

Using This Teaching Kit

This teaching kit, the eighth in the Canada's Forests series, is designed for nationwide use by classroom educators and youth leaders. It is available in English and French, in print and in electronic format on the CFA website: www.canadianforestry.com. The activities in this volume are primarily targeting students in grades five to eight, as they represent a crucial age range in which to build interest in forest biology, forest issues and forest-related careers. However, there are also several lessons specifically for senior students. Please note that some lessons can be used with more than one age group.

The background information provided in this kit relates to topics presented in the nine lessons. Extensive print, web and video resources on the boreal can be found in teaching kit Volume 7, *The Boreal Forest, a Global Legacy*.

Target Audience

Canada's provinces and territories use various grade specifications and sometimes even different terminology for levels (such as primary and intermediate) so we have indicated only broad age groups for which the lessons and activities apply.

Instruction Key



group discussion



Hands-on



Presentation/performance



Writing/recording



Research-based



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Curriculum Links

The lessons in this Kit are designed to meet the curricula of many different grades, subjects and courses taught across Canada, including Science, Geography, Math, Civics, World Issues, Language Arts and Visual Arts. We have included one broad Expectation/Outcome for each lesson, which describes what students will demonstrate during the activity. These outcomes can be easily expanded to fit specific curriculum needs.

Flexible and Easy-To-Use Activities

To stimulate teacher and student creativity and engagement in the learning process, we have included various hooks – attention-grabbing lesson openers – and extension options and ideas for additional activities.

Accessing Canada's Forests Teaching Kits On-line

The entire Canada's Forests teaching kit series is available on-line at the Canadian Forestry Association website www.canadianforestry.com. You will find teaching kits Volumes 1 to 8 in English and French in html and PDF format. The kits cover a wide variety of forest-related topics – from forest heritage and climate change to species at risk and water and wetlands. Individual lessons or entire kits can be downloaded and printed at your convenience.

Contact Us

To order printed copies of teaching kits, to provide feedback, or to enquire about how to fit lessons into your curriculum, please contact the Canadian Forestry Association at 1-866-441-4006 or send an email message to cfa@canadianforestry.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Additional Teaching Resources

Volume 7 of the Canada's Forests teaching kit series, *The Boreal Forest, A Global Legacy*, contains additional background information and other lessons, as well as links to various websites, books, lesson plans, maps and videos all related to Canada's boreal forest.