

AT THE DENBIGH EXPERIMENTAL FOREST visitors can experience the history of the forest and how a hard lesson was learned about the importance of trees in North Dakota. Take a walk among the many kinds of trees found to grow successfully in the northern Great Plains. The Denbigh Experimental Forest provides visitors of all ages an opportunity to enjoy a variety of outdoor recreational experiences including:

- Bird watching, wildlife viewing.
- Hiking, biking, and horseback riding.
- Wildflowers and native grasses.
- Picnics and family outings.
- Environmental education.
- Cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing.
- Hunting (during open season only).



## CONTACT INFORMATION:

Denbigh Experimental Forest is managed by USDA Forest Service. Programs and services of the USDA Forest Service are offered on an equal opportunity basis. More information about federal land management policies, programs, and services can be found at [www.fs.usda.gov/r01/dpg](http://www.fs.usda.gov/r01/dpg). To speak with a District Ranger contact:

Sheyenne Ranger District  
1601 Main Street  
Lisbon, ND 58054  
Tel: 701-404-8950

USDA Forest Service works in partnership with the North Dakota Forest Service to promote conservation education. For more information on conservation education programs available through the North Dakota Forest Service contact:

North Dakota Forest Service  
Outreach and Education  
916 E Interstate Ave, Suite #4  
Bismarck, ND 58503-1227  
Tel: 701-220-5986

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## NATURE'S OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER



*"Caring for the Land and Serving People"*



# WELCOME TO THE DENBIGH EXPERIMENTAL FOREST...



Before it was a forest, Denbigh consisted of sand dunes and a vast sea of drought-stricken land. The Denbigh Experimental Forest was established by the USDA Forest Service in 1931 to determine which trees could survive and thrive in the harsh northern Great Plains climate. Over 40 tree species from throughout the United States and Europe can be seen at Denbigh. This unique environment serves as an outdoor classroom and environmental learning center for students and teachers of all ages who participate in field trips at the Denbigh Experimental Forest.

The North Dakota Forest Service operates a nursery at Towner, ND, and provides trees for windbreaks around farms and towns throughout a multi-state region. Trees help control soil erosion, clean the environment and provide shade, beauty, and wildlife habitat. About 10 percent of the Towner Nursery's seed stock is derived from the Denbigh Experimental Forest.

## PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT

You won't see any garbage cans at the Denbigh Experimental Forest because USDA Forest Service practices a **'pack it in pack it out'** policy. Simply put, whatever you bring into the forest you take out with you when you leave. The forest is home to many plants and animals that depend on people to keep the environment clean from garbage and human waste.

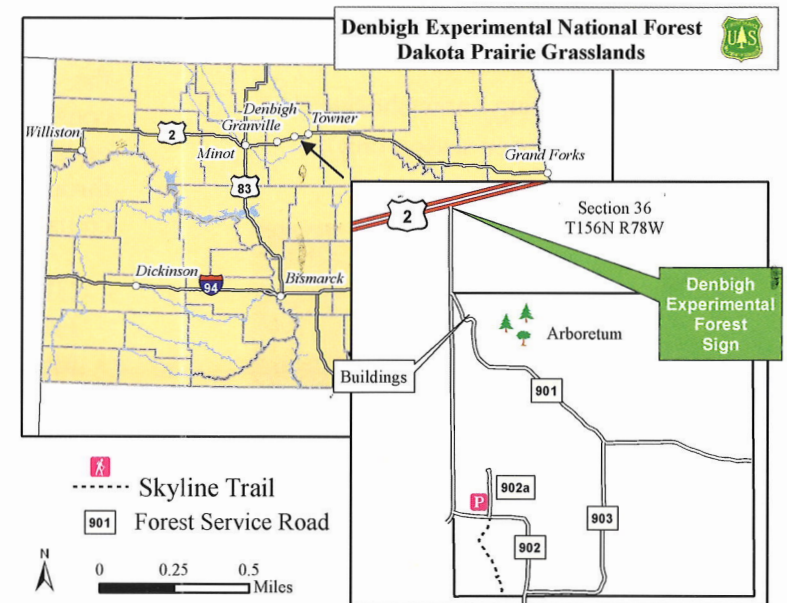
## ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES

Fireworks are not allowed at the Denbigh Experimental Forest. The high-structure grass and dense forest environment at Denbigh are especially vulnerable to forest fires during dry weather conditions. Please practice the following fire safety habits:

- Avoid parking vehicles on dry grass.
- Use extra care when using lanterns, stoves, electric heaters and with campfires.
- At the first sign of fire leave the area immediately by established roads or trails and call 911.
- For more information on fire safety visit <http://www.smokeybear.com>.

## OTHER THINGS TO KNOW

- Off-road travel is not allowed. All motorized vehicles must stay on designated roads.
- Visitors should be aware that loose tree limbs may hang in tree canopies above them and can become dangerous in high winds.
- Visitors are encouraged to wear long pants, socks, and shoes to protect from poison ivy.
- Good walking shoes are essential to protect feet and ankles on uneven ground.
- Hunting is allowed and visitors should wear bright orange and practice hunter safety during open season. Contact the North Dakota Game and Fish at 701-328-6300 for information on hunting regulations.



DENBIGH EXPERIMENTAL FOREST is located halfway between Granville, ND and Towner, ND about 1/2 mile south of U.S. Highway 2 (look for a green highway marker and head south on dirt road). After you turn onto the dirt road, turn left by the brown USDA Forest Service sign.