



BASS RIVER STATE FOREST

This forest of 8,418 acres is located 20 miles north of Atlantic City and six miles west of Tuckerton in Burlington and Ocean counties. It is accessible from U. S. Route 9, and from the Garden State Parkway, Exit 52. Visitors are welcome to explore, hike or drive over many miles of roads which provide access to points of interest and help in the protection of the area.

Land acquisition was started in 1905. Here, as at other State forests, administration has been for multiple use, including public recreation, timber production, wild life and conservation of water supplies.

Fire lines and safety strips have been built along roads and boundaries for the prevention and control of forest fires which have been the scourge of the Pine Barrens for centuries. BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE and smoking materials at all times. No fires may be built except as authorized by the forest officer in charge.

Forest Demonstration Area

Near the forest headquarters and adjacent to the Bass River fire tower on Greenbush Road are twenty acres devoted to experimental forest plantations. They were established in 1913 and are among the oldest on any of New Jersey's State forests. They are open to inspection at all times. Loblolly pine has made the best growth and white pine also has grown well. Nearly all of the plantations were damaged by the 1944 hurricane.

In addition to the experimental plantations, there are many acres of other plantations which can be seen from the roads as one drives or hikes through the forest. Full information regarding reforestation and silvicultural operations on the forest may be secured from the forest officer. The plantations are valuable because they demonstrate the possibilities of waste land reclamation by proper management.

Visitors are asked not to smoke while visiting the plantations as there is an extraordinary fire hazard and one fire would terminate valuable research.

Camping scene



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