



A HANDS-ON FAMILY ADVENTURE AWAITS

Our forest tells stories.

Come listen.

Explore the past, present, and future of environmental sustainability and stewardship through:

- paved interpretive trails
- interactive exhibits
- film
- drama
- music
- guided tours
- nature programs
- craft demonstrations
- special events



Hours

Open daily from 9 am—5 pm
Mid-April to early November

Admission

Adults: \$5.00
Under age 16: free
America the Beautiful passes honored.
Special event fees may apply. See website.
Wheelchair accessible

Cradle of Forestry in America

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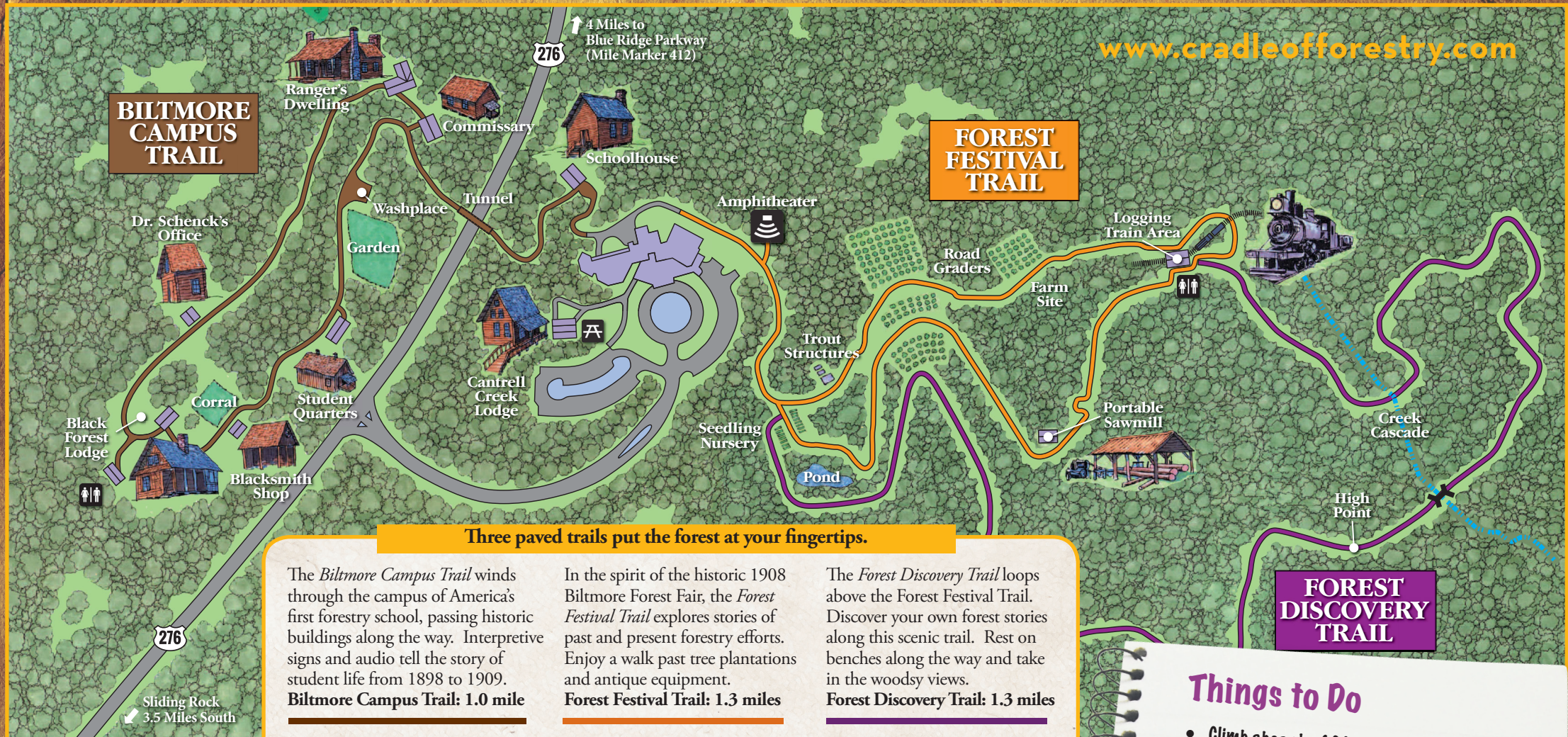
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Pisgah National Forest

Indoor and Outdoor **Exhibits**
Paved **Walking Trails**
A Must-see Attraction





Three paved trails put the forest at your fingertips.

The *Biltmore Campus Trail* winds through the campus of America's first forestry school, passing historic buildings along the way. Interpretive signs and audio tell the story of student life from 1898 to 1909.
Biltmore Campus Trail: 1.0 mile

In the spirit of the historic 1908 Biltmore Forest Fair, the *Forest Festival Trail* explores stories of past and present forestry efforts. Enjoy a walk past tree plantations and antique equipment.
Forest Festival Trail: 1.3 miles

The *Forest Discovery Trail* loops above the Forest Festival Trail. Discover your own forest stories along this scenic trail. Rest on benches along the way and take in the woodsy views.
Forest Discovery Trail: 1.3 miles

Our History

Nestled in the Pink Beds Valley lies the Cradle of Forestry in America, the birthplace of science-based forest management and a living legacy made possible by Edith and George Vanderbilt of the nearby Biltmore Estate. Some 87,000 acres of the Vanderbilts beloved "Pisgah Forest" tract, viewable from the Blue Ridge Parkway, became the nucleus of the Pisgah National Forest, established in 1916.

This 6,500 acre site was designated by Congress in 1968 to "preserve, develop, and make available to this and future generations the birthplace of forestry and forestry education in America." By visiting our site today, you will become a part of our story by exploring the past, present, and future of environmental sustainability and stewardship.



Things to Do

- Climb aboard a 1915 locomotive
- Ride the helicopter simulator over a forest fire
- See living history
- Learn about forest conservation
- Discover what student life was like in America's first forestry school
- See historic cabins
- Explore our interactive exhibit hall
- Navigate The Adventure Zone
- Visit The Giving Tree gift shop
- Enjoy lunch at our café
- Make memories and your own stories