



**North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services**
N.C. Forest Service



Steven W. Troxler
Commissioner

Greg Hicks
Assistant Commissioner/
State Forester

Tuttle Educational State Forest

3420 Playmore Beach Road
Lenoir, NC 28645

Who we are: Tuttle Educational State Forest is a 361-acre forest located in the Foothills between Lenoir and Morganton. We have three full-time rangers dedicated to the education of school groups and maintenance of the forest. Our forest is comprised of more than 20 different timber stands, several wildlife food plots and more than 10 miles of well-marked hiking trails.

What we offer to teachers:

- 1) We have more than 15 classes that we can teach, which are all free and correlated to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. Classes are conducted outdoors and provide hands-on activities for students.

Suggested Pre-K – First Grade Classes:

Out of Place
Textural Trail
Old Lingle School (currently closed)
How Paper Comes from Trees

Suggested Second - Fifth Grade Classes:

Forest Soils
Forest Water Investigation
Forest Tree Relay
Predator and Prey
Wildlife Habitat
What We Get from Trees

Suggested Middle/High School Classes:

Forest Water Investigation
Compass Course (for small groups)
Forest Service Careers
Tree Id (for small groups)
Assist with Envirothon practice
Forest Mgmt. Tour (for high school only)

**Please call with any questions or for other classes offered.*

- 2) We also offer workshops for teachers, such as our Investigating Your Environment (IYE) workshop in the summer at our training facility in Crossnore.

- 3) **The best part...it's all FREE!!!**

What we offer to children and their families:

- 1) We have a Kids Fish for Fun day in May for children aged 12 and younger who are accompanied by a chaperone. Participants must sign up at Tuttle Educational State Forest office ahead of time.
- 2) We have a youth deer hunt in November for youth ages 12-17 who are accompanied by a chaperone. Participants must register for a permit with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.
- 3) We have 13 open picnic sites and one covered shelter available by reservation only, more than 10 miles of hiking trails and multiple self-guided exhibits throughout the forest. These amenities are available at no cost.

How to contact us: Check out our website at www.ncesf.org/tuttle.html.

For more information, to schedule a class or reserve the covered shelter, call us at **(828)757-5608** or send us an email at tuttleesf.ncfs@ncagr.gov.