In addition to being the first arboretum constructed in Cecil County, this is the first project of its kind undertaken by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Elk Neck State Forest’s Arboretum displays 61 newly planted and 35 pre-existing specimens. There are also 57 different species of native shrubs and trees identified along the walking paths.

Maryland is often described as America in Miniature, and through the variety of trees onsite, it is easy to see why. Along the path are samples from all over the state, from the mountainous western Maryland, through the Piedmont area around Baltimore to the sandy shores of the Chesapeake Bay.

Other activities you can enjoy at the forest include hiking, hunting, horseback riding, mountain biking and taking target practice. Entry is free for hiking and hunting, though the shooting range has a small user fee. (No rentals available.)

Amenities & Features
- Bird houses/watching
- Dog-friendly areas
- Interactive signs
- Picnic tables and benches
- Restroom
- Walking trails

History
The department acquired the 4-acre property 2011 from a private citizen, along with 130 additional acres on either side of Old Elk Neck Road.

Formerly agricultural fields, this land is now maintained as meadow habitat. Forest Service staff employs herbicides and prescribed burns to keep invasive species at bay.

This area is part of the new land open for hunting, however, the arboretum and the forest around it are in the hunting-prohibited Safety Zone.

Directions
2600 block of Old Elk Neck Road
Approximately 50 miles from Baltimore and 90 miles from Washington, D.C.

From I-95 north, take exit 100, Route 272 south. Turn left and follow Route 40 east for 4.7 miles. Turn right and follow Old Elk Neck Road for 2.8 miles. The entrance will be on the right.

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Tree Common Names
1. Silver Maple
2. Pin Oak
3. Virginia Pine
4. Black Cherry
5. Eastern Red Cedar
6. Black Locust
7. Flowering Dogwood
8. Northern Red Oak
9. Sugar Maple
10. Blackhaw
11. Chestnut Oak
12. American Hornbeam
13. Pitch Pine
14. Possumhaw
15. Sweetbay Magnolia
16. Red Maple
17. Arrowwood Viburnum
18. Willow Oak
19. Large tooth Aspen
20. Highbush Blueberry
21. Sweet Gum
22. American Holly
23. American Beech
24. Black Birch
25. Yellow Poplar
26. Swamp Chestnut Oak
27. Elderberry
28. Black Walnut
29. Eastern White Pine
30. Southern Red Oak
31. Scarlet Oak
32. Mountain Laurel
33. White Oak
34. Persimmon
35. American Sycamore
36. Shagbark Hickory
37. Winterberry
38. American Basswood
39. Loblolly Pine
40. Redbud
41. Bitternut Hickory
42. Pawpaw
43. Red Chokeberry
44. Spicebush
45. Swamp White Oak
46. Boxelder
47. Sweetpepper Bush
48. River Birch
49. Witchhazel
50. Slippery Elm
51. Sassafras
52. Hackberry
53. Bald Cypress
54. Poison Ivy
55. American Chestnut
56. Carolina Rose