**Tree Trunk**

**Conway Robinson State Forest**

This box contains lesson plans and supplies for field study on the Conway Robinson State Forest. Please review the lessons you intend to use online before your trip, as some activities may require students to bring extra clipboards or notebooks. Teachers may arrange to borrow the trunk by contacting the Va. Dept. of Forestry’s Loudoun office at 703-777-0457, or by emailing stateforest@dof.virginia.gov with “Conway Robinson” in the subject line.

General Forest Information

This 444-acre forest is a mixture of pine and old growth hardwood stands in Gainesville (Prince William County), adjacent to Manassas National Battlefield and Route 29. In addition to serving as a wildlife and wildflower sanctuary, the forest is used for environmental education, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, preservation of historic sites, watershed protection and timber production.

The State Forests of Virginia are self-supporting and receive no taxpayer funds for operations. Operating funds are generated from the sale of forest products, demonstrating the value of good forestry practices. Twenty-five percent of the revenue from the sale of forest products on this State Forest is returned to Prince William County.

There are about 7 miles of trails on the forest, accessible from the parking lot. Be aware that mountain bikers and equestrians also use the trails. There are NO restrooms or trash bins on the forest, so please take your trash with you.

Regulations

A complete listing of State Forest regulations may be found at [www.dof.virginia.gov](http://www.dof.virginia.gov), but basic rules for Conway Robinson State Forest are as follows:

- Vehicles are not permitted on forest roads or trails.

- Pack out all trash.

- Do not remove any plant, animal or mineral.

- **Prohibited** activities and items on this forest include camping, ATVs, alcoholic beverages, fireworks, open air fires, and hunting (except deer hunting during select days, by lottery only).

- Mountain biking and horseback riding are allowed with a State Forest Use Permit (required only for ages 16 and older).

Directions for Access:

Conway Robinson State Forest is located at latitude N 38° 48’ 12.6”, longitude W 77° 35’ 16.7.” A parking area adjacent Route 29-S can accommodate approximately 10 cars. Additional parking is permitted along the entrance/exit road unless it restricts through traffic. If you are bringing a group to the forest, please let the Va. Dept. of Forestry’s Loudoun office know the date and approximate time of your visit. Call 703-777-0457, or email stateforest@dof.virginia.gov with “Conway Robinson” in the subject line.

