



The Little River Watermark

Membership Newsletter for Friends of DuPont Forest

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Little River Now Stocked with Trout

Another milestone in the recreational development of the forest was reached in early October with the initial stocking of the Little River under Delayed Harvest regulations. A team of volunteers from the Pisgah Chapter of Trout Unlimited, together with NC Forest Service and Wildlife Resources Commission personnel distributed a mix of Rainbow and Brook trout in the designated trout waters. The task was complicated by the trail and road damage from the recent tropical storms. Future stockings will occur

and will include Brown trout. Streamside reports from fishermen accessing the new waters have been very favorable.

The portion of the Little River within the confines of the forest from the confluence of Lake Dense to Hooker Falls was established as a Delayed Harvest fishery in 2004. With the exception of the lakes and the Delayed Harvest section of the Little River, all streams in the forest are classified as Wild Trout waters. Catch and release is encouraged on all streams.

by John Carney, FODF Board Member



Photo courtesy of Emory McDonough

Trails Committee Met in November

The FODF trail committee met on November 3, 2004. David Brown, Forest Supervisor, discussed with the committee changes and improvements he would like to eventually implement in the trail system. The changes discussed ranged from simply closing some small, little used trails, to possible major reroutes of some existing trails that would serve to protect the ecology and enhance the user experience. Also discussed was the possibility of name changes to some trails. The possibility of combining some trails under one name and reducing the amount of repetitive names in the trail system was also discussed at length.



Boy Scouts work on Cannon Creek Trail in November

by Jim Plick, Trails Committee Chair

The committee is also putting the finishing touches on a new program designed to recognize and reward those people who are donating their time specifically to the trail system in the DuPont State Forest. Beginning in January of 2005 trail volunteers will be rewarded with a certificate of merit after completing 10 hours of work. After 25 hours a t-shirt will be awarded to the volunteers. This program is a first step, in letting trail volunteers know how much the FODF appreciates their continuing dedication and hard work.

During the meeting, Woody Keen made a request for financial support for the Trail Guru Gathering held in the Forest during October. This event brought professional trail builders into the forest from all over the country. The gathering worked on projects connected with trails, in an effort to learn the latest techniques in sustainable trail building. The committee voted to make a motion to the FODF board to support this effort with a two thousand dollar grant for the event. The money went to the rental of equipment, covered some food expenses and other expenses of the week long event. The motion was made by Dick Thompson at the Oct board meeting, and was passed by the Board. The investment of this money got the forest trail system much more needed work than we could have purchased on our own.

WHAT? A blue light special...



Hemlocks Infested, Potential Impact to Forest by David Brown, Forest Supervisor

The Hemlock Wooly Adelaide has been discovered in DuPont State Forest in the Guion Farm area. Now that it has been found, it is a sure bet it will become a widespread infestations. It is spreading throughout western North Carolina where hemlocks occur. The insect is spread by wind and birds and there is no practical way to prevent it's spread.

Once trees are infested they will die in 6-10 years depending on growing conditions. Trees of all sizes are susceptible to infestation. There may be very few trees with different genetic traits that have a degree of resistance to the insect.

Treatment is only recommended for high value ornamental trees. There are two preventive treatments. One is spraying with an insecticide. This is accomplished with a high-pressured sprayer and will only work on trees up to 40 feet tall. The other method of treatment is injection with systemic insecticide. Both methods cannot be used on trees within 40 feet of waterways. The cost for tree injection is about \$10 per inch of tree diameter and must be repeated at least every 2-3 years to be effective.

This forest pest poses a very serious threat to the hemlocks in DuPont State Forest and throughout the hemlock ranges. Little can be done to prevent the death of hemlocks. Research on the release of predator insects is ongoing, but does not appear to be an immediate solution.

Volunteer Opportunities

Gloria Clouse, Volunteer Coordinator

First, thank you for those who attended the trail building workshop in November. The day was great. I learned a lot and hope it was helpful to you as well. We all appreciate Bruce and the information he shared with us. I was pleased with the enthusiasm and desire of all the participants to work on the trails. The results of the survey showed possibly two groups. Of the weekday group, Friday was the most preferred day. The other group was people available on the week-end, and Saturday was the preferred day.

We are still looking for more volunteers to help out in many different ways. The following is a list of ways you can get involved

Newsletter Editor — Publish quarterly newsletter and circulate mailings

FODF Board Member — Help develop & plan all Friend's programming

Trail Crew — Assist in maintaining & developing over 90 miles of trails

Events & Programs Coordinator — Plan special programs and fundraising events

Forest Goodwill Ambassadors — Greet & assist visitors in parking lots and throughout the Forest

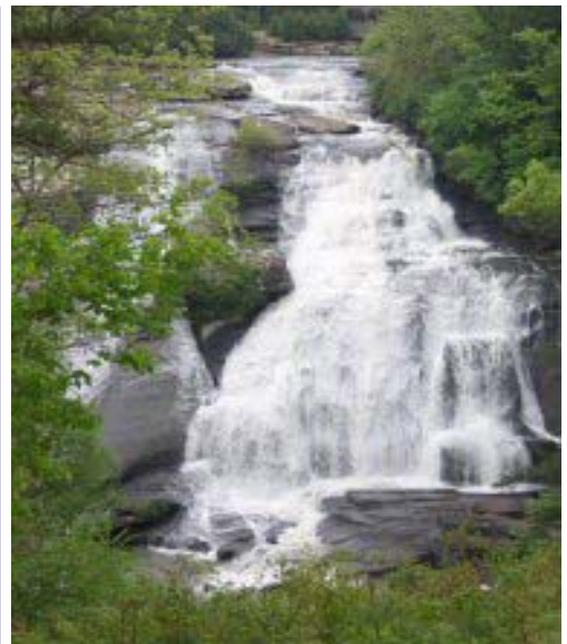
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DuPont State
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Trail building school held in October 2004.

WHEN? Sometime in May...

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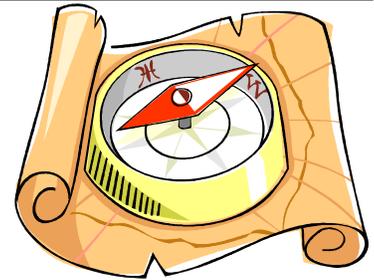
Friends of DuPont Forest will be starting 'The History of DuPont Forest'. Over the course of the next few years, we will be collecting information, pictures, history and other documents regarding the origin of the Forest.

The Friends of DuPont Forest is looking for a computer scanner in hopes of scanning old documents and pictures to benefit our history project. If you have a spare scanner or would like to donate a new scanner, please contact us at

membership@dupontforest.com

Purchase a New Map

One of our most profitable fundraisers for the Friends of DuPont Forest has been the sale of our trail maps. With the changes in the forest and changes in trail names, we update our maps to better suit the many visitors visiting DuPont State Forest. This is an ongoing project for the FODF group and hope everyone appreciates the latest changes and additions. You can purchase the latest edition of our trail map at www.dupontforest.com or at one of the many local businesses that help sell them.



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Simple Trail User Tips

WHY? For pure magic of the moment

DuPont State Forest has a wonderful variety of trails. As a result, the forest sees many visitors on a given day, with a mix of sightseers and picnickers, hikers, runners, mountain bikers and horseback riders. Some simple guidelines for shared trail use are shown below.

- Stay on the trails
- Stay to the right but pass on the left (if overtaking)
- Downhill travelers yield to uphill hikers
- Bikers yield to hikers and horses.
- Hikers yield to horses
- Don't litter
- Use courtesy and common sense and all will enjoy a great day in the woods



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