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A Virtual Tour of the Forest Products Laboratory (FPL)

The Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) is the national research laboratory of the United States Forest Service, which is part of the Department of Agriculture. Since its opening in 1910, the FPL has provided scientific research on wood, wood products and their commercial uses in partnership with academia, industry, tribal, state, local and other government agencies. This video provides a glimpse in the work accomplished at their facility. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Tony Ferguson Named Forest Products Laboratory Director

Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell recently announced that Tony Ferguson has been selected as Director of the Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) and the Northern Research Station. [Read More](#)

Kemp Station Gets Approval For New Forestry Classroom

A new Education and Outreach Center has been approved by the state at the UW-Madison's Kemp Natural Resources Station on Lake Tomahawk. Kemp Station Superintendent Scott Bowe says they're building a new forestry classroom... [Read More](#)

Peninsula State Park Eagle Tower Deconstruction Begins September 19

FISH CREEK, Wis. - The deconstruction of Eagle Tower at Peninsula State Park will begin Sept. 19 and is expected to be completed by Sept. 23, weather permitting. During the deconstruction period a section of Shore Road to Eagle Tower will be closed, as will several trails near the tower. [Read More](#)

Visit Wisconsin Forests to Enjoy the Fall Color Change

MADISON - A warm and wet summer has set the stage for a spectacular fall color change, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources forestry experts say. [Read More](#)

An Insect Could Make Ash Baseball Bats a Thing of the Past

The invasive emerald ash borer is threatening the forests where Rawlings and Louisville Sluggers come from, putting the bats in jeopardy. In just a few years, the crack of the bat at the baseball park might be just that—the bat cracking to pieces. That's because bats made of maple wood have a tendency to shatter. Bats made of white ash, however, are less brittle and are the choice of about 25 percent of major leaguers and thousands of amateur baseball players. But according to Brian Mann at NPR, ash bats may soon become part of baseball nostalgia, like Cracker Jack and tobacco cards. [Read More](#)

U.S. Forest Service and Coca-Cola Announce the Restoration of One Billion Liters of Water

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13, 2016—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Coca-Cola North America President Sandy Douglas today announced that their partnership to restore and protect damaged watersheds on national forests achieved a milestone of one billion liters of water restored, and that the partnership will commit to double that outcome through 2018. The 13 restoration areas are located on national forest land, which provides drinking water to more than 60 million Americans, and they ensure future generations will have access to fresh water. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

Event	Location / Dates	Cost	Notes
Cowboy Reenactment / Saturday Fall Festival & Haunted Slaughter House <i>Step back in time and come take part in a Wild West train robbery. An authentic Cowboy Reenactment and robbery of the Lumberjack Steam train. Come and ride the train and experience the Wild West up close.</i>	When: October 1, 2016 all-day Where: Lumberjack Steam Train 5064 US-8 Laona, WI 54541	Visitors are encouraged to stay a minimum of 2 hours to enjoy all the Lumberjack Camp Museum activities. Adults - \$ 20.00 Children (Age 4-16) - \$ 8.00 Recommend purchasing tickets ahead of time for this event	Additional Details See More