Facilities and Outdoor Classrooms

SCHOOL OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE SCIENCES BUILDING

Constructed in 2005, the building is situated within Auburn University’s main campus and offers faculty and students state-of-the-art technologies and laboratories, classrooms, libraries, conference rooms, and outdoor spaces for learning and research. It also houses local units of the USDA Wildlife Services and the Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit.

KREHER PRESERVE AND NATURE CENTER

The preserve is a 120-acre-property featuring marked trails, educational kiosks, demonstration gardens, historic homestead, and improved facilities including a pavilion and amphitheater frequently used for community programs. SFWS students both learn and serve in several capacities here. They might conduct research projects, lead hikes, help with educational programs, develop interpretive signage, or learn different aspects of park operations.

MARY OLIVE THOMAS DEMONSTRATION FOREST

This 400-acre property is a designated land management demonstration forest located just outside Auburn. Faculty and students have used this property for extension programs, to develop recreation and education plans, conduct fire behavior projects, and to gather for a yearly “Ice Breaker” cook-out.

SOLON DIXON FORESTRY EDUCATION CENTER

Located in Andalusia, AL, this 5,300-acre outdoor classroom was donated to the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences for educational use in 1980. The center is the site of the Summer Practicum, an immersive field education experience for forestry and wildlife students. Students live in housing facilities on-site and get hands-on experience that cannot be found in a classroom.

WEAGLE WOODS

This 11-acre tract of forestland sits behind the SFWS building on the Auburn University campus. Students receive instruction and have participated in management projects. They have cleared a walking trail, worked many hours to clear invasive species, and helped develop interpretive signage in this tract and another stand across Donahue Drive.

NEARLY 6,000 ACRES
& several educational facilities available for hands-on learning

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