**Mission & Management**

The mission of the Duke Forest is to facilitate research that addresses fundamental and applied questions across a variety of disciplines and to aid in the instruction of all students in their pursuit of knowledge, especially regarding the stewardship of our natural resources.

Management of the Forest is guided by a comprehensive plan that promotes the Forest's academic mission while ensuring the protection of its natural resources. The Duke Forest also provides education and outreach through tours, volunteer events and community science programs, and it offers nature-based recreation opportunities that do not conflict with its mission and management.

Please visit our website at dukeforest.duke.edu for more information related to the mission and active management of this dynamic teaching and research forest.

**Rules & Regulations**

The Duke Forest is private teaching and research land that permits nature-based recreation opportunities that do not conflict with its mission and management. Areas of the Forest are subject to closure for safety or management activities without warning. Please defer to all signage.

- LEAVE NO TRACE and take all trash with you
- DOGS MUST BE LEASHED at all times with a physical, visible leash
- DO NOT DISTURB scientific equipment, stakes, or flagging
- STAY ON forest roads and foot trails posted Designated Access
- BIKES AND HORSES on forest roads only
- NO OFF-TRAIL ACTIVITY
- NO ACCESS EXCEPT AT GATES
- NO ACCESS AFTER SUNSET OR BEFORE DAWN
- NO VEHICLES including motorized or electronic bikes
- NO COLLECTING, PICKING, HARVESTING, OR CUTTING of plants, trees, mushrooms, or animals
- NO ROCK OR TREE CLIMBING
- NO COMMERCIAL OR PAY-TO-PARTICIPATE USES
- NO GEOCACHES, TERRACACHES, OR LETTER BOXES
- NO METAL DETECTING
- NO HOBBYIST DRONE FLIGHTS

Additional prohibited activities are outlined in Duke University’s Use of University Lands and Facilities Policy. The most up-to-date version of these regulations and additional safety considerations are available here: dukeforest.duke.edu/rec.