

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 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.)



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

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. 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. 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

Legend

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| ● Vines | ● Medium Tree Plantings | ■ Benches | ■ Information Board |
| ★ Flowering Trees | ● Short Tree Planting | ■ Parking Area | ■ Pit Toilet |
| ● Evergreen Trees | ● Shrub Plantings | ■ Picnic Table | — Main Trails |
| ● Tall Tree Plantings | | | — Trail Surface |

This map is for planning purposes only.
This map is not a boundary survey