

Welcome to Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest, a unique outdoors experience! The forest is located among Bladen County's numerous "Carolina Bays" --mysterious land formations located in this section of North Carolina's Coastal Plain. The forest's features are accessible by a series of well-marked trails accented by exhibits and displays depicting the ecology of the managed forest.

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

North Carolina's seven Educational State Forests have been developed as living environmental education centers. Ranger conducted classes help visitors understand that forests are complex ecosystems that can be managed for many uses. These classes have been correlated to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Common Core State and N.C. Essential Standards. Rangers are trained in the latest teaching techniques applicable to North Carolina schools. Call the office to make arrangements.



## PICNIC FACILITIES

Be sure to bring a picnic lunch with you. Picnic sites with tables and grills are available. A spacious picnic shelter, complete with a massive brick fireplace, is available for groups. Reservations for the shelter are required.

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## The FOREST at a glance-

Environmental Education Workshops

Picnic Facilities

Ranger-Conducted Classes

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## Educational State Forest

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## Forest Season

Mid-March through Mid-November

**HOURS:** 8:00 - 5:00 M-F  
Sat. By Request



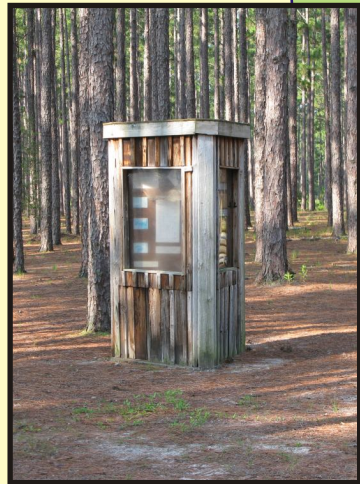
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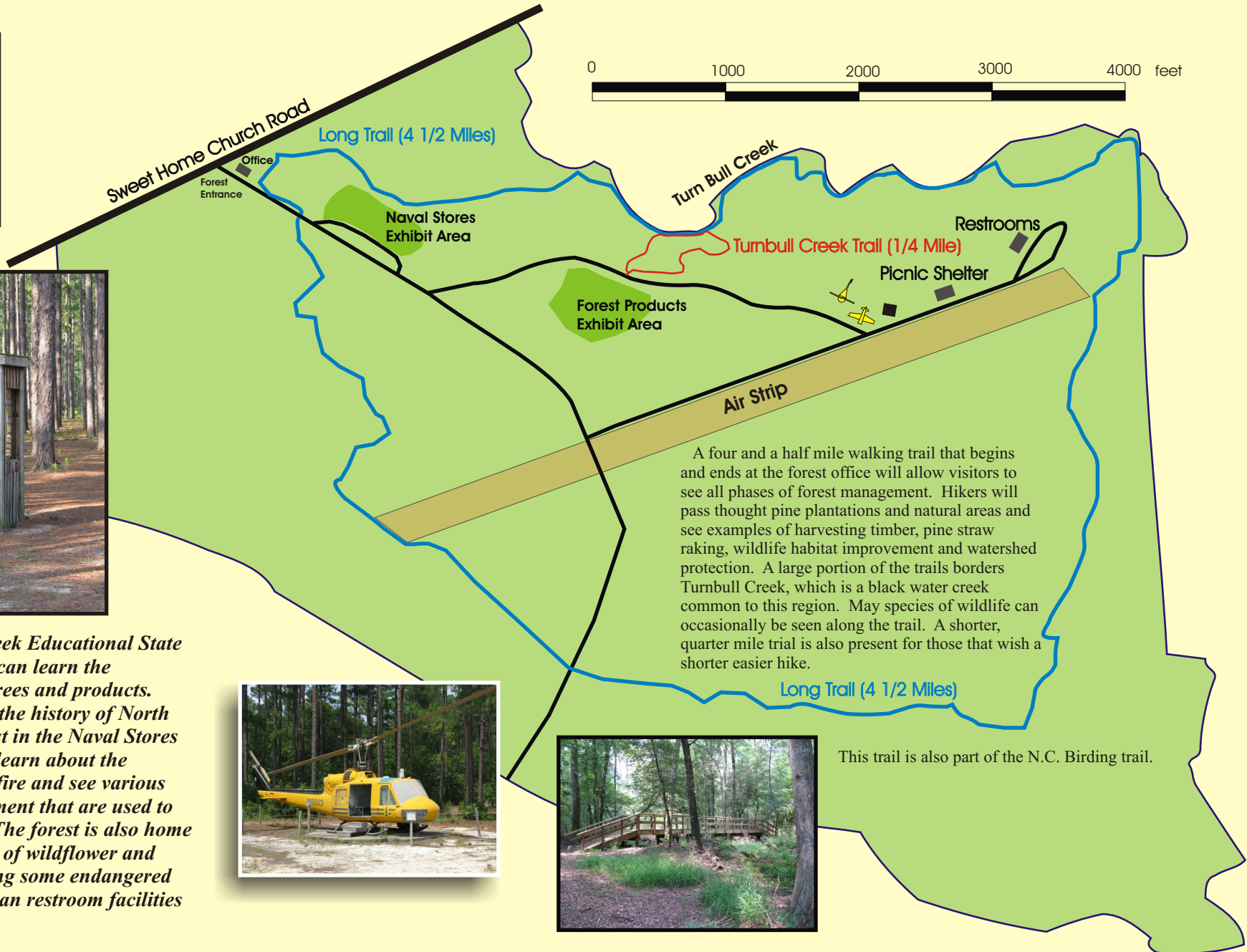
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*At Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest, visitors can learn the importance of trees and products. They can learn the history of North Carolina's forest in the Naval Stores exhibit and also learn about the dangers of wildfire and see various pieces of equipment that are used to fight wildfire. The forest is also home to many species of wildflower and wildlife including some endangered species. Picnic and restroom facilities are available.*



A four and a half mile walking trail that begins and ends at the forest office will allow visitors to see all phases of forest management. Hikers will pass through pine plantations and natural areas and see examples of harvesting timber, pine straw raking, wildlife habitat improvement and watershed protection. A large portion of the trails borders Turnbull Creek, which is a black water creek common to this region. Many species of wildlife can occasionally be seen along the trail. A shorter, quarter mile trail is also present for those that wish a shorter easier hike.

This trail is also part of the N.C. Birding trail.