



Paul State Forest

## About Your State Forests

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) manages 19 State Forests and other state lands, totaling 57,685 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 forest land 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. 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, ATVs or public display of alcohol.
- No fireworks, campfires or open air fires of any type.
- Firearms are prohibited except for hunting purposes.
- 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](http://www.dof.virginia.gov).

## MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about what your state forests have to offer and to get directions to any state forest, visit [www.dof.virginia.gov](http://www.dof.virginia.gov).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### State Forest Main Office:

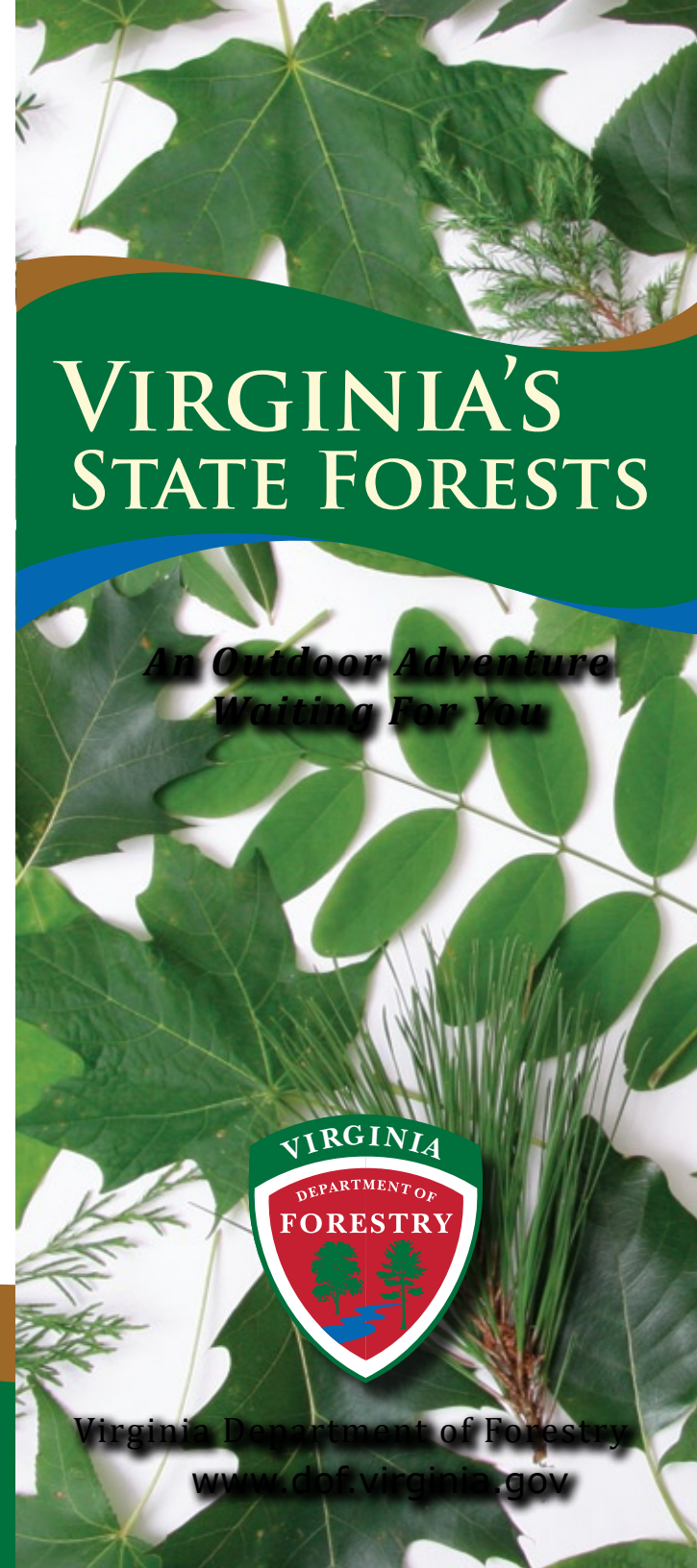
Phone: (804) 492-4121 ; FAX: (804) 492-9213  
751 Oak Hill Road, Cumberland, VA 23040-2511



**Virginia**  
**Department of Forestry**  
Headquarters  
900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 800  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903  
[www.dof.virginia.gov](http://www.dof.virginia.gov)  
Phone: (434) 977-6555  
Fax: (434) 296-2369

VDOF P00150; 06/2009

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



# VIRGINIA'S STATE FORESTS

*An Outdoor Adventure  
Waiting For You*



Virginia Department of Forestry  
[www.dof.virginia.gov](http://www.dof.virginia.gov)



Channels State Forest



Matthews State Forest



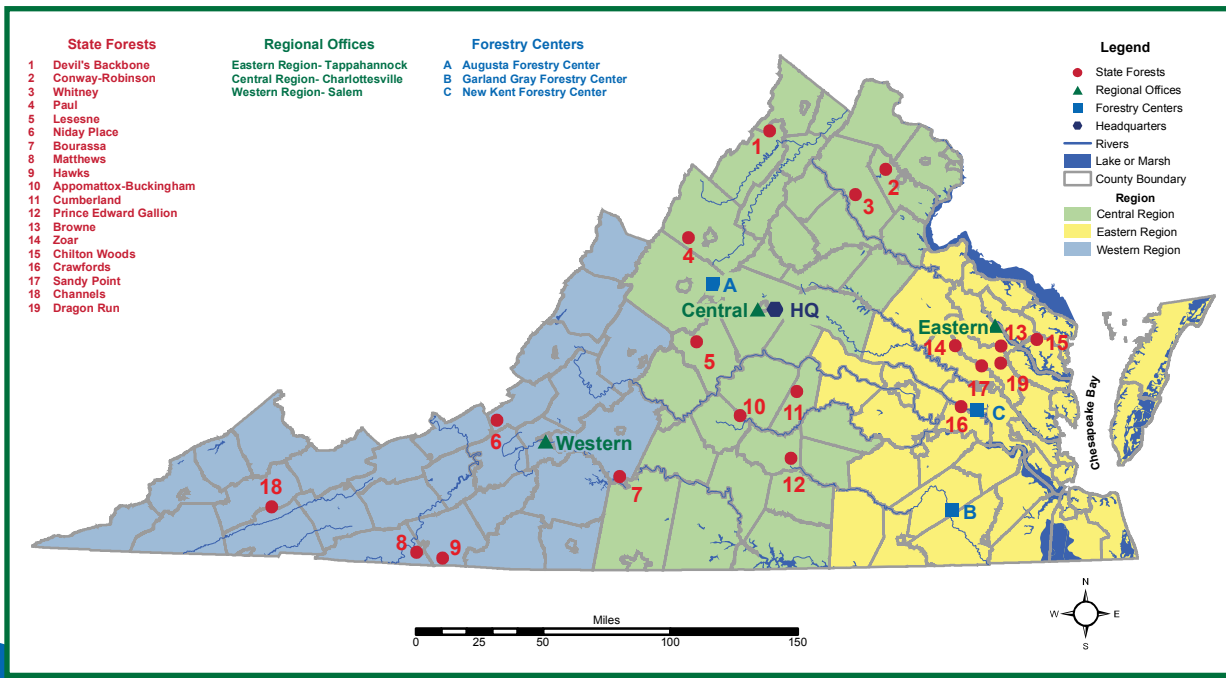
Conway Robinson State Forest



Sandy Point State Forest

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 \$15.00 at <http://secure01.virginiainteractive.org/horf/> or where hunting licenses are sold.

## Wherever You Are, a State Forest is Nearby



State Forest	County	Acres	Trails (miles)	Vehicle Roads (miles)	Gated Vehicle Trails (miles)	Ponds/Lakes	Hunting/Fishing	Picnic Shelter	Comments
Cumberland	Cumberland	16,222	30.5	24.8	74.8	4	yes	1	
Appomattox-Buckingham	Appomattox & Buckingham	19,808	20.3	22	92.5	2	yes	2	
Prince Edward –Gallion	Prince Edward	6,461	8.4	11.9	28	0	yes	0	
Conway Robinson	Prince William	444	4	.2	1.4	0	no	1	
Devil's Backbone	Shenandoah	517	0	0	2	0	no	0	Not yet open to the public
Lesesne	Nelson	422	0	0	1.5	0	no	0	Research site
Whitney	Fauquier	148	5.8	0	1	0	no	0	
Paul	Rockingham	173	0	0	1.2	0	no	0	
Bourassa	Bedford	288	0	0	.6	1	no	0	Research site
Niday Place	Craig	254	0	0	.4	0	no	0	
Matthews	Grayson	566	1.3	0	4.5	2	yes	0	
Hawks	Carroll	121	0	0	0	0	no	0	No parking lot
Sandy Point	King William	2,043	0	0	12	1	yes	1	
Browne	Essex	128	0	0	.5	0	yes	0	No parking lot
Chilton Woods	Lancaster	397	0	0	.5	0	no	0	
Crawfords	New Kent	258	0	0	.8	0	no	0	
Channels	Washington & Russell	4,836	0	0	38.8	0	yes	0	Hiking trails under development
Dragon Run	King & Queen	4,221	0	2.2	7.4	2	yes	0	Wetland/beaver ponds along Timber Branch
Zoar	King William	378	1.5	.2	.6	1	no	0	
<b>Summary</b>		<b>57,685</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>270.1</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>5</b>	