridge Program

## WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

The Kentucky Logging Bridge Program provides temporary wooden bridges (skidder bridges) to you as a logger during operations requiring crossing streams or channels. These bridges are designed to:

- Improve efficiency of skidding speed.
- Prevent sediment and mud from entering waterways.
- Protect fish, wildlife, and aquatic ecosystems.
- Help loggers meet state environmental regulations while maintaining efficient operations.

This program offers a **rent-to-own** option that essentially sells skidder bridges for 25 percent of the actual skidder bridge. For example, an 18-foot panel for a bridge costs 425 dollars. We charge 106 dollars for it. Once you complete the payments the bridges are completely yours.

The Kentucky Logging Bridge Program for Temporary Stream Crossings is a new initiative designed to help loggers protect the environment while improving their efficiency on the job. Led by the University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, this program offers a practical solution for crossing streams and channels during timber harvesting operations.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The program provides three types of wooden bridges with three panels considered to be a full bridge available in different sizes:

- 18-foot bridge sections
- 20-foot bridge sections
- 24-foot bridge sections

These bridges are reusable and easy to transport. Loggers can rent them for six months or purchase them outright at an affordable cost. For example:

- A full 18-foot bridge costs \$300 upfront or \$50/month for six months.
- A full 20-foot bridge costs \$600 upfront or \$100 for six months.
- A full 24-foot bridge costs \$800 upfront or \$133/month for six months.



## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

In Kentucky, logging often involves crossing streams or channels, which can lead to sediment pollution, habitat destruction and increases your skidding time. This program is designed to:

- Protect streams and rivers.
- Safeguard threatened and endangered species.

Using temporary wooden bridges has been proven to significantly reduce sediment runoff compared to other speed methods like fords or culverts. This helps keep streams clean and ecosystems healthy.

## WHO IS BEHIND THE PROGRAM?

The program is run by the **University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources** in partnership with the **Kentucky Master Logger Program** and other industry organizations. The U.S. Forest Service supports the initiative and is part of a larger effort to promote sustainable logging practices.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The Kentucky Logging Bridge Program is open to loggers in Kentucky. In addition to providing bridges, the program offers training on proper installation and best practices for protecting water resources.

For more information or to get started, contact **Michael Ammerman** at [michael.ammerman@uky.edu](mailto:michael.ammerman@uky.edu) or visit the Kentucky Master Logger Program website: [masterlogger.ca.uky.edu](http://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu).

This program is an opportunity to make your logging operations more efficient and environmentally friendly while helping protect Kentucky's natural resources.



# 2025 Kentucky Master Logger Programs



## Continuing Education Schedule

- **March 19:** Chainsaw Safety - Munfordville (Hart County)
- **March 26:** BMP Refresher - Olive Hill (Carter County)
- **April 9:** Sustainable Forestry - Pennyrite (Christian County)
- **April 23:** White Oak Production and Harvesting - Beattyville (Lee County)
- **April 30:** Directional Felling - Whitesburg (Letcher County)
- **May 29:** Basic Timber Cruising - Prestonsburg (Floyd County)
- **June 3:** Principles of Forestry - Stanford (Lincoln County)
- **June 24:** Principles of Forestry - New Castle (Henry County)
- **August 27:** Principles of Forestry - Edmonton (Metcalf County)
- **September 30:** Sustainable Forestry - Murray (Calloway County)
- **October 15:** Basic Timber Cruising - Jackson (Breathitt County)
- **November 13:** Basic Timber Cruising - Camp McKee (Montgomery County)

### Other CEU Opportunities

- **February 25:** Logger Web TV - Multiple Counties (6 CE Credits)
- **February 27:** Woods & Wildlife for your Wallet - Greenup County (3 CE Credits)
- **September 19 & 20:** Kentucky Wood Expo - Lexington (6 CE credits available per day)

## 3-Day Schedule

- **February 4, 5, 6** - Hardin County Extension Office
- **March 11, 12, 13** - Fleming County Extension Office
- **April 15, 16, 17** - Christian County Extension Office
- **May 6, 7, 8** - Magoffin County Extension Office
- **July 16, 17, 18** - Owen County Extension Office
- **September 16, 17, 18** - Adair County Extension Office
- **October 21, 22, 23** - Marshall County Extension Office
- **November 18, 19, 20** - Knox County Extension Office

## 3-Day Registration Form

**FEES: \$85 per person**

Program Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

Name (First and Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended the KML 3-day program in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

## CEU Registration Form

**FEES: \$50 class fee and \$25 for card renewal**  
**Courses are 6 CE credits, 9 am - 4 pm**

Program Date & Location \_\_\_\_\_

Name (First and Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Designation Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MasterCard accepted by phone (859-257-6230) or mail.

Circle one: Visa or Mastercard


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