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Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site

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Who:

What: **Tree Give-away Day**

Where: Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site

When: November 4, 2006 starting at 10:00 am

Price: Admission for this event is \$5.00 for ages 16 and older; youth 15 and under

and Golden Age and Golden Eagle Passports are admitted free.

Website: www.cradleofforestry.org

For calendar listings: www.cradleofforestry.org





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Tree Give-away Day at the Cradle of Forestry Historic Site

Pisgah National Forest, NC... The Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site in the Pisgah National Forest will celebrate the end of its season by giving away trees from its seedling nursery on Saturday, November 4, 2006. Over 200 young green ash, chestnut oak, black gum, Virginia pine, and eastern hemlock are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Cradle of Forestry staff will help you dig and package the trees. The site is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm through November 5, 2006.

Dr. Carl Schenck, forester for George Vanderbilt from 1895 – 1909, started the Biltmore Forest School in 1898. He required his students to tend tree seedling beds. The nursery exhibit on the Forest Festival Trail represents the forest restoration work of these early foresters on the land that is now part of the Pisgah National Forest. The species offered are the same that Dr. Schenck and his students nurtured 100 years ago. Today planting native trees in the home landscape contributes to land stewardship and community beautification. Learning about trees enriches experiences in the outdoors.

For more information about any of the activities offered on Tree Give-away Day please call the Cradle of Forestry at 828-877-3130. Daily admission is \$5.00 for ages 16 and older; youth 15 and under and Golden Age, Access, and Golden Eagle Passport holders are admitted free. Admission includes an 18-minute film, the Forest Discovery Center with 15 hands-on exhibits, a scavenger hunt, a firefighting helicopter simulator, historic cabins and antique equipment on two paved trails, living history interpreters and a 1915 Climax logging locomotive.

The Cradle of Forestry is located on Hwy. 276 in the Pisgah National Forest, six miles north of Looking Glass Falls and four miles south of the Blue Ridge Parkway. For more information call 828-877-3130 or go to www.cradleofforestry.org.