

Tillamook Forest Center

Tillamook State Forest, OR



Forest Fires Lead to an Awakening

A series of devastating fires burned almost 500 square miles of Tillamook Forest from 1933 to 1951. Now the Tillamook State Forest—restored by the Oregon Department of Forestry—is one of America’s best examples of sustainable management.

APA worked with the Department of Forestry and project architects to create a seamless indoor-outdoor experience, letting visitors explore how the local ecology shaped today’s sustainable forestry practices. The site includes an amphitheater, suspension bridge, outdoor classroom, lab and series of trails. Inside the Center, visitors are immersed in the history of the forest through a full-sensory forest fire experience and stories from historical forestry figures.

