

## Education Programs

*Forestry field trips and programs that invite discovery and enjoyment*

A collaboration of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute and the Oregon Garden

## Lesson Descriptions

### Tree Treasure Hunt (K-3)

Explore the wonder of trees in the Conifer Garden, the Rediscovery Forest and throughout The Garden.

### Wildlife Habitat (K-4)

Explore the Rediscovery Forest, find insects, frogs and other forest critters. Learn what a habitat is and why living things depend on the forest.

### Animal Tracking (3-8)

Use track molds, animal signs and other visual aids to identify animals. Then go to the forest and practice.

### Forest Food Chains (4-8)

Learn about the relationships among forest plants, carnivores, herbivores and decomposers.

### Forest Ecology (5-12)

Use forestry tools to learn about forest layers and how forest structure influences the relationship between biotic and abiotic factors of the forest. The topics of succession and adaptation are included for older grade levels.

### Tree Identification (5-12)

Become tree experts! Learn how to identify broad-leaved or coniferous trees using a dichotomous key.

### Role of Fire in Oregon Forests (6-12)

Investigate the historic role of fire in Oregon and how foresters are managing the situation.

### Sustainability/Forest Practices Act (6-12)

See forest management in action and how it can meet our present needs without sacrificing the needs of future generations. Students will learn about Oregon's forest protection laws.

### Science Inquiry in the Forest (9-12)

*(Pre-field trip preparation required.)* Use the Rediscovery Forest as an outdoor laboratory to make observations, ask questions and collect and analyze data. Students will use forestry related tools and integrate math, decision-making and communication skills.

### Nature Journaling (K-12)

Each student will receive a journal and be engaged in journaling.

*Additional Topics Available Upon Request!*

## Planning Your Visit

- Rediscovery Forest Education Programs are open to the public and are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Most groups arrange programs four to eight weeks in advance. Spring is our busiest season.
- All programs occur rain or shine.
- We request a minimum of one chaperone for every five students for our K-8 programs and one chaperone for every 10 high school students. Students must be accompanied by adults at all times.
- The education staff reserves the right to modify lessons and date availability based on appropriateness.

## Registration

To register for programs:

- Complete a Program Request Form
- Complete a Transportation Reimbursement Form (if needed)
- Upon receipt of your completed forms, staff will call or send a packet with a written confirmation, maps and other information

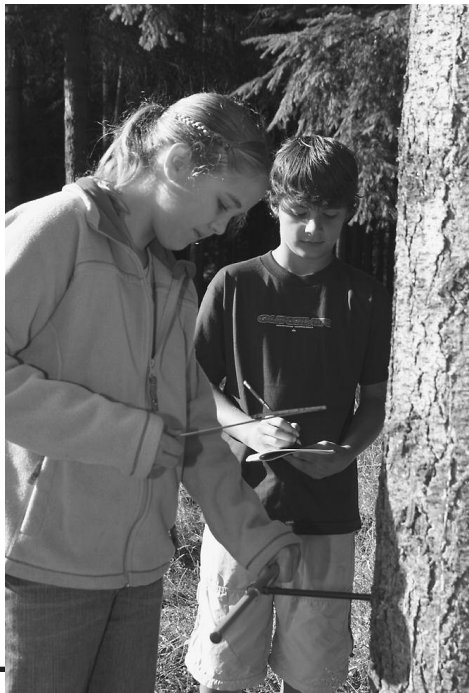
## Additional Education Programs

- Educator Workshops
- Envirothon, a natural resource high school competition
- Natural resource career fairs
- Service learning and community service projects
- Home school programs
- Arbor Day/Earth Day events
- Group tours



# REDISCOVERY FOREST

The Rediscovery Forest Education Programs are offered at the Rediscovery Forest in the beautiful, park-like environment of The Oregon Garden. The Rediscovery Forest is a demonstration forest for education, research and public enjoyment. It gives students opportunities to discover the importance of Oregon's forests, see forest development and understand how forests contribute to our quality of life. Many forestry topics are available for students to explore. We can add or adjust lessons to meet individual classroom needs. The lessons are structured to help students meet Oregon Department of Education benchmarks.



## Program Availability & Cost

Funding by the Oregon Forest Resources Institute enables the Rediscovery Forest Education Programs to be offered to students statewide for free or minimal cost.

Transportation reimbursement is available if requested.

Each group is taught by an experienced educator. To enhance the forestry experience, programs are limited to two classrooms per day.

The Rediscovery Forest contains many trails to explore, most of them ADA accessible. It also has restrooms, drinking fountains and an outdoor covered area. Please notify staff of any special requirements your group may have.



## Directions & General Admission

The Oregon Garden is located outside the town of Silverton, Oregon, approximately 15 miles east of Salem. The Rediscovery Forest admission is free with the cost of Oregon Garden admission. For directions and information, visit [www.oregongarden.com](http://www.oregongarden.com).



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