

LESSONS AND PROGRAM TOPICS

- **Six Week Forest Outreach Curriculum**

Grades 3-12

Local schools may enroll in this unique opportunity. Classrooms signup for a series of 6 consecutive in-school lessons and two field trips. Teachers may elect to enroll for all or a portion of the following curriculum.

- Field Trip 1: Temperate Rain Forest
- Class 1: Tree Science
- Class 2: Plant ID
- Class 3: Habitat & Wildlife
- Class 4: Symbiotic Relationships
- Class 5: Careers and Recreation
- Class 6: Outdoor Ethics
- Field Trip 2: Forest Management and Awards Ceremony

- **General Forest Education Programs**

These programs are available for all ages. The following topics are a sample of what we offer.

- Insect Investigation
- Wildlife Tracks and Signs
- Tree and Plant Identification
- Wildlife and Habitat
- Wildflowers
- Map and Compass
- Forest Survival and Safety
- Geology of the Santiam State Forest
- Streams, Rivers and Lakes
- Forest Management
- Fire Prevention and Smokey Bear

GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

Managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry's North Cascade District, the Santiam State Forest is spread throughout Clackamas, Marion and Linn Counties. Schools, libraries and youth groups throughout the area may participate in our programs.

DIRECTIONS

To reach the Santiam State Forest headquarters from Salem take Highway 22 about 30 miles to Lyons, Oregon. Our office is located at the Highway 22/North Fork Road SE Junction.



Santiam State Forest

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Santiam State Forest



ABOUT THE FOREST

The Santiam State Forest is located about 30 miles east of Salem. Spread over 47,000 acres of prime forest lands ranging in elevation from 1,000 to 5,000 feet, the forest is carefully managed to provide a range of benefits from wood products to wildlife habitat to recreation opportunities.

Participants in education and interpretation programs have the opportunity to discover sun-filled meadows and young forests to mature forests of towering Douglas-fir, hemlock and western red cedar trees. There are waterfalls plunging into punchbowls of broken basalt and wind swept peaks reaching up to 5000 feet in elevation. Youth who visit our forest will stage at rustic campgrounds with vault restrooms, picnic tables and fire rings and then explore deep into the woods far from the sights and sounds of urban life. It is often a new experience for many children.



FOREST EDUCATION

The education program at the Santiam State Forest offers rich opportunities for students and youth groups ages k-12. Our goal is to help students connect to the outdoors and lead them on their discovery of the environmental, social and economic benefits Oregon's forests provide.

Education programs may take place both in the classroom and in the field. Topics vary ranging from tree science and wildlife habitat to careers in forestry and outdoor ethics. Staff will also work with teachers to tailor programs for their individual needs. Each program is taught by experienced educators and is designed to be hands-on, active and fun. The lessons have been designed to meet Oregon Department of Education benchmark standards.

AVAILABILITY AND COST

No fee is charged for these programs. They are funded by revenue generated from sustainable forest management at the Santiam State Forest and grants.



REGISTRATION

To sign up for education or interpretation programs please call 503-859-4344 or email jmayer@odf.state.or.us. Please schedule as far in advance as possible. We recommend 4-8 weeks.

OTHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Guided Nature Hikes
- Summer Library Programs
- Summer Day Camps
- Community Programs
- Home School
- Boy and Girl Scouts
- Group Tours
- Service Learning and Stewardship Projects

Call 503-859-4344 to learn more.

