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K-12 FOREST EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

A guide to forestry education programs and materials available to you and your students



Oregon Forest
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Why teach your students about forests?

Nearly half our state is covered in forests. Forests filter our water, absorb carbon from the atmosphere and provide wildlife habitat. They supply wood and other forest products that help sustain the economies of many rural communities. Our forests also provide a unique, truly Oregon context for teaching and applying core concepts in science, social science, math and literacy.

How do you teach students about Oregon's forests?

This booklet can help. Inside you'll find forest-related education programs, field trip destinations and other resources. Most of these programs are free, and bus transportation reimbursements are available for field trips.

While gaining an appreciation for the natural wonders of the forest, students can learn Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards. They'll also become more knowledgeable about an important resource in Oregon.

Oregon's forests have much to teach your students. It's time to get out there and start exploring!



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How can the Oregon Forest Resources Institute help you teach about forests?

The Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) is dedicated to assisting K-12 educators in teaching students about Oregon's forests. We provide curriculum materials as well as print, digital and video resources, geared to educating different grade levels about Oregon's forests. **All are available for free at LearnForests.org, and can help your students:**

MEET NGSS AND COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

OFRI's curriculum resources are aligned to standards, and give teaching suggestions for using them with students. They offer ways for students to investigate the core ideas of science, engage in scientific and engineering practices, and practice interpreting informational text – all while learning about the forests in their backyard.

Concept	Science (NGSS)
Theme 1, A.2	K-ESS2-1
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	K-ESS3-1
	K-ESS2-2
	K-ESS3-3

EXPLORE OREGON-SPECIFIC CAREERS

OFRI's print publications and videos introduce students to the many jobs – one out of every 20 in Oregon – related to the state's forests. Students get to know some of the real people working in these jobs, and examine the skills and interests required to succeed in them.



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OFRI curriculum and educational resources can help you:

IDENTIFY PRIORITIES FOR TEACHING ABOUT OREGON'S FORESTS

Use the Oregon Forest Literacy Plan as a conceptual framework for teaching about Oregon's forests. It lists the most important forest-related concepts, and identifies connections to state educational standards.



PROVIDE SCIENCE-BASED AND FACTUAL INFORMATION ABOUT OREGON'S FORESTS

OFRI's materials are updated regularly to include the latest scientific findings. They're designed to help students understand our state's forests and their importance to Oregon, while also grappling objectively with some of the issues of the day.

FIND MATERIALS SUITABLE FOR YOUR STUDENTS' GRADE RANGE

OFRI offers materials geared specifically for different grade-level ranges:

For grades K-2: Materials help students understand what a forest is, while also reinforcing reading skills.

For example, *Sounds of the Forest* tells the story of some of the animals that live in Oregon's forests, and *Forest Essays* provide a variety of leveled readings about forests.

For grades 3-5: Materials emphasize what is special and unique about Oregon and its forests, supporting both science literacy and place-based learning. For example, *Explore the Forest* gives students an overview of Oregon's forests, and the companion teacher's guide suggests activities for engaging students in doing science while connecting with the forests in their community.

For grades 6-8: Materials aim to give students an understanding of the complexity of Oregon's forests, and help them dive more deeply into specific topics. For example, *Into the Forest* provides students with a grade-appropriate overview of forest ecology and forest management, and a companion teacher's guide suggests activities for investigating different aspects of local forests.

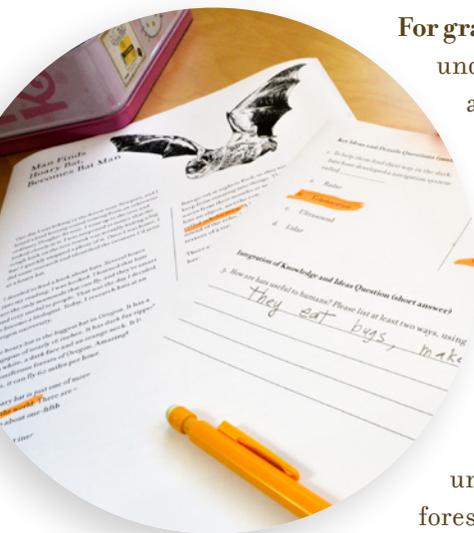
For grades 9-12: Materials provide students with a rigorous exploration of various processes and issues related to Oregon's forests. For example, *Inside Oregon's Forests* is a comprehensive high school curriculum with 37 lessons that can be stand-alone or taught together for a semester-long course. It includes labs, hands-on activities, and links to videos and other resources to give students an in-depth understanding of Oregon's forests and forest management.

See the chart on pages 5-7, as well as LearnForests.org, for more details.

GET YOUR STUDENTS OUTSIDE

Provided by OFRI and our partner organizations, this booklet gives an overview of forest-related education programs and field trip destinations throughout Oregon.

For more information about statewide forest education organizations and field programs offered across Oregon, see pages 8-15.



OFRI resources for teachers and students

OFRI offers the following resources to help K-12 teachers and students explore Oregon’s forests and forest-related topics. All are available for free download from our website. Educators may also order free print copies of resources marked with an asterisk (*). See LearnForests.org for more information.

RESOURCE	K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12
<p>Establishing and Managing Forest Trees in Western Oregon* – Information about how to best plant and tend to trees in your woods to ensure they remain healthy and productive.</p> <p></p>				●
<p>Explore the Forest* – A student publication and companion teacher’s guide for third and fourth grades that provide an overview of Oregon forests, forest ecology, tree biology, forest management and forest careers. Aligned with state educational standards.</p> <p> </p>		●		
<p>Find Your Path* – A set of materials introducing students to the wide range of employment opportunities available in Oregon’s forest sector. Includes a student publication, a companion instruction guide and a series of videos that highlight individuals working in different forest sector jobs. Aligned with state educational standards. Videos available at bit.ly/OFRI-CareerVids.</p> <p>  </p>			●	●
<p>Forest Activity Sheet* – Simple illustrations that teach about forest products and wildlife, and are great for coloring.</p> <p></p>	●			
<p>Forest Essays* – An illustrated collection of essays that address topics related to Oregon’s forests, including wildlife, forestry and tree biology. Each essay includes reading comprehension questions. A Spanish version is available for grades 3-5.</p> <p></p>	●	●	●	●
<p>Forest Fact Breaks – Flash animations that use graphics, movement, sound effects and narration to bring forest-related topics to life. Each of the <i>Fact Breaks</i> is 90 seconds long. Available at bit.ly/OFRI-FactBreaks.</p> <p></p>		●	●	●
<p>Forest Fact Sheets* – Descriptive, one-page information sheets on a variety of forest-related topics.</p> <p></p>			●	●
<p>Forest Team GO! – A fast-paced, six-minute video that introduces the span of careers and the high-tech nature of jobs in the forest sector. Available at bit.ly/Forest-Team-GO.</p> <p></p>		●	●	
<p>Forest Threats* – This publication describes newer forest threats including climate change and invasive species, as well as traditional ones such as wildfire, insects, disease and wind or ice.</p> <p></p>				●
<p>Inside Oregon’s Forests* – A 12-week high school curriculum that includes lesson plans, labs and other activities, plus links to a variety of related documents and videos. Aligned with state educational standards.</p> <p></p>				●

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RESOURCE		K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12
<i>Into the Forest*</i> – A student publication and companion teacher’s guide for fifth and sixth grades that provide an overview of Oregon forests, forest ecology, tree biology, forest management and forest careers. The student publication is also available in Spanish as <i>En el Bosque</i> . Aligned with state educational standards.	 		•	•	
<i>Investigate the Forest</i> – A set of journal pages for use before, during or after Outdoor School to guide students in exploring Oregon trees and forests.			•	•	
<i>K-12 Forest Education Opportunities*</i> – A directory of field sites, special events and ongoing forestry programs for Oregon educators and their students.		•	•	•	•
<i>Life in the Forest: Get to know Oregon’s forest wildlife*</i> – A student publication and companion instruction guide that help students understand how forests provide habitat for different wildlife species, and presents actual data for students to analyze. Aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards.	 			•	
<i>Living with Fire*</i> – This report was produced in partnership with Keep Oregon Green, Oregon Department of Forestry and Oregon State University Extension Service. It examines fire awareness, prevention and mitigation for creating fire-adapted communities and resilient landscapes.					•
<i>Making Forest Connections*</i> – Correlation documents that identify connections between the Oregon Forest Literacy Plan concepts and NGSS Performance Expectations, OFRI materials, Project Learning Tree and Project WILD.		•	•	•	•
<i>More Than Trees*</i> – An “early reader” that uses familiar vocabulary, a simple story and appealing illustrations to teach about forests and the wildlife that depend on them.		•			
<i>Not So Clear-Cut*</i> – This publication explains how landowners find a balance between environmental and economic values, deciding how and when to harvest trees based on their specific forest management objectives.					•
<i>Oregon Forest Facts*</i> – A reference booklet loaded with charts, graphics and numbers to help Oregonians understand the magnitude and importance of our forest resources.				•	•
<i>Oregon Forest Literacy Plan*</i> – A conceptual framework for teaching about Oregon’s forests that aligns with the latest state educational standards for math, science, social science and literacy.		•	•	•	•
<i>Oregon Garden Natural Resources Education Program Lessons*</i> – Four lessons to enhance students’ understanding and appreciation of Oregon’s forests through engaging investigations they can do on their own at home, no matter where they live.			•		
<i>Oregon’s Forests*</i> – A colorful 24-inch-by-36-inch poster and companion instruction guide that help students understand where conifer and hardwood tree species are found in Oregon. Aligned with state educational standards.	 			•	•



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Sounds of the Forest* – Intended for young readers, this booklet uses text and color illustrations to tell the story of some of the animals that live in Oregon’s forests.		●			
Teacher Sampler Packet* – A collection of OFRI’s most popular K-12 education materials.		●	●	●	●
Tree Carbon Tape* – A template for making a carbon-measuring tape and a companion instruction guide that help students gain a tangible sense of the amount of carbon stored by Oregon’s forests. Aligned to state educational standards.				●	●
Understanding Eastside Forests* – A publication covering the geology and ecology, major forest types, characteristics of selected trees, disturbance and change, and management of Oregon forests east of the Cascades.					●
Where’s All the Carbon?* – A poster and companion instruction guide that help students understand the role of forests and wood products in the carbon cycle. Aligned with state educational standards.				●	●



4-H INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CAMPS

- Contact: Mario Magaña Álvarez – 541-737-0925
 mario.magana@oregonstate.edu
<http://extention.oregonstate.edu/4h/outreach>
- Program: Residential summer camps
- Grade Level: 3-8
- Available: Summer
- Cost: \$350 for grades 3-8. Partial scholarships available if you cannot pay the full amount

The 4-H International Summer Camps provide opportunities for students to learn about post-secondary education, financial aid and scholarships; enable youth to develop leadership skills and explore careers related to natural resources, engineering, health professions, new technologies, law, music, culture and art; and engage them in fun and challenging educational activities. The program also allows students to interact with role-model university students and professionals.

ECOLOGY IN CLASSROOMS & OUTDOORS (ECO)

- Contact: Sarah Woods – 503-680-2389
 sarah@ecologyoutdoors.org
<https://www.ecologyoutdoors.org>
- Programs: Classroom lessons, curriculum kits, field trips and service-learning
- Grade Level: K-12
- Available: October-May
- Cost: Varies; inquire for rates

Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors provides in-person, place-based education for students in the Portland metro area, and offers curriculum kits and virtual lessons for schools across the state. The organization's mission is to inspire students to care for nature and their local communities through hands-on science education and climate action. During in-person programs, pairs of ECO educators deliver a series of four to six experiential lessons to individual classrooms. Lessons occur during the school day and are aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards. ECO science lessons focus on Northwest ecology while also integrating literacy, math and art. Programs generally include outdoor exploration and service-learning, so students can apply classroom content to real-world habitat restoration.

KEEP OREGON GREEN

- Contact: Kristin Babbs – 503-945-7499
 kristin.a.babbs@odf.oregon.gov
<https://keeporegongreen.org/kids-corner>
- Program: Interactive website
- Grade Level: 3-6
- Available: Year-round
- Cost: Free

Keep Oregon Green's Kids Corner has wildfire prevention coloring sheets and games for youth. Students can learn about the types of human-caused wildfires that threaten forests and communities, and explore ways they can help prevent wildfires. Activities can be downloaded from the website for individuals or classrooms.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S ECO-SCHOOLS USA

- Contact: Morgan Parks – 503-616-3613
 parksm@nwf.org
nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA
nwsteelheaders.org/garden-for-wildlife/
nwf.org/Trees-for-Wildlife
nwsteelheaders.org/programs/education-2/
fish-eggs-to-fry
rangerrick.org
- Programs: Free trees are provided through the Trees for Wildlife program. Those who rear salmon or trout in the classroom can earn an Eco-Schools award for the Watersheds, Oceans and Wetlands (WOW) pathway. Web resources, workshops.
- Grade Level: Pre K-12 educators
- Available: Year-round
- Cost: Free

The National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools USA is a Pre K-12 program in partnership with Oregon Green Schools that provides a framework for effective "green" management of school grounds, facilities, curricula and student experience. One of 12 Eco-Schools sustainability pathways, Learning About Forests (LEAF) aims to increase knowledge about the key role forests play in sustaining life on our planet. LEAF promotes our forests as a natural asset to be treasured and kept safe for future generations, while also instilling a sense of ownership through student engagement in the natural world. Eco-Schools USA is a self-guided platform that provides educational

OREGON 4-H OUTREACH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Contact: Mario Magaña Álvarez – 541-737-0925
 mario.magana@oregonstate.edu
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/outreach>

Program: Overnight Conferences and Institutes

Grade Level: 8-12

Available: Year-round (May, July, August and November)

Cost: Call or check the website for information

The Oregon 4-H Outreach Leadership Institute prepares students for college and helps them explore different career options, develop leadership skills and conduct community service. The institute provides hands-on workshops and motivational speakers for students to learn about post-secondary education and how to apply for college, FAFSA and scholarships; explore careers related to natural resources, engineering, health professions, new technologies, law, music, culture and art; and develop leadership skills while engaging in fun and challenging educational activities. The institute also allows youth to earn community service hours by serving as camp counselors during the 4-H International Summer Camps.

OREGON ENVIROTHON

Contact: Rikki Heath – 503-799-4792
 heath@ofri.org
<http://oregonenvirothon.org>
 LearnForests.org

Programs: One-day science/natural resources competition, field trip, teacher workshops

Grade Level: High school

Available: Year-round (competition in May)

Cost: Minimal

Teams of five students each participate in this hands-on environmental problem-solving competition. Teams complete training and testing in four categories – aquatic ecology, forest ecology, wildlife ecology, soils and land use – and one current environmental issue. Winning teams may advance to the North American Envirothon event and compete for recognition, scholarships and prizes. Professional development for instructors, student field trips, training sessions and study equipment are available to prepare teams for the competition.

NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS

Contact: Andrew Tagge – 541-357-8210
 info@nwyouthcorps.org
<http://nwyouthcorps.org>

Programs: Residential conservation service programs; Youth Corps camping and community-based day programs offering paid job training and educational opportunities for youth and young adults; paraprofessional internships; Twin Rivers Charter School; 2-acre organic garden and summer/fall CSA

Grade Level: 9-12

Available: Year-round

Cost: Tuition costs vary; scholarships available; all programs pay a stipend

Established in 1984, Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) engages youth and young adults to improve our region's public and private lands. Through NYC's programs, participants develop critical thinking, teamwork and leadership skills in an outdoor setting. Just as important, NYC helps young people gain a better understanding of modern resource management and related careers. Participants earn a paycheck or stipend, high school credit and a solid job reference.



OREGON NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Contact:** Julie Van Hoosen – 541-737-2128
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- Program:** Educator workshops
- Grade Level:** Pre K-12 educators (courses also offered through university and college pre-service programs)
- Available:** Year-round
- Cost:** Most workshops are free of charge
- Materials:** Most curricula materials and resources are provided at no cost
- Other:** Substitute reimbursement available. Professional Development Unit certificates provided.

The Oregon Natural Resources Education Program (ONREP) at Oregon State University’s College of Forestry has more than 40 years of experience supporting formal and nonformal educators through professional development events and environmental education curriculum resources, encouraging educators to engage their students in nature-based learning both indoors and outside. ONREP houses the state programs for both the award-winning Project Learning Tree national environmental education program as well as Project WILD, one of

the largest wildlife education programs in the world. ONREP centers diversity and inclusion in all their work, and strives toward supporting equitable access for all to Oregon’s natural resources education. Professional development topics include ecology, forests, forest wildlife and watersheds, fire, and incorporating Indigenous culture in environmental education, as well as social-emotional learning (SEL) and trauma-informed approaches to environmental education.

TALK ABOUT TREES

- Contact:** Joan Mason Ruud
 info@talkabouttrees.us
 talkabouttrees.us
- Program:** In-class presentations
- Grade Level:** Pre K-8
- Available:** Year-round
- Cost:** Free

A Talk About Trees facilitator visits the classroom and uses forest artifacts, displays and hands-on activities to deliver an interactive presentation about forestry and Oregon’s forests. Follow-up papermaking programs, outdoor programs and forest career programs are available. Virtual programs are also an option. This is a good way to launch a unit on forests or prepare for a field trip.

ALDER CREEK COMMUNITY FOREST

Douglas County

Contact: 541-839-4379
info@aldercreek.org
<https://aldercreek.org/>

Programs: Field-based STEM learning, geography education, service-learning

Grade Level: K-12

Available: Year-round

Cost: Free

Located one mile west of Canyonville in southern Douglas County, Alder Creek Community Forest (ACCF) offers an 80-acre forested site with 3.5 miles of signed trails, plus an open-air pavilion with Wi-Fi and camping opportunities.

FOREST DISCOVERY TRAIL EDUCATION PROGRAM — OSU RESEARCH FOREST

Benton County

Contact: Jenna Baker – 541-737-6702
jenna.baker@oregonstate.edu
<https://cf.forestry.oregonstate.edu/outreacheducation/self-guided-tours>

Program: Field trips

Grade Level: K-8

Available: Year-round

Cost: Free

The Oregon State University Research Forests serve as living laboratories and outdoor classrooms for students, researchers and managers to learn about ecosystems and management. The Forest Discovery Trail program invites students to take a closer look at the plants and animals that live in this forest ecosystem. Students will also discover how this forest has transitioned from an oak savanna to a young Douglas-fir-dominated forest over the last 200 years. Materials available both online and on-site are designed to help teachers easily explore the Forest Discovery Trail with their students. Teachers can choose the materials that best meet the needs and learning objectives of their classroom.

FORESTS TODAY & FOREVER

Lane and Linn counties

Contact: Beth Krisko – 541-767-9078
coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org
<http://foreststodayandforever.org>

Programs: Tours, field activities

Grade Level: 4-12

Available: Year-round, by appointment

Cost: Free

Forests Today & Forever promotes forest stewardship through education. Its cornerstone program, Forest Field Days, for grades 6-8, is a cross-curricular package with classroom and field-based learning designed to stimulate critical thinking and creative problem-solving through role-playing. Students make observations about wildlife, soils and water, and learn about the forest as an important resource for timber, wildlife, clean water and recreation. Students use their field observations and experiences to cooperatively develop their own forest management plans. Forests Today & Forever also coordinates the Oregon Logging Conference School Tours for fourth and fifth grades, and offers career education and wildfire education programming for high school students. Additionally, custom programs are available to meet teachers' classroom learning objectives, and can include tours, field studies and service-learning opportunities.



HOPKINS DEMONSTRATION FOREST

Clackamas County

- Contact: Peter Matzka – 503-884-6202
 peter.matzka@oregonstate.edu
 http://demonstrationforest.org
- Programs: Ecological field studies, tours, service-learning; other experiences customized by arrangement
- Grade Level: 1-12
- Available: Year-round, by appointment
- Cost: Donations appreciated

In this 140-acre family forest dedicated to education, demonstration and research, students examine how forests grow and change under different management strategies. Ongoing demonstrations include wildlife habitat enhancements, selective harvesting, intensive plantation forestry, riparian management and tree-growth research projects. Schools are invited for tours, field studies, service-learning and other experiences customized to their interests and curricular needs.

KLAMATH OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL

Klamath, Jackson, Josephine and Curry counties

- Contact: Bill Hunt – 541-850-8218
 billhuntkoss@gmail.com
 or kossreservations@gmail.com
 http://klamathoutdoorschool.org
- Programs: Residential and day camps, in-class presentations, field trips, service-learning
- Grade Level: K-12; primarily grades 4 and 8
- Available: January to mid-November
- Cost: Call for rates and scholarship availability

Klamath Outdoor Science School provides youth with a unique experience in natural settings throughout the southern Oregon region. These programs inspire learning through exploration, discovery and inquiry, while enhancing appreciation for the region's natural resources. KOSS has a permanent site located about 45 miles north of Klamath Falls in the Sun Pass State Forest, which is managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry. KOSS also offers programs at other sites along the coast, in the Rogue Valley and in the desert regions to the east. While at KOSS, students learn forest science and an appreciation for a forest that is well-managed for multiple uses. Curricula can be provided to educators before and after their stay at KOSS, to further enhance learning. Teachers may also borrow classroom education kits at no charge, and request a visit from one of the school's naturalists.





OREGON GARDEN NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATION PROGRAM

Marion County

Contact: Rikki Heath – 503-799-4792
 heath@ofri.org
<http://oregongarden.org/programs/education>
 LearnForests.org

Programs: Field trips, educator workshops, service-learning, special events

Grade Level: 4-6

Available: Year-round

Cost: \$3 per student

The Oregon Garden Natural Resources Education Program is a collaboration between The Oregon Garden and the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI). The program's goal is to help students understand how natural resources contribute to our quality of life, through hands-on learning in a wetland habitat and the Rediscovery Forest, a 15-acre forest managed by OFRI. Students participate in programs focused on forest health, plant and animal adaptation, the food web, wildlife habitat and much more. Visit LearnForests.org for information on a variety of interactive, grade-appropriate, science-based programs, and to register. Registration is only available online. OFRI also offers several educational events and educator workshops at the Rediscovery Forest throughout the year.

MOUNT PISGAH ARBORETUM

Lane County

Contact: Jenny Laxton – 541-741-4110
 education@mountpisgaharboretum.org
<http://mountpisgaharboretum.org>

Programs: Field trips with self-guided tours; small-group private tours

Grade Level: K-5; all levels for self-guided tours

Available: Spring and fall

Cost: \$3.25 per student for field trips (teachers and chaperones free); \$4 for private tours

Mount Pisgah Arboretum is a 209-acre site located along the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, within the Howard Buford Recreation Area, 7 miles from downtown Eugene. The arboretum highlights the native ecosystems of the southern Willamette Valley. Seven miles of groomed trails meander through mixed forest, oak savanna, meadow and riparian areas. Students learn about tree identification, forest ecology, wildlife habitats and seasonal topics. All programs address the state science standards for elementary grades. Check the website for more information, or call to schedule a tour.

PORT BLAKELY FORESTRY

Clackamas County

Contact: Bonny Glendenning – 503-720-9794
 bglendenning@portblakely.com
<https://portblakely.com/us-forestry/educators>

Program: In-class presentations followed by field trip

Grade Level: 4-5

Available: School year

Cost: Free

Port Blakely offers experiential learning through an interactive forestry field trip. Students play games, complete hands-on activities and learn in a fun, fast-paced environment as they traverse an ADA-accessible trail. The tour site features forests of various ages, as well as a stream and a riparian area. Students actively participate in learning about trees, wildlife, water, sustainability, climate change and forestry.

FIELD PROGRAMS



STARKER FORESTS

Benton County

Contact: Jennifer Beathe – 541-929-2477
jennifer@starkerforests.com
<http://starkerforests.com>

Program: Field trips

Grade Level: K-12

Available: Year-round, by appointment

Cost: Free

Starker Forests is a fifth-generation, family-owned business that began in 1936 when T.J. Starker purchased cut-over forestlands. Today, Starker Forests actively manages more than 90,000 acres of forestland for timber production. The company encourages forestry education and offers classroom curricula. The Starker Forestry Trail is available for half-day and all-day field trips; a forester leads school groups on these trail tours. Starker Forests encourages recreational use of their lands with a free permit, and offers custom tours by appointment. The interpretive trail near Blodgett is open all year for self-guided tours. A brochure with directions to the trail is available at the Starker Forests office, and describes stops along the trail.

TILLAMOOK FOREST CENTER

Tillamook County

Contact: Oregon Department of Forestry –
503-815-6800
Register online at <http://tillamookforestcenter.org>

Programs: Field trips, educator workshops, Scouting materials for boys and girls

Grade Level: K-8

Available: March-November

Cost: Fees for groups, with limited scholarships available; visit www.tillamookforestcenter.org for details

The Tillamook Forest Center, located in the heart of the Tillamook State Forest on Highway 6 about one hour west of Portland, offers educational programs, hands-on exhibits and field-trip opportunities. It's fun and fully accessible. Programs examine the natural and cultural history, as well as the stewardship, of the Tillamook State Forest. All programs include pre- and post-activity suggestions, are correlated to state education requirements and require registration. The center is open March through November. Please check the website for hours and days of operation.

TRYON CREEK STATE NATURAL AREA

Multnomah County

Contact: Jonathan Hayden – 503-707-0256
jonathan@tryonfriends.org
<http://tryonfriends.org>

Program: Field trips

Grade Level: Pre K-5

Available: Fall and spring, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Cost: Half-day (2 hours), \$9 per student; full-day (4 hours), \$12 per student – scholarships available for Title 1 schools

The Friends of Tryon Creek State Park offers hands-on, experiential field trips designed to facilitate student-driven exploration of basic concepts in science and natural history, in a southwest Portland urban forest. Full- and half-day programs for preschool through fifth grade are offered, focusing on topics from animal adaptations and sensory exploration to watersheds and forest succession. Students spend time outdoors (rain or shine) in small groups with a trained volunteer nature guide, making connections to key concepts through group collaboration, hands-on activities and direct observations.

All field trips are connected to state and national science standards, and are designed to promote critical thinking, develop problem-solving skills and foster positive relationships with the natural world. Preregistration for field trips is required.

TUALATIN RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Washington County

Contact: 503-625-5944
tualatinriver@fws.gov
<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/tualatin-river>

Program: Field trips

Grade Level: 3-6

Available: Year-round

Cost: Free

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge is an urban refuge located close to a metropolitan area that uses comprehensive, integrated, hands-on educational methods. Field-trip activities are designed to mesh with teachers' objectives. Trained volunteer naturalists can co-lead nature-themed field trips, including the Habitats of the Refuge field trip. Naturalists can help teach students about riparian forests, oak woodland and associated interactions with wildlife in these ecosystems.

WORLD FORESTRY CENTER DISCOVERY MUSEUM

Multnomah County

Contact: info@worldforestry.org
<https://www.worldforestry.org>

Programs: Self-guided tours

Grade Level: Pre K-12. Youth and family groups welcome.

Available: Year-round

Cost: For current hours and admission rates, see the World Forestry Center website

World Forestry Center's Discovery Museum is located across from the Oregon Zoo and adjacent to Hoyt Arboretum. Students of all ages can explore their connection to forests through unique interactive exhibits. Exhibits focus on Northwest native trees, forests around the world and more. Thoughtful, colorful exhibits are content-rich and aligned with Next Generation Science Standards.





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The Oregon Forest Resources Institute supports and enhances Oregon's forest products industry by advancing public understanding of forests, forest management and forest products.



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