

# Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest

4803 Sweet Home Church Road - Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337

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Dear educators and group leaders,

I would like to invite you and your group to join us for a fun-filled and thought-provoking learning experience! Your visit to our forest will complement traditional curriculum instruction with an outdoor experience that is fun and exciting. Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest (ESF) offers a terrific introduction to, or reinforcement of, the knowledge and skills that you teach in a formal or informal classroom setting. The 890-acre managed forest is located approximately four miles north of Elizabethtown just off Highway 242, and has something to offer every age and ability. The staff will strive to ensure that your visit will be a pleasant and memorable experience. Your students will leave with knowledge and appreciation of forest ecosystems and ecology, forestry practices and management and natural systems related to forests. Many species of wildlife make their home here and are occasionally seen by forest visitors.

Turnbull Creek ESF offers several unique exhibit areas and classes for educational purposes. The Naval Stores exhibit features an authentic turpentine still from our state's earliest industry, the production of tar, pitch, turpentine and rosin. This exhibit and the Naval Stores class are a great history lesson on Colonial North Carolina. The Forest Products exhibit features informational areas on all things made from trees and even has a "working paper factory". Sign up for our How Paper Comes from Trees class to learn more. In the Fire Protection exhibit area, you will find equipment used by the NC Forest Service to combat wildfires including a helicopter! Walking along the Turnbull Creek Trail, students will learn about the various forest trees and where they live and grow. A guided trail hike is available and explores lessons in tree identification, water and soil systems, wildlife habitats and pollution. Our staff offers many other ranger-led educational classes (our most popular are listed on the back of this letter), which are all correlated to the State Department of Public Instruction's Curriculum Guide and can be adapted to the needs of your group.

Picnic areas and restrooms are available on site for your convenience. There is no charge for admission to the forest, scheduling ranger-led classes, or use of the large open-air picnic shelter (though advance reservation is required). Please call us and schedule your visit to take advantage of this educational opportunity:

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Sincerely,



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