

# *Seven “Hallmarks” of a Well-Managed Woodland*

- ❑ *A carefully thought out (and well-communicated) set of **goals, values, priorities** for the ownership*
- ❑ ***Property boundaries** are clearly and accurately marked, on paper and on the ground*
- ❑ *An **access system** of roads and/or trails that is well-established and designed*
- ❑ *A **Forest Management Plan** that is written, comprehensive, and current, and realistically addresses the landowner’s goals*
- ❑ *A visible, ongoing program of **activities & projects**, implemented skillfully & over time*
- ❑ *An ongoing working relationship with a **Maine Licensed Forester***
- ❑ *Some type of **estate plan** that assures the future integrity of the land and its management*

# *7 things you can do today to “manage” your woodlands*

- visit some portion of your property boundary that you haven't seen in a while*
- walk a familiar trail – and venture 100 feet farther into your woods than you've been before*
- learn to identify one species of tree or shrub (bird, butterfly, mushroom, wildflower, animal track...) from your property that you don't know*
- prune and/or thin around one tree that you want to encourage*
- ... and use what you've cut for firewood, crafts, garden stakes, fencing... or other projects*
- talk with your family about your woodland goals*
- call or visit a friend and tell them about your woodland (or ask them about theirs)*