



Paul State Forest

About Your State Forests

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) manages 22 State Forests and other state lands, totaling 67,920 acres.

State Forests are managed for multiple uses: water quality, recreation, forest products, wildlife and scenic beauty. The primary management goals of individual State Forests may vary, usually depending on the wishes of the donor of the land. Most State Forests are open to passive public uses, such as hiking and wildlife watching. Hunting, fishing, horseback riding, canoeing and biking are allowed on some forests. Some of the forests have unique historical features. Many of the forests are used for research. All of the State Forests are showcases for sound forest practices, demonstrating that forestland can be managed profitably without sacrificing its value to the environment.

The State Forests of Virginia are self-supporting and receive no taxpayer funds for operation. Operating funds are generated from the sale of forest products and use permits. In addition, up to 25 percent of the revenue received from the sale of forest products is returned to the counties in which the forests are located. You can support educational programs on your State Forests by donating a portion of your state tax refund to Virginia's State Forests Fund.

Did you know...

-  That Charles Dickens wrote the inscription for the tombstone of Charles Irving Thornton at **Cumberland State Forest**?
-  That the sandstone rock formation atop **Channels State Forest** in Washington and Russell counties is more than 400 million years old?
-  That a portion of the **Crawfords State Forest** in New Kent County is an excellent example of a cypress forest?
-  That from certain vantage points on the **Sandy Point State Forest** in King William County you can often see American Bald Eagles flying over the Mattaponi River?
-  That there is a geo-cache tour available at the **Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest**?

State Forest Regulations

To ensure your safety, please adhere to the following state forest regulations:

- Hunting and trapping with State Forest Use Permit in accordance with state hunting regulations.
- Fishing in designated areas only with State Forest Use Permit in accordance with state fishing regulations.
- Biking and horse riding in designated areas only with State Forest Use Permit.
- State Forest Use Permits required only for anyone age 16 and older.
- No removal of any tree, plant or mineral.
- Remove all trash.
- No camping or ATVs.
- No fireworks, campfires or open air fires of any type.
- Alcohol prohibited.
- Gasoline motorized boats are not permitted.
- Vehicular traffic on established roads only; not permitted on gated roads.

For a complete listing of State Forest Regulations, go to www.dof.virginia.gov.

For More Information

For more information about Virginia's State Forests, please contact your local Virginia Department of Forestry office or visit:

www.dof.virginia.gov

State Forest Main Office:

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Channels State Forest



Matthews State Forest



Conway Robinson State Forest



Sandy Point State Forest

Wherever You Are, a State Forest is Nearby

A State Forest Use Permit is required for hunting, trapping, fishing, bike riding and horse riding on Virginia State Forests. Permits are required for individuals age 16 and older, and can be purchased online for \$16.00 at <http://secure01.virginiainteractive.org/horf/> or where hunting licenses are sold.

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| State Forest | County | Acres | Trails (miles) | Vehicle Roads (miles) | Gated Vehicle Trails (miles) | Ponds/Lakes | Hunting/Fishing | Picnic Shelter | Biking | Horse Riding | Comments |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Appomattox-Buckingham | Appomattox & Buckingham | 19,808 | 20.4 | 22 | 92.5 | 2 | yes | 2 | yes | yes | |
| Big Woods | Sussex | 2,220 | 0 | 3.8 | 5.9 | 0 | yes | 0 | yes | yes | |
| Bourassa | Bedford | 288 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 | 1 | no | 0 | no | no | Not open to the public |
| Browne | Essex | 128 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | yes | 0 | yes | no | |
| Channels | Washington & Russell | 4,836 | 11.3 | 0 | 38.8 | 0 | yes | 0 | yes | yes | |
| Chilton Woods | Lancaster | 397 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | no | 0 | yes | no | |
| Conway Robinson | Prince William | 444 | 4 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 0 | no | 1 | yes | yes | |
| Crawfords | New Kent | 258 | 1.8 | 0 | 0.8 | 0 | no | 0 | yes | no | |
| Cumberland | Cumberland | 16,222 | 30.5 | 24.8 | 74.8 | 4 | yes | 1 | yes | yes | |
| Devil's Backbone | Shenandoah | 517 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | no | 0 | no | no | Not open to the public |
| Dragon Run | King & Queen | 9,563 | 0 | 17.8 | 21 | 2 | yes | 0 | yes | yes | |
| Hawks | Carroll | 121 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | no | 0 | no | no | No parking |
| Lesesne | Nelson | 422 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 | 0 | no | 0 | no | no | |
| Matthews | Grayson | 566 | 7.5 | 0.7 | 4 | 2 | yes | 0 | yes | yes | Hunting - Archery Only |
| Moore's Creek | Rockbridge | 2,353 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | yes | 0 | no | no | Under development/ no access road |
| Niday Place | Craig | 254 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 | 0 | no | 0 | no | no | No parking |
| Old Flat | Grayson | 320 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | no | 0 | no | no | |
| Paul | Rockingham | 173 | 1.2 | 0 | 1.2 | 0 | no | 0 | yes | yes | |
| Prince Edward -Gallion | Prince Edward | 6,461 | 8.4 | 11.9 | 28 | 0 | yes | 0 | yes | yes | |
| Sandy Point | King William | 2,043 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 | yes | 1 | yes | yes | |
| Whitney | Fauquier | 148 | 5.8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | no | 0 | yes | yes | |
| Zoar | King William | 378 | 3.2 | 0.2 | 2 | 1 | no | 0 | yes | no | |
| Summary | | 67,920 | 99.1 | 81.4 | 293.9 | 13 | | 5 | | | |