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Tuttle Educational State Forest

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Who we are: Tuttle Educational State Forest is a 362 acre forest located in the foothills between Lenoir and Morganton. We have 3 full time rangers dedicated to the education of school groups and maintenance of the forest. Our forest is composed of over 20 different timber stands, several wildlife food plots, and over 10 miles of well-marked hiking trails.

What we offer to teachers:

1) We have over 20 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 PreK – 1st Grade Classes:

Out of Place

Textural Trail

Old Lingle School

How Paper Comes from Trees

Suggested 2nd – 5th Grade Classes:

Forest Soils

Forest Water Investigation

Forest Tree Relay

Predator & Prey

Wildlife Habitat

What We Get from Trees

*Please call for other classes offered

- 2) We also offer teacher workshops, such as our Investigating Your Environment (IYE) in the summer at our training facility in Crossnore, NC, and Project Learning Tree (PLT) at Tuttle.
- 3) Best part...it's all FREE!!!

What we offer to the children and their families:

- 1) We have a Kids Fish for Fun day in May for children under 12 years old accompanied by a chaperone. Must sign up ahead of time at Tuttle Educational State Forest office.
- 2) We have a youth deer hunt at Tuttle in early November, for youth 12-17 years old accompanied by a chaperone. Must register for a permit with the NC Wildlife Commission.
- 3) We have 13 open picnic sites and 1 covered shelter (by reservation only) available free of charge, over 10 miles of hiking trails, and multiple self-guided exhibits throughout the forest.

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

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