

Welcome to Holmes Educational State Forest, a unique outdoor experience! Holmes is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains with numerous rock outcroppings, scenic vistas and a rich mixture of mountain hardwoods, rhododendron, flame azaleas and a variety of wildflowers. These features are accessible by a series of well-marked trails which are accented by exhibits and displays depicting the ecology of the managed forest.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

North Carolina's seven Educational State Forests have been developed as living environmental education centers. These managed forests are designed to promote better understanding of the value of forests in our lives.

Ranger-conducted classes are available to groups visiting the forest. Instructor activity packets are available to assist teachers and other outdoor group leaders in using the Forest as an outdoor classroom. Call the office for more information.

PICNIC FACILITIES



Be sure to bring a picnic lunch with you. Picnic sites with tables and grills are available. A spacious picnic shelter with a massive stone fireplace is available for groups. Reservations for the shelter are strongly recommended.

The FOREST at a glance-

- Outdoor Education
- Trails with "Talking Trees" and Exhibits
- Picnic Facilities
- Exhibits
- Ranger-Conducted Classes

Call the Office for information.



Forest Season

Mid-March
to

The Friday before Thanksgiving
(Closed Mondays)

Call the office for hours of operation.

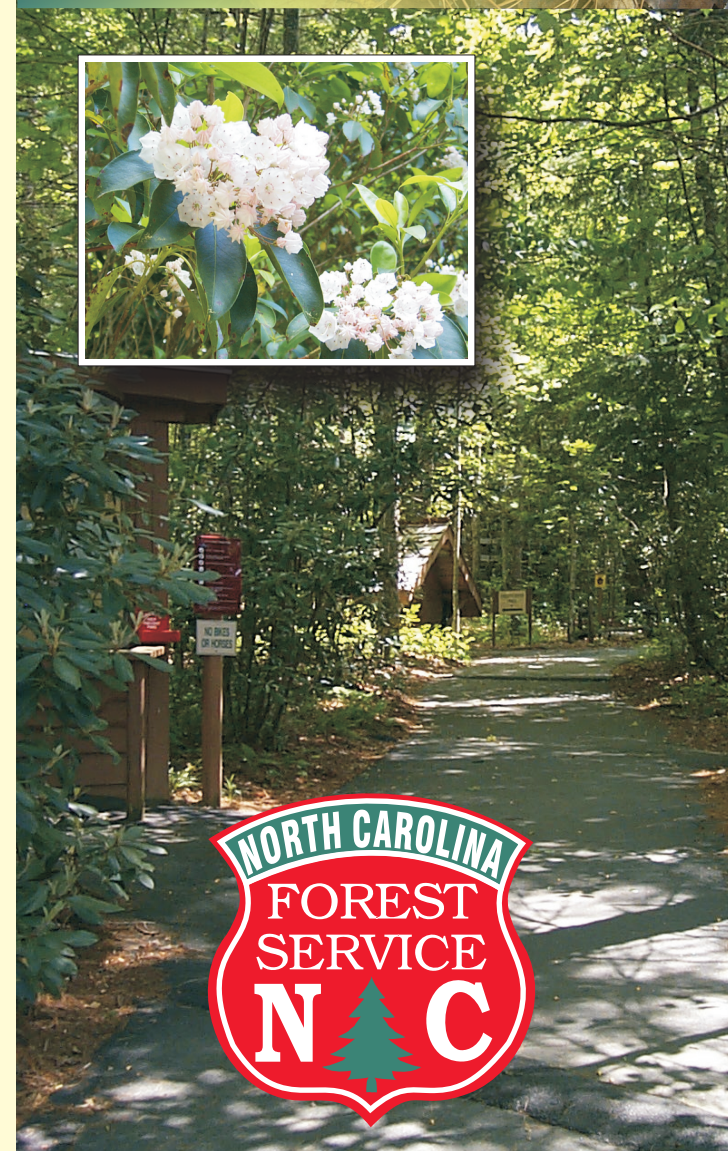
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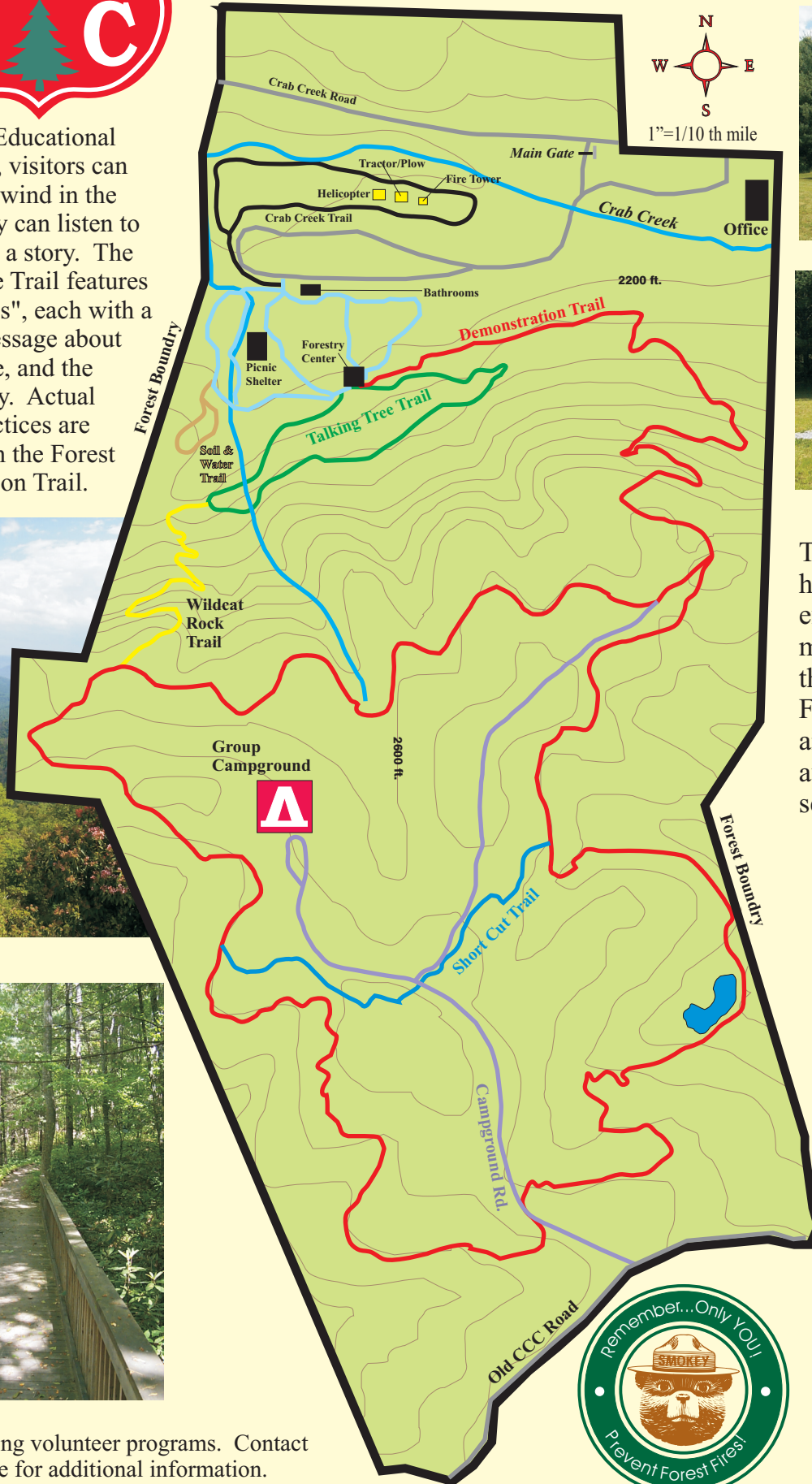


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At Holmes Educational State Forest, visitors can listen to the wind in the trees; or they can listen to the trees tell a story. The Talking Tree Trail features "talking trees", each with a recorded message about itself, its site, and the forest history. Actual forestry practices are explained on the Forest Demonstration Trail.



The Forestry Center houses audio-visual exhibits describing the managed forest; this is the starting point for the Forest trails. Three natural amphitheatres are available for special sessions or groups.



We have ongoing volunteer programs. Contact the forest office for additional information.