

Using This Teaching Kit

This kit, the fourth in the Canada's Forest Teacher's Kit Series, is designed to help teachers explore Canada's forests with their students. It will help explain sustainable forest management and show why it is important to Canada, in terms of our economy, society and environment. The eight activity-based lessons focus on a series of ecological themes.

You will find web site addresses throughout the kit that will help you and your students explore forest sustainability in more detail.

Grade Levels

The activities focus on both general and specific learning outcomes for grades 4, 6, 7 and 8 but they can easily be adapted to fit almost any class and grade level in Canada.

Curriculum Links

This kit will allow your students to expand their knowledge of the economic, societal, ecological, spiritual and recreational values of Canada's forests, and how sustainable forest management aims to protect these key values.

The kit uses learning outcomes from the *Pan-Canadian Protocol for Collaboration on School Curriculum – The Common Framework of Science Learning Outcomes*. It is a nationally recognized science curriculum document on which many provincial and territorial curricula are based. Kit activities address the learning outcomes in this framework for student skills, knowledge and attitudes.

Although the activities were designed using science-based links, the lessons also allow exploration in language arts, social studies, drama, geography, visual arts and other curriculum opportunities.

Kit Organization

In each of the hands-on, interactive lessons you will find:

- **Summary** that introduces the topic or theme of the activity as well as the type of activity that you will be doing with your students;
- **Activity** information that provides the grade level, subject headings, estimated duration and suggested materials;
- **Learning** outcomes (expectations) that highlight key curriculum links;
- **Teacher background** with additional information for you on the lesson topic;
- **Procedure** with detailed instructions for you to teach the activity; and
- **Extensions** offering follow-up activities related to the activity.

Instruction Key



A group or discussion activity



A performing activity



A writing and recording activity



Field investigation



Extensions