

Fun for the whole family

- Fire-fighting helicopter
- Appalachian folkways
- Two miles of accessible trails
- 1915 logging train
- Guided walks
- Historic cabins
- Antique sawmill
- Scavenger hunt
- Hands-on exhibits
- Gift shop & cafe

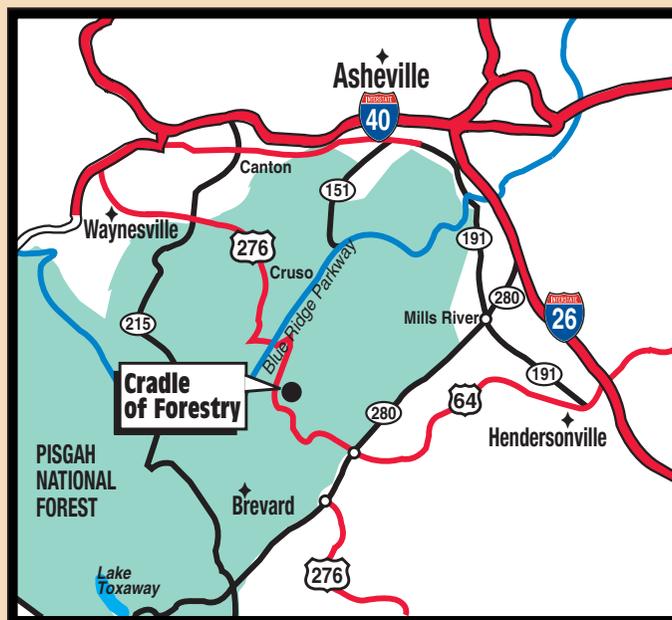


Musicians play at festival event.

Special Events

For details, call 828-877-3130 or visit www.cradleofforestry.com.

- Apr. 12 Old-Time Plowing & Planting
- May 3 A Heritage of Medicinal Plants
- May 11 Mother's Day & Trees in May
- May 17 Migratory Bird Day
- May 25 Camping with Kids
- June 7 Salamander Saturday
- June 15 Father's Day in the Forest
- June 21 Fire in the Forest
- June 28 Bug Day
- July Sundays Songcatchers' Music Series
- July 5 Pond Explorations
- July 12 Strolling with Llamas
- July 19 Junior Forest Ranger
- July 26 Air Awareness & Outdoor Day
- Aug. 2 Smokey Bear's Birthday Party
- Aug. 9 Train History Day
- Aug. 16 The Wonders of Wood
- Aug. 30 Tools of the 1800's
- Sept. 6 Terrific Tree Day
- Sept. 13 Migrating Monarchs
- Oct. 4 Forest Festival Day
- Oct. 4 Woodsmen's Meet
- Oct. 24-25 Outdoor Drama:
..... "The Legend of Tommy Hodges"



Directions

FROM ASHEVILLE: Take I-26 east to Exit 9 Asheville Airport. Turn right onto NC 280 west and head to Brevard. Turn right onto NC 276. Forest Discovery Center is 11 miles on the right.

FROM WAYNESVILLE: Take NC 276 south. Cross Blue Ridge Parkway and continue on NC 276. Go 4 miles to Forest Discovery Center on left.

For more information

Cradle of Forestry
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U.S. Highway 276
Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

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Forest DISCOVERY Center

at the
Cradle of Forestry in America



Explore the birthplace of forestry.

- Discover the forest's wonders.
- View a 1915 logging train.
- Play hands-on nature games.

**USDA Forest Service
Pisgah National Forest
NORTH CAROLINA**



Students from the 1906 Biltmore Forest School pose in front of the school building.

A window to the past

On the wings of a national conservation movement, forestry in America was born and nurtured at the site of the Cradle of Forestry in America.

As the first private landowner to hire a trained forester, George W. Vanderbilt of Biltmore Estate fame launched the idea of forestry in 1891. Vanderbilt's 125,000 acres, including the place now known as the Cradle of Forestry, became the proving ground for the scientific approach to forest management. The land became the outdoor classroom for the Biltmore Forest School, the first forestry school in America. The Forest Discovery Center at the Cradle of Forestry tells the birth of forestry story through an 18-minute movie.

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A door to discovery

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estled below the Blue Ridge Parkway in the Pisgah National Forest is the birthplace of forestry in America—the Cradle of Forestry.

The Cradle of Forestry abounds with ways to have fun while learning about the forest, Southern Appalachian culture, and forest management.

Two paved trails—perfect for strollers and wheelchairs—put the forest at your fingertips. Take a guided tour or explore on your own.

Schedule & Admission Fee

Schedule

April 12 to Nov. 2
Daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission

Adults.....\$5
Youth 4-17.....\$2.50
Youth 3 and younger.....Free

Golden Age passports get half off adult fee.

Adult Groups

10 or more.....\$4
Driver & escort.....Free

Youth Groups

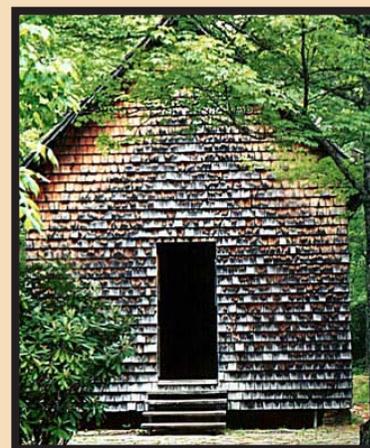
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This German-style lodge was built in 1904. Rangers dwelled in the King home, built in 1882.



A visitor meets inhabitants of this underground burrow at the Forest Discovery Center.



The Biltmore Forest School sits as a reminder of days gone by.

A key to understanding



A crafter shows how people cooked in the early 1900's.

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he Cradle of Forestry offers hands-on learning experiences in a forest environment. Inside the Forest Discovery Center, explore and learn through self-guided activities or venture outside and walk the Biltmore Campus and Forest Festival Trails.