

FIELD TRIPS

AT THE CRADLE OF FORESTRY

GUIDED TRIP OFFERINGS

\$10/Youth, Chaperone Admission Included

Each guided field trip offering is designed to engage and inspire students with interactive, hands-on experiences that reinforce essential concepts in conservation, environmental stewardship, and sustainability. Plan your visit today to help foster the next generation of environmental leaders!



Adventures with Smokey Bear *

PRE-K TO 2ND GRADE

Join young explorers on a thrilling journey through the world of Smokey Bear, where they'll discover the importance of fire prevention and the vital role fire plays in nature. This hands-on field trip teaches students how fire can both help and harm ecosystems. Through engaging activities, children will explore fire safety, wildlife conservation, and the delicate balance of fire in nature. Students will leave with a deeper understanding of how fire shapes the environment and the importance of protecting it.



“Leaf” it to Us! *

GRADES 3-5

Youth in grades 3-5 will unlock the secrets of the forest with a hands-on field trip where they become tree detectives! Using a leaf identification frame that they will create, students will explore how leaf shapes, sizes, and other unique characteristics vary across different plants. They'll identify several tree species based on these traits, gaining a deeper understanding of plant diversity.



Roots of the Forest **

GRADES 3-6

Step into the rich history of forest management at the Cradle and explore the vital role forests play in our world. This field trip allows students to examine how forests are managed to meet both human and ecological needs. Students will explore real-world challenges facing federal forestlands today and engage in problem-solving activities that promote sustainable forest practices. This experience will encourage future environmental stewards to think critically about the preservation of our forests. This offering is based on Project Learning Tree curriculum.



Who Speaks for the Trees? *

PRE-K TO 6TH GRADE

Bring the beloved world of Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax* to life in a fun and interactive adventure! Tailored for all grade levels, this field trip teaches the importance of sustainable resource management and how trees impact our daily lives. Through hands-on activities, students will explore how trees provide resources, create habitats, and contribute to the environment. Based on Project Learning Tree curriculum, they'll also learn how technology can help protect our natural resources and ensure a sustainable future.

SELF-GUIDED OPTION

\$6/Youth (4-12), \$12/Adult



A Self-Guided Exploration of the Cradle Trails for Educators *

FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS

Discover the historical significance and biological diversity of The Cradle of Forestry at your own pace with our Self-Guided Tour. This option is perfect for groups seeking flexibility in timing and pacing. The tour is available for the cost of general admission and includes a self-guided tour booklet designed for educators to lead their group through one or both trails offered. The booklet offers discussion questions and activity suggestions as you journey through the forest, providing insights into the site's importance as the first school of forestry in America, as well as the remarkable biodiversity found in the region. This tour allows for a more personalized experience, making it ideal for a wide range of age groups.

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CRADLE OF FORESTRY FIELD TRIPS OVERVIEW

GUIDED FIELD TRIPS	GRADE LEVEL	KEY TOPICS	ALIGNED STANDARDS	COST
Adventures with Smokey Bear	Pre-K–2nd Grade	Fire prevention, the role of fire in nature, fire safety, wildlife conservation	Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts	\$10/Youth (12 & Under) Chaperone Admission Included
“Leaf” it to Us!	Grades 3–5	Leaf identification, plant diversity, tree species traits, hands-on exploration	Science, English Language Arts, Visual Arts	\$10/Youth (12 & Under) Chaperone Admission Included
Roots of the Forest	Grades 3–6	Forest history, forest management, sustainable resources, federal forestland challenges	Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts, Math	\$10/Youth (12 & Under) Chaperone Admission Included
Who Speaks for the Trees?	Pre-K–6th Grade	Sustainable resource management, the importance of trees, conservation, technology in environmental preservation	Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts	\$10/Youth (12 & Under) Chaperone Admission Included
SELF-GUIDED OPTION				
Self-Guided Tour of Pisgah National Forest	All Grade Levels	Historical importance of Pisgah National Forest, the first school of forestry, biological diversity, and conservation	Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts	\$6/Youth (12 & Under) \$12/Adult

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