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The First Christmas Tree

Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort, is usually credited with having introduced the Christmas tree into England in 1840. However, the honour of establishing this tradition in the United Kingdom rightfully belongs to 'good Queen Charlotte', the German wife of George III, who set up the first known English tree at Queen's Lodge, Windsor, in December, 1800. [Read More](#)

In the News

Wisconsin's Century-old Model of Forestry Comes Under Pressure

Wisconsin Rapids — For more than a century, family-supporting jobs have grown on trees in Wisconsin. Not a smattering of jobs, but the most private-sector jobs the state has ever known: jobs in logging, lumber, furniture making, pulp-ing, papermaking and the printing presses for the nation's books, magazines and catalogs. If employment linked to forest products represented a single sector, Wisconsin would have the largest in the nation. [Read More](#)

Harvest Your Christmas Tree in a State or National Forest

MADISON -- People interested in cutting their own Christmas trees can obtain Department of Natural Resources permits to cut trees from northern state forests. Permits can be obtained from the property headquarters for a nominal fee, typically \$5 per tree, said Teague Prichard, DNR forest management specialist. Fresh evergreen boughs also may be harvested with the non-commercial forest products permit. [Read More](#) and [Read More](#)

The Beauty of Holiday Trees is More Than Bark-Deep

If you are one of the many people who head out into the woods, to the tree farm, or to the corner lot each year to find the perfect holiday tree, you know what your favorite tree looks like on the outside. But do you know what it looks like on the inside and magnified 400 times? FPL's Center for Wood Anatomy Research can give you a peek at the secret inner workings of several of the most popular holiday tree species in the United States. [Read More](#)

Introducing the My Tree—Our Forest® Urban and Community Forestry Campaign

Urban forests provide essential benefits we cannot live without. To help support these critical landscapes, NASF launched My Tree—Our Forest, a new urban and community forestry campaign [Read More](#)

Maine Houses Tallest Chestnut Tree in the Americas

LOVELL, Maine —The tallest American chestnut tree in North America is soaring into the sky from western Maine. Scientists measured the tree Wednesday. It is 115 feet tall. More than a century ago, it wasn't quite so much of a production to find an American chestnut tree. There were billions of them from Maine to Georgia, but in 1904, a fungus was accidentally imported from Asia and spread, killing chestnut trees up and down the East Coast. [Read More](#)

This 3200 Year Old Tree Is So Huge It's Never Been Captured In A Single Image... Until Now.

It takes a special kind of tree to have a nickname. "The President" is one of those trees. The giant sequoia stands 247 feet tall, measures 45,000 cubic feet in volume, and is an estimated 3,200 years old. The trunk is 27 feet wide and the his mighty branches hold 2 billion needles, the most of any tree on the planet. [Read More](#) and [Watch Video](#)

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Notes
Help Out on State Natural Area Get outside and enjoy the view! Join the Pepin County Land Conservation Department, Wisconsin DNR, and Lower Chippewa River Alliance for the first ever volunteer workday at Maiden Rock Bluff SNA. Maiden Rock is known for peregrine falcons, 400 foot bluffs, and rare plants.	Information on Maiden Rock Bluff Directions: From the intersection of State Highway 35 and County J in Stockholm, go north on J 0.73 miles, then northwest on County E 1 mile, then west on Long Lane 0.7 miles to the parking lot at the end of the road	December 18 Time: 9am— 1:00pm, Free lunch follows	Learn More about this event Cost: Free