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### **Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site**

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Who: **Old Time Plowing and Folkways**

What: **Living history and traditional craft demonstrations**

Where: **Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site**

When: **Saturday, April 9, 2011**

Price: **Admission to the Cradle of Forestry is \$5.00 for ages 16 and older, free for youth age 15 and under; America the Beautiful and Golden Age passports are honored.**

Website: [www.cradleofforestry.org](http://www.cradleofforestry.org)

**For calendar listings:** April 9, 2011, Cradle of Forestry opens for the season with Old Time Plowing and Folkways living history event. Call 828-877-3130 or visit [www.cradleofforestry.org](http://www.cradleofforestry.org) for details.



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# **Cradle of Forestry Opens with Old Time Plowing and Folkways Event**

Pisgah Forest, NC . . . The Cradle of Forestry in America historic site will begin the 2011 season on April 9 with a living history event, “Old Time Plowing and Folkways.” David and Diane Burnett from Haywood County will be on site with their work horses to share how they work their land the old way. Weather permitting they will plow the Cradle’s vegetable garden and teach you a skill that was once familiar to many. Crafters will also be along the Biltmore Campus Trail to share their skills and knowledge, whittling wood, spinning yarn and spinning stories. Toward the end of the day fiddle tunes will fill the air by the garden.

The Cradle of Forestry will be open daily ~~9:00~~-a.m. - ~~5:00~~-p.m. from April 9 - November 6. Living history volunteers are on site at various times throughout the season. In addition to wood craft, fiber arts, and candle making, volunteers often demonstrate open hearth cooking, basket weaving, doll making, and blacksmithing. The Giving Tree Gift Shop at the Cradle offers many of their creations.

2011 marks the centennial of the Weeks Act, legislation that created national forests in the eastern United States and helped restore land and protect water supplies. The 86,700 acre Vanderbilt tract, which included the area now designated the Cradle of Forestry in America, was the first single purchase the United States government made as a result of the Act large enough to become a national forest. Interpretive programs and guided tours during the 2011 season will tell this and other stories behind the scenery at the Cradle and the Pisgah National Forest.

Admission to the Cradle of Forestry is ~~\$5.00~~ for adults and free for youth under 16 years of age and those with America the Beautiful passes and federal Golden Passports. Admission includes the 30-minute film, *There’s Magic at the Cradle*, the Forest Discovery Center with 15 hands-on exhibits, scavenger hunts, a firefighting helicopter simulator, historic cabins, antique equipment and forest scenery on three paved trails, as well as the living history demonstrations. It also includes The Adventure Zone, designed to reach children with autism and engage young families.

The Cradle of Forestry is located on Hwy. 276 in the Pisgah National Forest near Brevard, six miles north of Looking Glass Falls and four miles south of the Blue Ridge Parkway. For more information call 828-877-3130 or go to [www.cradleofforestry.org](http://www.cradleofforestry.org).