Welcome to Elk Neck State Forest Arboretum

Open daily from sunrise to sunset



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 Minature, 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,

The above champion eastern red cedar has been identified as the largest of its species in Cecil County.

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

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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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.





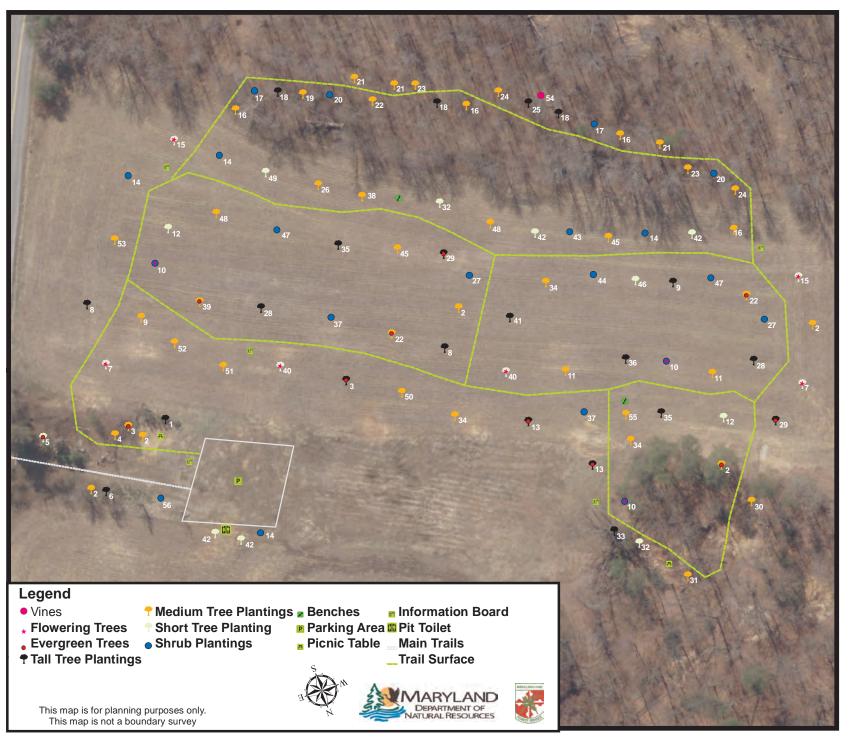


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Tree Common Names

- 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. Largetooth 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. Shaqbark 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