

USEFUL AND INTERESTING WEB SITES

(Forest Products, Forest Industry, Forestry, Natural Resources, Government and more)

Overview:

There are a variety of very useful and interesting web sites related to forest products, forestry, and other areas of interest, some of which are very nicely linked to other sites. Many of these sites can be difficult to find with conventional search engines, consequently, this listing of web site addresses was developed for use and distribution in forest products extension short-courses. The listing has grown considerably over the years since then, branching into including more forestry related sites, environmental education, additional government sites and many more. The focus of this is still primarily intended for forest products extension use, but it is widely used by others as well.

Last Update:

This list is routinely updated. **Last update of this listing was done July 31, 2008.**

Additions/Corrections:

If you find that a site listed here is no longer active, or have suggestions for additions; please contact Bob Govett, rgovett@uwsp.edu phone 715-346-4212

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FORMAT

This is now forwarded in PDF format to reduce size and to make it easier for most people to use.

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ORGANIZATION OF THE LIST

The listed sites are loosely organized into eight different categories as listed below, this is designed to provide some convenience in finding sites, and different users should likely find that some categories would have items more likely to be of interest than others. But by its nature the organization is somewhat arbitrary in category selection due to overlap in focus, so in looking for something specific, you may wish to check multiple categories.

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**FORESTRY INDUSTRY/PRODUCTS RELATED STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMERCIAL SITES**

USDA Forest Service Forest Products Lab

<http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/> also <http://www2.fpl.fs.fed.us/>

If you have trouble finding your way to the FPL from the general site to access the USFS, these two sites will get you there directly, they very useful information, in particular check the many publications which are downloadable in PDF formats. Check both sites, they are different.

USDA Forest Service Technology Marketing Unit Site

<http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/tmu/>

If you have trouble finding your way to the Technology and Marketing Unit general USFS site this will get you there. This is also an excellent site with publications.

USDA Forest Service State & Private Forestry Site

<http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/>

If you have trouble finding your way to S&PF Co-op Forestry from the general USFS site this will get you there. This is also an excellent site with publications.

USDA Wood Education and Resource Center - Princeton, West Virginia

<http://www.na.fs.fed.us/werc/>

The WERC, has training facilities, and a rough mill, its mission is to facilitate interaction and information exchange with the forest products industry to enhance opportunities for sustained forest products production in the eastern hardwood forest region of the United States. It provides training, technology transfer, networking opportunities, applied research, and information..

Forest Products Society (FPS)

<http://www.forestprod.org/>

This is an excellent example of a site with a lot of informational resources that is also very well linked to other sites. Check the toggle of "publications". The "Links" toggle can get you to a wide variety of sites including: FAO Forestry, SWST, USDA FPL, American Forest and Paper Association, various companies, etc.. In particular check links to indexing services and associations.

Society of Wood Science and Technology (SWST)

<http://www1.fpl.fs.fed.us/swst/>

This includes SWST news and publication information, also good educational information including directory of forest products educational programs.

WoodWeb

<http://www.woodweb.com/>

This is a good site for both industry professionals and woodworking hobbyists. It has a wide variety of information including question & answer forums, job listings, books, software, lumber & equipment exchange, directories, articles, events, business and HR related items, etc.. Use caution on forum as information quality is variable.

Forest World

<http://www.forestworld.com/>

This an excellent site with databases, wood ID information, etc..

Be Constructive Wood

<http://www.beconstructive.com/>

Excellent site with good information and good links.

Hardwood Information Center

<http://www.hardwoodinfo.com/>

Really an outstanding site, enormous amount of info including species & properties, etc. etc..

National Hardwood Lumber Association

<http://www.natlhardwood.org/>

A variety of useful information including education related, membership information, etc..

Hardwood Plywood and Veneer Association

<http://www.hpva.org/>

A variety of useful information including publications, industry information, etc..

Western Wood Products Association

<http://www.wwpa.org/>

A variety of useful very useful information including buyers guide, grades, design, etc..

Southern Forest Products Association

<http://www.sfpa.org/>

A variety of useful information including buyers guide, membership information, etc..

Southern Pine Inspection Bureau

<http://www.spib.org/>

Information including training schedule and publications, etc..

West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau

<http://www.wclib.org/>

Information including buyers guide, publications, etc..

Western Red Cedar Lumber Association

<http://www.wrcla.org/>

A variety of useful very useful information including buyers guide, grades, design, etc..

California Redwood Association

<http://www.calredwood.org/>

A variety of useful very useful information

New England Lumber Manufacturers Association

<http://www.nelma.org/>

A variety of useful information including buyers guide, membership information, etc..

National Lumber Grades Authority (Canadian)

<http://www.nlga.org/>

Organization responsible for writing, interpreting and maintaining Canadian lumber grading rules and standards.

American (Softwood) Lumber Standards Committee

http://www.alsc.org/untreated_ps20_mod.htm

Lots of good information and PS 20 is available as an Adobe pdf version.

National Association of Home Builders

<http://www.nahb.org/>

Building industry site with links of interest to consumers.

National Association of Home Builders Research Center

<http://www.nahbrc.org/>

Building industry site includes information on green building.

Wood Component Manufacturers Association

<http://www.woodcomponents.org/>

A variety of useful information including buyers guide, publications, etc..

Wood Moulding and Millwork Producers Association

<http://www.wmmpa.com/>

Structural Building Components Council - Wood Truss Council of America

<http://www.woodtruss.com/>

American Institute of Timber Construction

<http://www.aitc-glulam.org/>

Primarily glulam beam related information.

Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau

<http://www.cedarbureau.org/>

Manuals for use, insurance information, etc.

Composite Panel Association

<http://www.pbmdf.com/>

Particleboard and MDF related information.

Structural Board Association

<http://www.osbguide.com/>

OSB related information.

The Engineered Wood Products Association

<http://www.apawood.org/>

Engineered wood products related information (APA).

North American Wholesale Lumber Association

<http://www.lumber.org/>

Furniture Today

<http://www.furnituretoday.com/>

Industry site with many interesting articles, and other information, etc., and LOTS of links to companies, etc..

Log Homes Council

<http://www.loghomes.org/>

The Log Homes Council is a national organization with membership comprised of manufacturers of log homes.

Association of Woodworking and Furnishings Suppliers

<http://www.awfs.org>

Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers

<http://www.appalachianwood.org/>

Associated Cooperage Industries of America

<http://www.acia.net/>

American Wood Council

<http://www.awc.org/>

International Wood Products Association

<http://www.iwpawood.org/>

National Wooden Pallet and Container Association

<http://www.nwpca.com/>

Lake States Lumber Association

<http://lsla.com/>

A variety of useful information including buyers guide, membership information, etc..

U.S. Green Building Council

<http://www.usgbc.org/>

Includes information about the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, etc..

Green Globes Design

<http://www.greenglobes.com/>

Includes information about the Green Globes system and online auditing tools, etc..

Wisconsin Green Built Home

<http://www.greenbulthome.org/>

This is a program of Wisconsin Environmental Initiative and is implemented in partnership with the Madison Area Builders Association

Wisconsin Paper Council

<http://www.wipapercouncil.org/>

Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association (GLTPA)

<http://www.timberpa.com/>

Logging and resource related, includes information regarding Lake States Logging Congress, etc..

Random Lengths

<http://www.rlpi.com/>

Industry market related site, excellent basic information, good links, subscription options.

Crows

<http://www.crows.com/>

Industry market related site, excellent basic information, subscription options.

Information regarding timber prices in various states

<http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/econ/data/prices/>

This site provides a linkage to various published timber price reports in a good number of states.

Log Price.com

<http://www.logprice.com/>

Listing of links to log pricing nationally, site is sponsored by the American Resources Group®, Washington, D.C., in cooperation with National Woodland Owners Association and the National Forestry Association.

Forest Industry Network

<http://www.forestindustry.com/>

Industry site with excellent search features and links to many industry publications, supplier information, etc..

Global Wood

<http://www.globalwood.org/>

Industry site with news, articles, marketplace information, etc.

Global Word – Timber Technology and Knowledge Center

<http://www.globalwood.org/tech/tech.htm>

This is a direct link to the global wood site for grading and terms info.

Forestry USA.com

<http://www.forestryusa.com/>

Forestry and forest industry “gateway” site with links to news, services, jobs, etc..

Timberline

<http://www.timberlinemag.com/>

Online newspaper for forest industry.

Canadian-Forests.com

<http://www.canadian-forests.com/>

Forestry and forest industry “gateway” site with links to news, services, jobs, etc..

Forest Products Industry National Labor Management Committee

<http://www.labormanagementcommittee.org/index.html>

J.D. Flowers

<http://www.woodproductgroup.com/>

This is a forest industry executive head-hunter’s site, but also has some good links and industry news.

Forest & Wood Products Research and Development Corporation in Australia

<http://oak.arch.utas.edu.au/>

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Timber Committee

<http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/>

Has various reports and other information.

WoodUniversity.org – APA continuing education site

<http://WoodUniversity.org/>

Has both free on-line courses and information including publications about engineered wood products.

Sawmill MD

<http://home.mindspring.com/~sawmillmd/index.html>

Project management folks who can do process improvement work, turn-key design and in between.

FORDAQ

<http://www.fordaq.com/>

This is an online marketplace with interesting information, news items, etc.

WISCONSIN EXTENSION FOREST INDUSTRY/PRODUCTS, FORESTRY & OTHER SITES – AND FOREST PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING SOFTWARE LINKS

University of Wisconsin Extension

<http://www.uwex.edu/>

University of Wisconsin-Cooperative Extension

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/index.cfm>

Wisconsin Basin Education Initiative

<http://basineducation.uwex.edu/>

This site has lots of good information of various types, and links.

University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Forest Ecology and Management

<http://forest.wisc.edu/>

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/>

Forestry Outreach Programs at UWSP

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/fop/>

Woodland Leadership Institute

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/fop/WWLI.htm>

Master Woodland Steward Program

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/fop/MWS.htm>

Woodland Management Guide

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/woodlandmg/>

Owning Wisconsin Woodlands: Your Guide to Information and Publications

<http://forest.wisc.edu/extension/CD/>

This website of the Department of Forest Ecology and Management at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, UWEX Cooperative Extension Service, and Wisconsin DNR Division of Forestry, contains many informative and useful publications, fact-sheets, and other printed materials have been created to assist private woodland owners.

University of Wisconsin Extension Forestry Facts Site and other publications

http://forest.wisc.edu/extension/fe_publications.htm

Forestry Facts sheets for a variety of issues of interest to NIPF landowners and others (free download) and other publications.

Wisconsin Wood Using Industry Online Database

<http://www.woodindustry.forest.wisc.edu>

The DNR's Wisconsin Primary and Secondary Wood Using Industry Directories are maintained at this UW-Madison Forestry site, searchable online version and downloadable in MS-Access database format.

Wisconsin DNR Forestry Newsletters

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/forestry/Publications/Newsletters/index.html>

The Wisconsin DNR's bi-monthly Wood Marketing Bulletin, Forest Tax and Stewardship newsletters, forestry notes, etc.

Duplicate listing (from "Hodge-Podge) for convenience regarding spreadsheet access: OpenOffice.Org
<http://www.openoffice.org/>

OpenOffice.org (a free office suite) is a multiplatform and multilingual office suite and an open-source project. It is designed to be compatible with all other major office suites, the product is free to download, use, and distribute. This is truly an excellent site. **Several of the following entries of web sites include spreadsheet files for which you will require a spreadsheet program to read and use the file. Commercial spreadsheet programs (such as Microsoft Excel) standard in most office PC applications may be used for this, or the "Calc" spreadsheet program that is part of OpenOffice.org is another possibility.**

GRADEYIELD Lumber Grade and Yield Studies Analysis Spreadsheet and User's Manual
<http://www.forest.wisc.edu/extension/gradeyield.html>

This site has the specialized GRADEYIELD personal computer Excel spreadsheet file program (and associated manual). The GRADEYIELD spreadsheet has proven to be a simple and easy to use tool for analysis of data from hardwood lumber grade/yield studies. The manual also focuses on how to go about conducting hardwood lumber grade/yield recovery studies and on how to use of the GRADEYIELD spreadsheet program to perform analysis of data collected in a hardwood lumber grade/yield study.

PROYIELD Sawmill Yield Analysis Spreadsheet and User's Manual
<http://www.forest.wisc.edu/extension/proyield.html>

This site has the specialized Projection of Sawmill Yields ("PROYIELD") personal computer Excel spreadsheet file program (and associated manual). It is used to provide detailed entry level input projection data (on a species by log distribution by product basis and associated residual basis). This has various uses, including to provide a detailed and calculated entry mechanism into the SAWFEAS Sawmill Financial Feasibility Analysis model.

SAWFEAS Sawmill Financial Feasibility Analysis Spreadsheet and User's Manual
<http://www.forest.wisc.edu/extension/sawfeas.html>

This site has a specialized Sawmill Financial Feasibility ("SAWFEAS") personal computer Excel spreadsheet program (and associated manual) that provides preliminary financial feasibility analysis in the developmental planning of new sawmill operations and for preliminary financial analyses related to the acquisition of existing sawmill operations.

DRYFEAS Lumber Kiln Drying Operation Financial Feasibility Analysis Spreadsheet and User's Manual
<http://www.forest.wisc.edu/extension/dryfeas.html>

This site has a specialized Lumber Kiln Drying Financial Feasibility ("DRYFEAS") personal computer Excel spreadsheet program (and associated manual) that provides preliminary technical and financial feasibility analysis in the developmental planning of new kiln drying operations and for preliminary financial analyses related to the acquisition of existing kiln drying operations.

CONVERT Board Foot and Cubic Log Scale Conversion Spreadsheet
<http://www.forest.wisc.edu/extension/convert.html>

This site has the specialized CONVERT personal computer Excel spreadsheet file program that provides conversions between common board foot log rules and cubic volume, for individual logs of various diameters and lengths, ranging in 1 inch diameter classes of from 6 to 36 inches in diameter and 8 to 20 feet in length (in two foot increments) and also allows for aggregate sample distribution conversions for a representative log diameter and length distribution that may be entered at the user's discretion.

CORDS Chip Mill Analysis Spreadsheet
<http://www.forest.wisc.edu/extension/cords.html>

The "CORDS" spreadsheet program can do a number of different estimations in cord scaling. It projects weights, and yields of chip and peeled roundwood products (and their associated raw material costs) on the basis of peeled stick-scaled cord products, and also for chips sold by different conventions. The program allows for different input assumptions regarding wood and bark volumes, moisture contents, specific gravities, losses in chipping, etc.. Also it allows the user to perform the different analyses required using assumptions of stick-scaled or weight scaled cord inputs. The documented program requires relatively few entries, and is designed for a user who is familiar with chip mill operations and cord scaling (because a level of background knowledge is required for reasonable assumptions) consequently the program does not have or require a manual.

Wood Fueled Boiler Financial Feasibility Spreadsheet and User's Manual

<http://www.forest.wisc.edu/extension/boilermanual.htm>

This site has an Excel spreadsheet file for analysis of wood-fueled boiler financial feasibility and associated spreadsheet user's manual.

Forestry Extension Projects and Publications – University of Wisconsin

<http://www.forest.wisc.edu/extension/>

This is a general link to the UW forest products and forestry related publications (some listed above specifically).

Forest Products Utilization and Marketing Publications - Wisconsin DNR

<http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/publications/#usesof>

This is a general link to the WI DNR's forest products related publications.

Dehumidification Drying – Building a Small Kiln

<http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/publications/pdf/FR-396-2007.pdf>

This site has a publication that describes in detail how to build a small dry kiln for small business or hobbyist use.

Southern Research Station; Virginia Tech Software Download Site

<http://www.srs4702.forprod.vt.edu/software/software.htm>

This site has several software downloads, including the Hardwood Edging and Trimming Trainer, the Pallet Recovery Opportunity Analysis Tool (PROACT), the ECHO software package (to analyze the economic benefit of installing thinner-kerf and higher-accuracy sawing machines) - etc.

USDA Forestry Sciences Laboratory - Princeton, West Virginia

<http://www.fs.fed.us/ne/princeton/software/>

This site has several software downloads, including; Sawmill and Rough Mill Software such as the ROMI 3 rough mill simulator, UGRS Lumber grading simulation software; Financial Software such as COST that computes the annual operating cost of sawmill operations, FRAN that allows forest products enterprises to view their financial and operating ratios, and important measures of business activity, JEFFI, a cash flow analysis program, PCS that calculates the total cost and per unit cost of manufacturing an order of wood pallets and the Foresters' Metric Conversions program utility.

RETScreen International

<http://www.retscreen.net/ang/t.php>

This site has very detailed decision support systems for analysis of clean energy projects, typically Excel spreadsheet based.

**OTHER FOREST INDUSTRY/PRODUCTS, FORESTRY & OTHER EXTENSION/RELATED SITES
(INCLUDING ENERGY AND SAFETY RELATED)**

WoodLINKS

<http://www.woodlinks.com/>

This is a very good educational related site out of British Columbia with some forest products career information, and good links. The WI WoodLINKS statewide program is housed at Fox Valley Tech in the Wood Technics-Manufacturing program has a growing list of participating High Schools.

Steve Shook's Forest Directory

<http://www.forestdirectory.com/>

This is a very useful directory institutions, manufacturers, publications, etc.

Cooperative Extension System Directory of Personnel in Forestry and Forest Products

http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/nre/in_focus/forests_if_directory.html

This is the site link to the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (national) Cooperative Extension System Directory of Personnel in Forestry and Forest Products.

Michigan Tech – Hardwood Defect Trainer

http://forest.mtu.edu/research/hwbuck/hardwood_defects/index.html

This is an excellent on-line reference and tutorial r.e. log defect.

Oregon Wood Innovation Center (OSU Extension)

<http://owic.oregonstate.edu/>

Has both on-line information and publications that can be ordered.

Penn State

<http://woodpro.cas.psu.edu/>

Has information and links.

Wood ID Study Guide – University of Maine

<http://www.cefts.org/woodwebpage.pdf>

This is a good macroscopic wood ID site with sample photos.

Colorado State University Wood Utilization & Marketing Effort

<http://www.colostate.edu/programs/cowood>

Has good information including publications (with some that are wood pellet related), and good links.

CINTRAFOR (Center for International Trade in Forestry at University of Washinton)

<http://www.cintrafor.org>

Has good information on export, including publications, primarily Pacific Rim focused.

Forest and Wood Products Institute at Mount Wachusett Community College

<http://www.mwcc.mass.edu/HTML/FWP/default.html>

Has both information and distance learning and outreach programs.

The Journal for Extension Professionals

<http://www.joe.org/>

Naval Safety Center

<http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil>

This is an excellent safety site – lots of good stuff and much of it is even useful to land-crabs.

Bongarde Communications Ltd. - SafetySmart

<http://www.safetysmart.com/>

This is an incredible site for safety related information and programs. This is a commercial site where they sell information/services but you can do some “test-driving” too. They have online library of prepared safety training materials including training handouts, scripts, outlines, PowerPoint presentations, customizable posters, newsletter articles, etc..

OSHA

<http://www.osha.gov/>

This is a general OSHA site with alphabetic index.

OSHA- Wood products etools

<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/woodproducts/index.html>

This is a more specific OSHA site – you can pull up web-based training tools specific to sawmill, woodworking, logging, etc. etc.

UWEX Center for Community Economic Development Grant/Financial Assistance Programs Site

<http://www.uwex.edu/li/andy/grants.html>

This site is an excellent site for information on public grant/financial assistance programs (including information on local, regional, state and federal programs).

UWEX Bio-energy and Bio-economy Team Site

<http://bio.uwex.edu/>

This site has short articles, announcements and events.

Wisconsin Focus on Energy

<http://www.focusonenergy.com/>

This site has considerable information about renewable energy programs, application for energy related grant programs, energy savings etc..

Promoting Our Wisconsin Energy Resources (POWER)

<http://power.wisconsin.gov/>

Site related to the “POWER” initiative – has info on biofuel etc.

Wisconsin Extension Responds: BioEnergy website

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/ag/issues/ER-Bioenergy.html>

Extension site with information on various types of bio-energy products, programs, and events.

Pellet Fuels Institute

<http://pelletheat.org/>

This site is the non-profit organization that serves the pellet industry, it has information for producers and users of wood pellets.

PelletSales.com

<http://www.pelletsales.com/>

Delivers pellets direct from the manufacturer to household door.

Wood Heat Organization Inc

<http://www.woodheat.org/>

This is a nonprofit, nongovernmental agency “dedicated to the responsible use of wood as a home heating fuel”.

Greenwood Hydronic Wood Furnace

<http://www.greenwoodfurnace.com/>

This is a manufacturer of high-efficiency hydronic wood furnaces (i.e. wood-fired hot water boilers) that are suitable for residential heating, and claims thermal efficiencies of up to 87%, by using a thick ceramic refractory firebox that can operate with sustained temperatures of 1800° to 2000° F.

Fuels for Schools

<http://www.fuelsforschools.org/>

This is a western site with information about conversion to biomass. Good links to other sites.

National Renewable Energy Lab

<http://www.nrel.gov/>

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) is the nation's primary laboratory for renewable energy and energy efficiency R&D. Site has considerable info on research and basic information too.

US DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Alternative Fuels and Advanced Vehicles Data Center

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/>

The Alternative Fuels and Advanced Vehicles Data Center (AFDC, formerly known as the Alternative Fuels Data Center) provides a wide range of information and resources to enable the use of alternative fuels (as defined by the Energy Policy Act of 1992), in addition to other petroleum reduction options such as advanced vehicles, fuel blends, idle reduction, and fuel economy. This site is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities initiative.

Biomass Energy Resource Center

<http://www.biomasscenter.org/>

Out of Montpelier, Vermont, works on projects to install systems that use biomass fuel to produce heat and/or electricity.

Biomass Magazine

<http://www.biomassmagazine.com/>

Online magazine – current and past issues – many good articles.

Biodiesel Magazine

<http://www.biodieselmagazine.com/>

Online magazine – current and past issues – many good articles.

Ethanol Producer Magazine

<http://www.ethanolproducer.com/>

Online magazine – current and past issues – many good articles.

Wisconsin (UWEX) Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Resource Site

<http://www.uwex.edu/energy/>

This site is a good area for information on energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Energy Trust of Oregon

<http://www.energytrust.org/>

This site is another good area for information on energy efficiency and renewable energy – includes wind information. (check “what’s new?”)

Windustry

<http://www.windustry.com/>

This site is another good area for information on wind energy. “.. promotes wind energy through outreach, educational materials, and technical assistance...”

Renewable Fuels Association

<http://www.ethanolrfa.org/>

This site has information and cheerleading for ethanol.

Smallwood Utilization Network

<http://smallwoodnews.com/>

This site is a "...network to deal with the complex set of challenges in supply, production, and marketing for the emerging smallwood industry."

Northeastern Minnesota Forest Industry Portal

<http://qp.ntht.org/QuickPlace/neminforest/Main.nsf/>

This site can be used to access webinars and other info – also has good links to industry and other sites.

FORESTRY & RELATED STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SITES

Wisconsin DNR

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/> also <http://dnr.wi.gov/>

Site to access the Wisconsin DNR, has very nice menu-pick access to topics and bureaus.

Forestry Publications and Forms - Wisconsin DNR

<http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/publications/>

This is a direct link to forestry publications and forms, many categories.

State of Wisconsin Board of Commissioners Public Lands

<http://bcpl.state.wi.us/asx/>

Home page site to access the BCPL, information r.e. trust lands and trust funds, etc.

Links to many State Agency web sites (for states across the US)

<http://www.uwsp.edu/career/JobSearchInformation/JobSrchByFields/SciJobLinks/cnr/Government.htm>

This site was developed by Mike Pagel at UWSP who collected links to various conservation/environmental management state agencies including employment links. A total of 176 agencies are linked, along with 161 employment pages.

USDA Forest Service

<http://www.fs.fed.us/>

General site to access the USFS, nicely indexed to take you to a tremendous number of USFS sites and information.

“Treesearch” USDA Forest Service Research and Development Publications Search

<http://www.treesearch.fs.fed.us/>

General site to access the USFS R&D Publications includes research monographs published by the agency and in other areas. This is the largest freely available collection of online forestry research in the world.

USDA Forest Service Forestry Inventory and Analysis Web Site

<http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/>

This site includes online databases, library, virtual scrapbook, projections for tree range distribution as related to predictions of climate change, and newsletters.

USDA Forest Service - Valuing Ecosystem Services

<http://www.fs.fed.us/ecosystemservices/>

This site discusses value of “public goods” such as wildlife habitat and diversity, watershed services, carbon storage, and scenic landscapes. Links are included.

USDA Forest Service- Ecosystem Management Coordination

<http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/>

Site to access information regarding overall ecosystem management coordination (planning and decision making) also general appeals info, etc.

National Interagency Fire Center

<http://www.nifc.gov/index.html>

This site includes maps of fires, fire information, policy and prevention information etc.

North Central Research Station

<http://www.ncrs.fs.fed.us/>

Site of federal natural resources related research in Midwest.

Pacific Northwest Research Station

<http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/>

Site of federal natural resources related research in Northwest (good downloadable info including RPA)

USDA Forest Service St. Paul Field Office

<http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/>

An excellent source of on-line publications, including information addressing forest insects and diseases.

USDA Forest Service Directory Site

<http://www.fs.fed.us/fs/directories/>

For Forest Service email addresses and other contact information including phone numbers.

USDA "Home" Site

<http://www.usda.gov/>

This is the home page for the US Department of Agriculture. Considerable information and links, includes a "USDA kids" section.

USDA FAS online

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/>

This is the home page for the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service.

USDA FAS online Forest & Fishery Products Division

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/ffpd/fpd.html>

This is the home page for the USDA FAS Forest & Fishery Products Division. It has considerable information regarding exporting of solid wood products, and it also has an economic overview of the US solid wood products industry, among other things. This is an excellent site.

Forest Landowner's Guide to Internet Resources (Northeast States)

<http://na.fs.fed.us/pubs/misc/flg/>

Financial Incentive Programs for Non-Industrial Private Forest Owners

<http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/econ/data/forestincentives/>

This collection of web pages allows easy access to information on cost-share, tax, and other financial incentive programs available to non-industrial private forest owners in each state. Search for programs by state, or see listings of federal, state or private programs nationwide. Each listing offers a link to that program's web site. Timber tax fact sheets are also provided for each state.

USFS Northeastern Area Forest Stewardship

<http://na.fs.fed.us/stewardship/index.shtm>

Information r.e. Stewardship Plans other things of interest to NIPF landowners and download publications.

USDA Forest Service Silvics of North America (publication)

http://na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/silvics_manual/table_of_contents.htm

Minnesota DNR Utilization and Marketing Program

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/um/index.html>

Specific site to access the Minnesota DNR U&M information, including directories of industry, reports, etc.

MyMinnesotaWoods.org

<http://www.myminnesotawoods.org/>

Excellent reference and information site for Minnesota (and adjoining Lake States) forest landowners.

FORESTRY & RELATED ASSOCIATION AND COMMERCIAL SITES & CERTIFICATION RELATED

Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association

<http://www.wisconsinwoodlands.org/>

Wisconsin Forest Productivity Council

<http://www.wisconsinforests.org/>

Wisconsin County Forests

<http://www.wisconsincountyforests.com/>

Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA)

<http://www.fistausa.org>

Logging and chainsaw user safety programs, information, etc..

Wisconsin Professional Logger Association (WPLA)

<http://www.wpla.org/>

Minnesota Logger Education Program (MLEP)

www.mlep.org

Association of Consulting Foresters of America

www.acf-foresters.com

WI DNR & Cooperating Consulting Foresters

www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/forestry/Private/Assist/index.htm

Society of American Foresters

<http://www.safnet.org/>

Wisconsin Chapter Society of American Foresters

<http://www.wisaf.org/>

Wisconsin Forestry

<http://wisconsinforestry.org/>

Sponsored by the WI Council on Forestry.

American Forest and Paper Association

<http://www.afandpa.org/>

This site includes information regarding SFI certification and a good bit more.

Hardwood Federation

<http://www.hardwoodfederation.net/index.php>

Represents organizations engaged in the manufacturing, wholesaling, or distribution of North American hardwood lumber, veneer, plywood, flooring and related products in PAC and other activities. Site has excellent "find a member" feature showing businesses located in congressional districts.

Don't Buy SFI (anti-SFI site)

<http://www.dontbuysfi.com/>

American Forests

<http://www.americanforests.org/>

American Forest Foundation

<http://www.forestfoundation.org/>

American Tree Farm System

<http://www.treefarmssystem.org/>

Conservation Forestry (program of the American Forest Foundation)

<http://www.conservationforestry.org/>

Forests for Watersheds & Wildlife (F2W2) is the national habitat conservation program of the American Forest Foundation. F2W2 works with partners and family forest owners to conserve and create critical habitat for imperiled wildlife species.

Family Woodlands Bulletins

<http://www.rapid-improvement.com/wingspread/>

Forest Landowners Tax Council

www.fltc.net

National Timber Tax

<http://www.timbertax.org>

Ties to the Land - Family Forest Heritage

<http://www.familybusinessonline.org/resources/ttl/home.htm>

This has information about the passing forest land onto the next generation as a process with financial, legal, and emotional dimensions.

Forest Encyclopedia Network

<http://forestencyclopedia.net/>

Private Landowner Network

<http://www.privatelandownernetwork.org/>

Bills itself as “The Internet destination for conservation information, resources and contacts.” Has many links for information on Tax Planning and Estate Management, Land Conservation Grant & Assistance Programs etc.

Great Lakes Forest Alliance

<http://www.lsfa.org/>

Forest Stewardship Council

<http://www.fsc.org/>

Forest Stewardship Council basically “certifies” or serves as an umbrella for certification organizations such as SmartWood and SCS.

Certified Forest Sites - Forest Stewardship Council

<http://www.certified-forests.org/>

Information on status of Forest Stewardship Council certified forestland (includes maps & graphs).

Forest Stewardship Council “Standards” Web Site

<http://www.fscstandards.org/>

This has the FSC draft standards for the Lake States and other regions.

Scientific Certification Systems

<http://www.scs1.com/>

This is a third party certification system.

SmartWood

<http://www.smartwood.org/>

This is a third party certification system.

National Forestry Association & Green Tag Forestry

<http://www.nationalforestry.net/>

This is site for National Forestry Association, includes information on their Green Tag Forestry third party certification system.

About Forestry

<http://forestry.about.com>

This is a gateway site leading to lots of links.

Ask a Forester

<http://www.foresters.org/>

Go ahead and ask.

Community Forest Resource Center

<http://www.forestrycenter.org/>

This is a non-profit center – some interesting web site links.

Dovetail Partners Inc

<http://www.dovetailinc.org/>

This is a non-profit consulting company – some excellent reports, etc. – check out the publications, commentaries and reports.

Midwest Special Forest Products (buyers/sellers website)

<http://www.specialforestproducts.com/>

US Non-Timber Forest Products (species database)

<http://www.ifcae.org/cgi-bin/ntfp/db/dbsql/db.cgi?db=prod&uid=default>

Wisconsin Chapter of the Walnut Council

<http://www.wiscwalnutcouncil.org>

Wisconsin Christmas Tree Producers Association

www.christmastrees-wi.org

Wisconsin Maple Syrup Producers Association

www.wismaple.org

Mississippi River Maple Association

<http://www.maple-syrup.us>

This is a non-profit association to promote maple sap farming and maple syrup production in the Mississippi Valley.

Savor Wisconsin

<http://www.savorwisconsin.com>

This is a web site to connect Wisconsin farmers and Ag Businesses with consumers.

Northern Nut Growers Association (NNGA)

<http://www.northernnutgrowers.org/>

This is a good site for anyone interested in nut growing on a professional or a hobby basis. Includes links to a number of articles.

Sustainable Woods Network

<http://www.sustainablewoods.net/>

The purpose of this network is to help speed advancement of the quality and native diversity of our woodlands while strengthening the rural economy.

Timber Growers Alliance

<http://timbergrowersalliance.com/>

Timbergreen Farm

<http://www.timbergreenforestry.com/>

This site has lots of articles and alternative or non-mainstream ideas regarding the practice of forestry.

Wisconsin Family Forests

<http://www.wisconsinfamilyforests.org/>

Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin

<http://www.ipaw.org/>

The Bugwood Network

<http://www.bugwood.org/>

Lots of information about forest pests, diseases, etc..

Emerald Ash Borer Site

<http://emeraldashborer.info/>

This has general information, locations of infestations, etc.

Plants of Wisconsin

<http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/index.html>

Wisconsin State Herbarium

<http://www.botany.wisc.edu/wisflora/>

University of Vermont College of Natural Resources Twig Id

<http://www.cnr.vt.edu/dendro/dendrology/syllabus/twigkey/key1.htm>

Natural Resource Conservation Service – Plants Database

<http://plants.usda.gov/index.html>

United Plant Savers

<http://www.unitedplantsavers.org/>

A group dedicated to preserving native medicinal plants.

Flora of North America Association

<http://hua.huh.harvard.edu/FNA/index.html>

Wisconsin Plant of the Week

<http://www.klines.org/joanne/>

FORESTRY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & RELATED SITES (and IMAGES)

LEAF – the Wisconsin K-12 Forestry Education Program

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/leaf>

This an outstanding site for teachers and students – heavy to Wisconsin and Lake State – lots of good material.

Schmeckle Reserve at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/schmeckle/>

Heritage Interpretation Resources Homepage at Schmeckle Reserve, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/schmeckle/interp/>

Excellent site for interpretive coursework - including PowerPoint tutorials.

Wisconsin Forestry Resources Education Alliance

<http://www.wfrea.org/>

Wisconsin Environmental Education Board

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/weeb/>

Central Wisconsin Environmental Station “Forestree” Site

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes/forestree/>

Virtual field trips, tree trivia, an on-line dichotomous tree ID key, forestry issues, the Wisconsin Forestree curriculum, teacher resources, and links to other forestry related sites. The target audience is middle school students and teachers, but many of the activities fit a wider audience.

Environmental Education for Kids!

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/ee/>

This is an “electronic magazine” for kids. The target audience is about 4th grade through 8th grade students.

F.R.E.E. Network

<http://www.freenetwork.org/>

This site has research and teaching resources categorized by topic and grade level, includes downloadable PowerPoint slides and links to other forest-oriented information sites.

Resources for Teachers (Forest Products Related from Oregon State Univ.)

<http://wood.orst.edu/teachers.htm>

This is an excellent site with many resources.

EPA Environmental Education site

<http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/>

This is a good site for information and resources.

EE-Works.org!

<http://www.theeworks.org/>

This site addresses success in environmental education.

Wild Wisconsin Web

<http://www.wildwisconsinweb.com/>

Excellent site for kids or adults, has Q&A feature, online articles and a nice photo gallery.

Smokey Bear.com

<http://www.smokeybear.com/>

Wisconsin Technical College System

<http://www.wtcsystem.org/colleges.htm>

This site has general information and links to the colleges across the various Technical Colleges across the state.

International Paper's Life of the Forest

<http://www.iplifeoftheforest.com>

This is an excellent educational site for school children and general public.

Learn Forestry

<http://www.learnforestry.com/>

This an outstanding site for teachers and students – heavy to Western Canadian Interior - lots of good material.

Temperate Forest Foundation

<http://www.forestinfo.org/>

Excellent site, includes information for teachers

TreeLink

<http://www.treelink.org/>

This is an urban forestry site, includes information useful to homeowners

Forestry Images

<http://www.forestryimages.org/>

This site has various forestry images, including harvest and silvicultural practices, trees, understory, disease, etc.

University of Wisconsin Digital Collections

<http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/>

This site provides access to digital collections of the university libraries.

National Image Library of US Fish & Wildlife Service

<http://dls.fws.gov/>

ARKive Images of Life on Earth

<http://www.arkive.org/>

Clean-Water

<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/>

This site has lots of good information regarding water quality.

The Electronic Naturalist

<http://www.enaturalist.org/>

The Electronic Naturalist is a free, weekly educational series on animals, plants, and environmental issues.

National Biological Information Infrastructure

<http://www.nbio.gov/disciplines/botany/index.html>

This area of the NBII brings together a wide range of botanical resources available on the Web.

Celebrating Wildflowers

<http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/>

This is a fun site – suitable for all ages.

Campus Environmental Resource Center

<http://www.campuserc.org/>

This site is designed to provide information and references to help campuses maintain environmental regulatory compliance, but has much wider application. Has many good links.

OTHER STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SITES

FirstGov.gov

<http://firstgov.gov/>

Excellent and very useful site, this is the U.S. Government's Official web portal. Information reference organized by topic, organization (including federal branches, state, local and tribal government), by audience (e.g. seniors), has "get-it-done-online" features", a reference center, etc.. remember to add this one to your "Favorites".

A-Z Index of US Government Departments and Agencies (from FirstGov.gov)

http://www.firstgov.gov/Agencies/Federal/All_Agencies/index.shtml

Index to departments and agencies.

Information regarding recreation on federal lands

<http://www.recreation.gov/>

This site is a partnership among federal land-management agencies for single source information on recreation on federal lands

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov/>

also see <http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/em/>

The first is a general site to EPA, the second site is direct to the EnviroMapper Storefront which can give specific information about environmental conditions in specific areas, etc.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.dhhs.gov/>

U.S. Department of Labor – Bureau of Labor Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov/>

U.S. Office of Management and Budget

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>

Bureau of Land Management

<http://www.blm.gov/>

US Army Corps of Engineers

<http://www.usace.army.mil/>

US Bureau of Reclamation

<http://www.usbr.gov/>

Tennessee Valley Authority

<http://www.tva.gov/>

National Park Service

<http://www.nps.gov/>

Fish and Wildlife Service

<http://www.fws.gov/>

Fish and Wildlife Service – Region #3 (Great Lakes)

<http://midwest.fws.gov/>

FWS Threatened and Endangered Animals and Plants

<http://www.fws.gov/angered/wildlife.html>

This has lots of general information about program and very specific searchable information.

North American Breeding Bird Atlas Viewer

http://mbirdims.fws.gov/nbii_bba/

and

<http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bba/>

National Center on Accessibility

<http://www.indiana.edu/~nca/>

This has good information regarding accessibility in parks, recreation, etc.

NSSF Hunting Information Site

<http://www.huntinfo.org/>

This is a good site to access information regarding hunting for any state.

Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center

<http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/>

U.S. Geological Survey

<http://www.usgs.gov/>

This site has an enormous amount of information, also a source for maps

U.S.D.A. Forest Service Geodata Clearinghouse

<http://fsgeodata.fs.fed.us>

This site makes Forest Service geospatial data holdings available to the public through an interactive web viewing application, and includes a metadata search capability.

The Water Cycle

<http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/watercycle.html>

U.S. Geological Survey site - has a comprehensive discussion of the water cycle and discussion of topics such as condensation, runoff, storage, springs, flow and more.

TerraServerUSA

<http://www.terraserver-usa.com/>

This site has USGS aerial imagery and topographic maps – enter in various ways including a simple street address.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Home site, many quick access links.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

<http://www.fao.org/>

Excellent site, numerous resources, multiple languages

FAOSTAT

<http://faostat.fao.org/site/381/default.aspx>

FAOSTAT is a database on food and agriculture including country by product data. The forestry statistics have recently been updated to include 2005 data.

United Nations Global Environmental Outlook

<http://www.unep.org/geo/geo4/media/index.asp>

“The fourth Global Environment Outlook: environment for development (GEO-4) assessment is a comprehensive and authoritative UN report on environment, development and human well-being, providing incisive analysis and information for decision making.”

Trends and Current Status of the Contribution of the Forestry Sector to National Economies

http://www.fao.org/documents/show_cdr.asp?url_file=/docrep/007/ad493e/ad493e00.htm

FAO site – title is self-descriptive.

Wisconsin Economic Development Association

<http://www.weda.org/>

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection

<http://datcp.state.wi.us>

Site has information related to agriculture, consumer protection, environmental protection, etc. etc.

Wisconsin Legislature Home Page

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>

This includes a variety of useful information including how to contact representatives, information on pending legislation, etc.

WI Dept of Financial Institutions “Corporate Lookup”

<http://www.wdfi.org/apps/cris/>

This allows an on-line quick search of corporate records.

Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce Home Page

<http://www.wmc.org/>

WMC is a business association of nearly 4,000 members that include both large and small manufacturers, service companies, local chambers of commerce and specialized trade associations.

(Wisconsin’s) Center for Land Use Education (CLUE) homepage

<https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/>

Forest Planning for Wisconsin’s Future

www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/forestplanning.html

Center for Land Use Education website designed to assist local officials, forestland owners and the public with forest planning and plan implementation.

Tourism and Community Development Resources and Applied Research Clearinghouse

<http://www.wisc.edu/urpl/people/marcouiller/projects/clearinghouse/>

This clearinghouse of community tourism resources is created as an evolving resource, it includes links to both literature and web-based resources.

Wisconsin DOA – Directory of Resources for Comprehensive Planning in Wisconsin

http://www.doa.state.wi.us/dir/documents/Resource_directory101703.pdf

Center on Wisconsin Strategy

<http://www.cows.org/>

COWS home page – provides access to Wisconsin related database information including data at the county level, publications and more.

Wisconsin Center for Community Economic Development

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cced/>

This site has lots of good information and publications related to WI economy and economic development.

National Center for Environmental Economics

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/ee/epa/eed.nsf/pages/homepage>

This site is an element of EPA – includes information and publications related cost-benefit and environmental impact analyses

Wisconsin Rural Partners

www.wirural.org

The Partnership provides a neutral forum for issue identification, dialogue and resolution; and decision-making. This site has publications links.

Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Network

<http://www.wenportal.org/>

This site is an excellent resource for small businesses and for business start-ups.

University of Wisconsin Extension Government Center - Disaster Management and Recovery

<http://www.uwex.edu/lgc/disaster/disaster.htm>

This site has lots of good links for information r.e. dealing with disasters.

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND ORGANIZATION SITES

Note: The following are some assorted sites for various environmental groups and organizations from different sides of the spectrum. This listing includes some sites that are “action-oriented” and includes a few with some very extreme viewpoints.

If you are using this list of web sites as a classroom reference in elementary schools, it is strongly suggested that you might want to first review these following sites and consider deletion of some which might be inappropriate for younger children. (In particular look at sites where notes indicate it is an “Activist oriented site”.) Also it should be noted that some sites that are more “mainstream” in image/focus contain links to activist sites.

Evergreen Magazine

<http://www.evergreenmagazine.com/>

Patrick Moore site – Greenspirit.com

<http://www.greenspirit.com/>

Patrick Moore Is a Big Fat Liar

<http://www.fanweb.org/patrick-moore/>

State Environmental Resource Center

<http://www.SERConline.org/>

Planet Ark – (Reuters Daily World Environmental News Service)

<http://www.planetark.com/>

GreenBiz.com (Business related environmental news)

<http://www.greenbiz.com/>

The Nature Conservancy

<http://nature.org/>

Sierra Club

<http://www.sierraclub.org/>

Wilderness Society

<http://www.wilderness.org/>

American Bird Conservancy

<http://www.abcbirds.org/>

National Wildlife Federation

<http://www.nwf.org/>

World Wildlife Fund Global Network

<http://www.panda.org/>

World Wildlife Fund US

<http://www.wwfus.org/>

Boreal Forest Network

<http://borealnet.org/>

The Story of Stuff

<http://www.storyofstuff.com/>

Institute for Culture and Ecology

<http://www.ifcae.org/>

We Can Solve the Climate Crisis

<http://www.wecansolveit.org/>

In their words “The We Campaign is a project of The Alliance for Climate Protection -- a nonprofit, nonpartisan effort founded by Nobel laureate and former Vice President Al Gore. Our ultimate aim is to halt global warming. Specifically we are educating people in the US and around the world that the climate crisis is both urgent and solvable.”

Redefining Progress

<http://www.redefiningprogress.org/>

Eco Portal

<http://www.EnvironmentalSustainability.info/>

Forest Conservation Portal

<http://forests.org/>

ForestEthics

<http://www.forestethics.org/>

Forest Trends

<http://www.foresttrends.org/>

Dogwood Alliance

<http://www.dogwoodalliance.org/>

Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund

<http://www.earthjustice.org/>

Natural Resources Defense Council

<http://www.nrdc.org/>

League of Conservation Voters

<http://www.lcv.org/>

Heartwood

<http://www.heartwood.org/>

Amazon Watch

<http://www.amazonwatch.org/>

Global Forest Watch

<http://www.globalforestwatch.org/english/index.htm>

American Lands

<http://www.americanlands.org/>

Friends of the Earth

<http://www.foe.co.uk/>

We Save Trees

<http://www.wesavetrees.org/>

Defenders of Wildlife

<http://www.defenders.org/>

Greenpeace International

<http://www.greenpeace.org/>

Forest Action Network

<http://www.fanweb.org/>

Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics

<http://www.fseee.org/>

In their words within their mission statement page: “FSEEE is a unique concept—a national organization of government employees holding the Forest Service accountable for responsible land stewardship.”

National Forest Protection Alliance

<http://www.forestadvocate.org/>

(This organization is not to be confused with a lot of other “NFPAs” including, the old industry related “NFPA” which was the National Forest Products Association that was merged with the American Paper Institute to become the AF&PA back in 1993.....)

Rainforest Action Network

<http://www.ran.org/>

Rainforest Relief

<http://www.rainforestrelief.org/>

Earth First

<http://www.earthfirst.org/>

(Note: This is an activist oriented site is more in the nature informing and reporting on “issues”, some of which are inherently activist oriented, and a wide array of links to a broad array of organizations.)

Ruckus Society

<http://ruckus.org/>

(Note: This is by its nature an activist oriented site with “how to” information and training scheduled for direct action protests.)

Friends of the Earth

<http://www.foe.org/>

Earth Liberation Front

<http://www.earthliberationfront.com/>

(Note: This was at one time an activist oriented site, the site now is more of a “news reporting” of ELF related activities.)

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

<http://www.peta.org/>

PETA Kills Animals

<http://www.petakillsanimals.com>

This is an anti-PETA site.

Animal Liberation Front

<http://www.animalliberationfront.com/>

(Note: Activist oriented site has some links and downloads including things like arson tips, how to sink whalers and how to raid a fur farm.)

A HODGE-PODGE OF FUN AND INTERESTING SITES

Townhall.com

<http://capwiz.com/townhall/home/>

Easy way you can email any almost any editor in America. Go to the "Guide to The Media" icon and enter the desired zip code.

EffectiveMeetings.com

<http://www.effectivemeetings.com/>

A commercial site but with some excellent info for free.

Scientific American

<http://www.sciam.com/>

This is an outstanding site with feature articles from recent issues, short news articles, etc.

OpenOffice.Org

<http://www.openoffice.org/>

OpenOffice.org (a free office suite) is a multiplatform and multilingual office suite and an open-source project. It is designed to be compatible with all other major office suites, the product is free to download, use, and distribute. This is truly an excellent site.

GuideStar – The National Database of Nonprofit Organizations

<http://www.guidestar.org/>

This provides a good deal of interesting information on nonprofit organizations, including reports of activities and PDF copies of 990 forms.

William Peace's Internet Reference Pages

<http://www.gis.net/~peacewp/>

This is an interesting and very useful site to use in Internet searches. It combines several search engines and indexing features for key topical areas.

Junk Science

<http://www.junkscience.com/>

This is a good one ("all the junk that's fit to debunk") with many good links.

Topozone.com

<http://topozone.com/>

This is an excellent site for topographical maps.

Maptech Inc.

<http://www.maptech.com/>

This site is a private source for maps, also free on-line topographic maps

GIS.com

<http://www.gis.com/>

This is an excellent internet guide to GIS.

All About Birds

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/programs/AllAboutBirds/>

From Cornell Lab of Ornithology – includes ID information.

Wisconsin Society for Ornithology

<http://www.uwgb.edu/birds/wso/>

Cells Alive!

<http://www.cellsalive.com/>

This website represents over 25 years of experience capturing film and computer-enhanced images of living cells and organisms for education and medical research..

The International Wood Collectors Society

<http://www.woodcollectors.org/>

Fishes of Wisconsin

<http://www.seagrant.wisc.edu/greatlakesfish/>

Nature Serve

<http://www.natureserve.org/>

Site has a considerable amount of information about plants & animals, including threatened & endangered species information.

Airhead

<http://www.airhead.org/>

Information about individual contributions to pollution, includes an "environmental calculator" etc.

The Ruffed Grouse Society

<http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org/>

Hummingbirds.net

<http://www.hummingbirds.net/>

This is a fun site with excellent photos.

Scientific American's Science & Technology Web Awards 2004

<http://cl.extm.us/?fe601570776d017e7d17-fe3416707360057d761d72>

Science & Technology Web Awards as the best science and technology sites. Something for everyone.

Sizes.com

<http://www.sizes.com/indexes.htm>

This site contains a wide variety of size information and information about many units of measure for most anything you can imagine. It is very useful in many respects. However, this is not forest industry specific, having very limited information on board foot log rules as an example.

20 Questions -The Neural Net on the Internet

<http://www.20q.net/>

20Q.net is an experiment in artificial intelligence. The program is very simple but its behavior is complex. Everything that it knows and all questions that it asks were entered by people playing this game. It is pretty amazing.

Wisconsin Forest History Association

<http://www.foresthistorywi.com>

Wisconsin Historical Society

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>

This site contains a very broad base of information including much on early forestry and industry.

Gathering Waters Conservancy

<http://www.gatheringwaters.org/>

This site is a land conservation organization, established by a coalition of land trusts, designed to serve as an education and technical assistance center for land trusts and landowners. Information regarding purchase of development rights, conservation easements of various types, etc..

Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association

<http://www.wohva.com/>

Organization geared towards off-highway vehicles uses and issues.

International Crane Foundation

<http://www.savingcranes.org>

El Nino Theme Page

<http://www.pmel.noaa.gov/tao/elnino/nino-home.html>

This has information about El Nino and affect on global weather, with animations.

The Whole Brain Atlas

<http://www.med.harvard.edu/AANLIB/home.html>

Harvard Medical School's neuroimaging site, with MRI, CT and other tomographic images of every part of the brain, and images of various types of strokes, tumors, degenerative disorders and infectious diseases as they affect the brain over time.

WebMD.com

<http://www.webmd.com/>

This site is very easy to use with lots of health and health care information.

PDRhealth.com

<http://pdrhealth.com/>

This site has information on diseases, treatments, etc.

YourDiseaseRisk.com

<http://www.yourdiseaserisk.harvard.edu/>

This site; "Developed over the past ten years by the Harvard Center for Cancer Prevention, Your Disease Risk collects the latest scientific evidence on disease risk factors into one easy-to-use tool."

KidsHealth.org

<http://kidshealth.org/>

This site is good for parents and kids.

Get-Human 500 Database (use when trapped in Audix Hell)

<http://gethuman.com/>

With some luck, this just might help you find a human to talk to.

Brighthand – Nothing But Handhelds

<http://www.brighthand.com/>

This site has lots of good information about handhelds, including reviews, tips, etc.

AnnualCreditReport.com

<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/>

This site allows you to access the credit report, to which you are entitled access, at no cost, once every 12 months, from each of the nationwide consumer credit reporting companies.

This is Broken

<http://broken.typepad.com/>

"A project to make businesses more aware of their customer experience, and how to fix it."

Gorp.com

<http://gorp.away.com/>

Site has adventure travel info including North American parks, forest, and preserves, etc.

SnowStats

<http://www.snowstats.com/>

North American resort snow reports.

Ski.com

<http://ski.com/>

Information and packages for ski vacations.

National Ski Patrol

<http://www.nsp.org/1/nsp/Home/home.asp>

Good information including safety, and good links.

Urban Legends

<http://www.snopes.com/>

A reference page to check out the stories you hear.

TruthOrFiction.com

<http://www.truthorfiction.com/>

Another reference page to check out the stories you hear.

Weird Wisconsin

<http://www.weird-wi.com/>

A reference page for the weird cheese-head.

Einstein Light

<http://www.phys.unsw.edu.au/einsteinlight/>

Can you really learn relativity in five minutes?

Flight-History.com

<http://www.flight-history.com/>

General interest information, stories and photos.

National Inventors Hall of Fame

<http://www.invent.org/index.asp>

This has information on inventors, inventions and patents.

Amazing Space

<http://amazing-space.stsci.edu/>

This has lots of general interest and teaching tools related to space.

Space.com

<http://space.com/>

This has news and information related to space and astronomy.

Solar System Exploration (NASA site)

<http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/index.cfm>

Good general interest information and teaching tools.

LiveScience.com

<http://www.livescience.com/>

This is a good general interest science news site.

How Stuff Works

<http://www.howstuffworks.com/>

Fun information - explains how stuff works.

Animated Knots by Grog

<http://animatedknots.com/>

If you don't have a Boatswain's Mate handy to provide instruction, this is a good alternative.

National Geographic Online

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/>

Nature.com

<http://www.nature.com/index.html>

NewScientist.com

<http://www.newscientist.com/home.ns>

ScienceMagazine.com

<http://sciencemagazine.com/>

ScienceDaily.com

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/>

ScienceNews.org

<http://sciencenews.org/>

Popular Science.com

<http://www.popsci.com/popsci/>

Wired.com

<http://www.wired.com/>

Technology news, etc.

RedOrbit.com

<http://redorbit.com/>

Science and tech news, etc.

Career One-Stop Coach

<http://www.onestopcoach.org/>

Employment information. (site by the State of Minnesota under a grant from the US Department of Labor).

The Riley Guide

<http://www.rileyguide.com/prepare.html>

Employment information.

Job-Hunt.org

<http://www.job-hunt.org/>

Employment information – online job search information.

Vocational Information Center

<http://www.khake.com/>

Career and Tech-Ed information – blue-collar jobs.

Career Voyages

<http://www.careervoyages.gov/>

Career and employment information by industries – government site.

USA Jobs

<http://www.usajobs.gov/>

Government employment information (official job site of federal government).

Forbes

<http://www.forbes.com/>

Good site for business related news and general interest items.

Whitehouse.com

<http://www.whitehouse.com/>

Bills itself as “America’s Free Speech Forum” - This has excellent links to news sources (both domestic and international) and to various columnists.

Project Gutenberg

<http://www.gutenberg.org/>

This is an outstanding site – thousands of books available online for FREE downloading.

Textbook Revolution

<http://textbookrevolution.org/>

This is a student-run, volunteer-operated website for students and teachers looking for free textbooks and related materials.

Nolo

<http://nolo.com/>

Site has downloadable (for a fee) basic legal forms (fill in the blanks), software and basic information.

Zillow.com

<http://www.zillow.com/>

Real estate site – large number of home prices and listing nationally.

Family Watchdog

<http://www.familywatchdog.us/>

Site allows you to put in your address and find out about the known perverts who live near you.

The Onion

<http://www.theonion.com/content/index>

Madison’s finest (and most credible) news source.

Darwin Awards

<http://darwinawards.com/>

“The Darwin Awards salute the improvement of the human genome by honoring those who, uh, remove themselves from it...”

Wikipedia

<http://wikipedia.org/>

A user-generated encyclopedia site.

Military.com

<http://www.military.com/>

This site has lots of good military related information.

Until Then

<http://www.soldierworks.com/untilthen.htm>

An excellent tribute to some of our forward deployed and front-line troops.

United States Submarine Veterans

<http://www.ussvi.org/home.asp>

This site has considerable history and other information.

Medal of Honor

<http://www.history.army.mil/moh.html>

This site has considerable history and other information regarding the Medal of Honor. "The President, in the name of Congress, has awarded more than 3,400 Medals of Honor to our nation's bravest Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen since the decoration's creation in 1861. For years, the citations highlighting these acts of bravery and heroism resided in dusty archives and only sporadically were printed. In 1973, the U.S. Senate ordered the citations compiled and printed as Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. Senate, Medal of Honor Recipients: 1863-1973 (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1973). This book was later updated and reprinted in 1979. The breakdown of these is a duplicate of that in the congressional compilation. Likewise, some minor misspelling and other errors are duplicated from the official government volume. These likely were the result of the original transcriptions. The following is an index of the full-text files by war."

America Supports You

<http://www.americasupportsyounil.com/americasupportsyou/index.aspx>

"America Supports You," a nationwide program launched by the Department of Defense, recognizes citizens' support for our military men and women and communicates that support to members of our Armed Forces at home and abroad.

Helium.com

<http://www.helium.com/>

A user-generated information/opinion site.

The Patriot Post

<http://patriotpost.us/>

"America's most widely read Internet-based publication, The Patriot Post, is a highly acclaimed journal advocating individual liberty, the restoration of constitutional limits on government and the judiciary, and the promotion of free enterprise, national defense and traditional American values."

Digg.com

<http://digg.com/>

A user-generated news reporting site.

Thinkexist.com

<http://en.thinkexist.com/>

This site has more than 300,000 quotations by over 20,000 Authors.

Charity Navigator

<http://charitynavigator.org/>

This site is an independent charity evaluator, works to advance a more efficient and responsive philanthropic marketplace by evaluating the financial health of America's largest charities.

Wall Street Journal – Best of the Web Today

http://online.wsj.com/article/best_of_the_web_today.html

This site has links to interesting daily news, opinions, etc.

Rails to Trails Conservancy

<http://www.railstotrails.org/index.html>

This is an advocacy group for trail building.

Gifts.com

<http://gifts.com/>

This site helps with gift ideas and where to find the stuff.

Uncle Jay Explains the News

<http://unclejayeexplains.com/>

Good for all ages!

National Traffic and Road Closure Information

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo/index.htm>

This site is a portal link to any state for weather, road, traffic and links to state DOTs.

Sorry – Gotta Go.com

<http://sorrygottago.com/>

This site has excellent sound effects that can be useful in getting off the phone (should work in most cases, might not work as easily on reporters and sales/survey types).