

Using This Teaching Kit

This kit, the seventh in the Canada's Forests series, is designed to help teachers explore with their students the natural wealth of the boreal: its biodiversity, economic value and social and cultural importance.

The introduction, including boreal maps and statistics, provides useful background information to help deliver the eight lessons that follow. Numerous teaching resources are also included for your convenience.

Target Audience

Since Canada's provinces and territories use various grade specifications and terminologies (such as primary and intermediate), we have indicated only the broad age groups and commonly used levels for each. Some activities can be used with several age groups.

Activity Key



group



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 and courses across Canada, including Science, World Issues, Geography, Visual Arts, Math and Language Arts. Each lesson includes a broad set of Learning Outcomes describing what students will demonstrate during the activity. Outcomes can be easily expanded to fit curriculum needs.

Flexible and Easy-To-Use Activities

To stimulate teacher and student creativity and engagement in the learning process, this kit includes various hooks – attention-grabbing lesson openers – and extension options.

Web Resources

Visit the CFA Web site, www.canadianforestry.com, to download lessons from previous teaching kits on a wide variety of forest topics, including forest heritage, climate change, species at risk and wetlands.

Please note that several kits, especially Volumes 5 and 6, feature role-play activities based on public consultation concerning forest land-use and management, and other resource issues. The following can be easily adapted for teaching students about the boreal forest.

Volume 6: Forests and Water

What's Your Perspective?

Changes and Choices

Creating a Forest Code of Conduct

Volume 5: Species at Risk

Shrinking Habitat: Share the Space

Live! With the Species At Risk Act (SARA)

Balancing the Cost of Protected Areas

Volume 4: Forest Sustainability

And the Award Goes To...

Volume 3: Biodiversity

Barriers to Biodiversity

Off limits

Volume 1: Canada's Forest Heritage

Forest Values

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