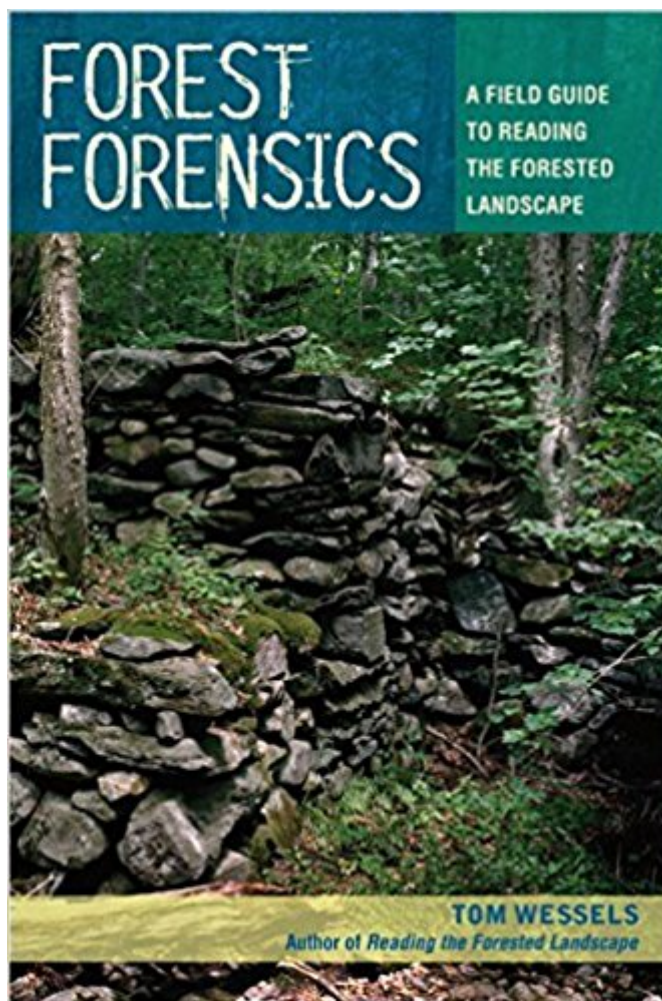


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# Forest Forensics: A Field Guide To Reading The Forested Landscape



## Synopsis

Take some of the mystery out of a walk in the woods with this new field guide from the author of *Reading the Forested Landscape*. Thousands of readers have had their experience of being in a forest changed forever by reading Tom Wessels's *Reading the Forested Landscape*. Was this forest once farmland? Was it logged in the past? Was there ever a major catastrophe like a fire or a wind storm that brought trees down? Now Wessels takes that wonderful ability to discern much of the history of the forest from visual clues and boils it all down to a manageable field guide that you can take out to the woods and use to start playing forest detective yourself. Wessels has created a key—a fascinating series of either/or questions—to guide you through the process of analyzing what you see. You'll feel like a woodland Sherlock Holmes. No walk in the woods will ever be the same. 50 color photographs

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## Customer Reviews

Tom Wessels is an ecologist and the author of *Reading the Forested Landscape* and *Forest Forensics*. He is the director of the Environmental Biology program at Antioch New England Graduate School.

This was a very interesting and useful book when he stuck to what he knew (i.e. all but the last chapter where he shifted more to what he suspected going forward). I live deep in the north woods of Adirondack Mountains and immediately applied his learning to my property and surrounding area - an area ravaged by fire in early 20th century- plus recent beaver activity and learned enough to

explain the "why" of its current situation. It even helped me decide how I should approach how to manage for firewood- particularly if you want as much as possible to return land to a natural, non man affected habitat. It is extremely useful for managing large wooded areas in all of north east including farming area where I grew up. Explains much of what I noticed growing up on the farm. Highly recommend especially for landowners.

This is a thoroughly interesting and useful book. For anyone who like to walk around in the woods and wonders what things looked like 50 or a 150 years ago, this is the book. Easy to follow and not written in hard-to-read verbiage, it's a must for any backpack, along with a Nalgene bottle.

Decent introduction to understanding forest morphology. Specifically published with the Northeast in mind it has proven useful for identifying Ohio forest forms as well. A worthwhile and handy field guide. It is sized for easy carrying in coat pocket or bag.

As expected from this amazing ecologist.

I have observed many of the items discussed in the book, but never was able to make the connections. Forest Forensics won't tell you everything you need to know, but if abandoned land near your house has baffled you in the past, this volume will help solve some curiosities

A rather interesting topic covered in short shrift. Could have used more info and photos with better descriptions. Try again for the next edition.

I always wondered about certain topographical areas that I hike through and this manual explains it all. I'm very pleased with this book. Very precise and to the point. Also, a very compact size which you can easily take along on a hike.

It's a great book. Never again will I walk in the woods and not notice and attempt to read my surroundings. Sometimes my co-walkers or hikers have to remind me to keep going so we can reach our destinations in daylight.

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