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### American Chestnut Blight - Greatest Forest Loss in History

There were once almost 4 billion American chestnuts and they were among the largest, tallest, and fastest-growing trees in the eastern forest. The wood was long-lasting, straight-grained, and suitable for furniture, fencing, and building. The nuts fed billions of birds and animals. It was almost a perfect tree - that is, until it was killed by a blight a century ago. [Watch Video](#)

### In the News

#### Chestnut's Last Stand

The world's largest remaining stand of American chestnut is under study and under siege in Wisconsin. [Read More](#)

#### A New Generation of American Chestnut Trees May Redefine America's Forests

Before an exotic fungus nearly wiped them out in the late 1800s, abundant chestnut trees shaped the forest ecosystem, providing food and shelter for numerous other species. In coming decades Chestnut trees engineered to battle the fungus could restore these lost relationships. [Read More](#)

#### Younger Generations Not Interested in Timber

Much like farming, the logging industry is often multi-generational and family-ran, said Matt Jensen, the vice president of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association in Rhinelander. "You're either married into it or born into it," Jensen said. "The only way you can learn the business is to be able to work at a younger age." Low wages and long hours are keeping younger generations out of the forests. [Read More](#)

#### The Landmark Wilderness Act is 50 Years Old, and it's Still Working.

This September marks the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, the piece of federal legislation that created a national system of wilderness areas and established the principles for their management. Its passage was a shining moment in American environmental ethics: the statutory affirmation of a nation's deep regard for the wild and a determination to devote considerable political and material resources to protecting it. [Read More](#)

#### Study: Red Squirrels May Be Changing How Rocky Mountain Trees Respond To Fire

A squirrel's appetite for certain pine seeds may be driving evolutionary changes in lodgepole forests across the West and altering how the trees respond to fire, a study conducted inside Yellowstone National Park has found. Researchers at the University of Wyoming published their findings, where they described the ecological changes facing Western forests as fires become more frequent under a warming climate. [Read More](#)

#### From Forest to Faucet – The Importance of Trees in Helping to Keep Your Drinking Water Safe and Clean

Did you know that well managed natural forests help provide cleaner drinking water to urban communities? A report by the USDA Forest Service states nearly 80 percent of the nation's freshwater originates from forestland. That crisp taste of fresh water is made possible by healthy forests, and when forests are neglected or destroyed it tampers with the quality of our water supply. [Read More](#)

### Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Notes
<b>Forest Fest:</b> A celebration of all that the forest has to offer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lumberjack breakfast</li> <li>Chainsaw carving</li> <li>Logging history</li> <li>And more...</li> </ul>	Trees for Tomorrow 519 Sheridan Street East Eagle River, Wisconsin	Saturday, August 2, 2014 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>For Full Details:</b> <a href="#">Visit Here</a>
<b>Paul Bunyan Logging Museum</b> and <b>US Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship</b>	Carson Park Eau Claire, Wisconsin  <a href="#">Driving Directions</a>	The museum is open daily from 10 am - 4:30 pm, May 1st until September 30th. (nominal fee)  August 7-10, 2014	<b>For Full Details:</b> <b>Museum</b> <a href="#">Visit Here</a> <b>Chainsaw Championship</b> <a href="#">Visit Here</a>