

The N.C. Forest Service operates a system of **educational state forests (ESFs)** designed to teach the public, especially school children, about the forest environment.

Each forest features self-guided trails that include exhibits, tree identification signs, a forest education center and a talking tree trail. Forest rangers are available to conduct classes for school and other youth groups. Teachers or group leaders choose from a selection of 30-minute programs that cover all aspects of the forest environment from soil, water and wildlife to timber and forest management.

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