

# FANTASTIC FORESTS

Most people in Oregon live near trees, whether they are in our neighborhoods or in a nearby forest. Almost half of the land in Oregon is covered with forests. Trees and forests are important to the environment, to forest animals and to people. They provide us with many things that we use and enjoy every day.

## FOREST FUN! USE THESE CLUES TO FILL IN THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

### Across

1. Forests provide yummy \_\_\_\_\_ for animals and people.
3. Trees provide lumber to build \_\_\_\_\_ for people to live in.
6. Forest plants give us \_\_\_\_\_ to help sick people get well.
8. Trees give birds a place to build \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The Oregon state tree is a Douglas-\_\_\_\_\_.
12. Trees reduce \_\_\_\_\_ pollution by taking carbon-dioxide out of the air.
14. In one year, over 70 million people relaxed and \_\_\_\_\_ in Oregon forests.
15. Wood can be \_\_\_\_\_ for fuel.

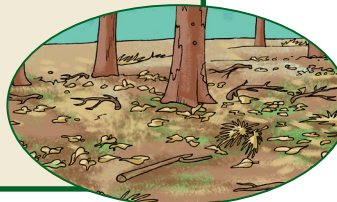
### Down

2. Trees make \_\_\_\_\_ for us to breathe.
3. The forest provides a \_\_\_\_\_ for wildlife.
4. Live tree roots hold the \_\_\_\_\_ together, so streams and rain won't wash it away.
5. Forests provide many \_\_\_\_\_ for Oregon workers.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is the layer of decomposing plant material on the forest floor.
9. Trees give us \_\_\_\_\_ from the hot sun.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ is made from wood. We can write on it and make books with it.
13. Forest streams provide \_\_\_\_\_ for animals to drink.

### "DUFF" STUFF

Ever heard of "Duff?" And not the 'get off your duff' kind of duff.

Duff is the layer of decaying plant material on the forest floor that is just under the surface of freshly fallen twigs, leaves and needles. The duff provides nutrients for the soil, but can also be very flammable, easy to catch fire.



### ONE LARGE TREE

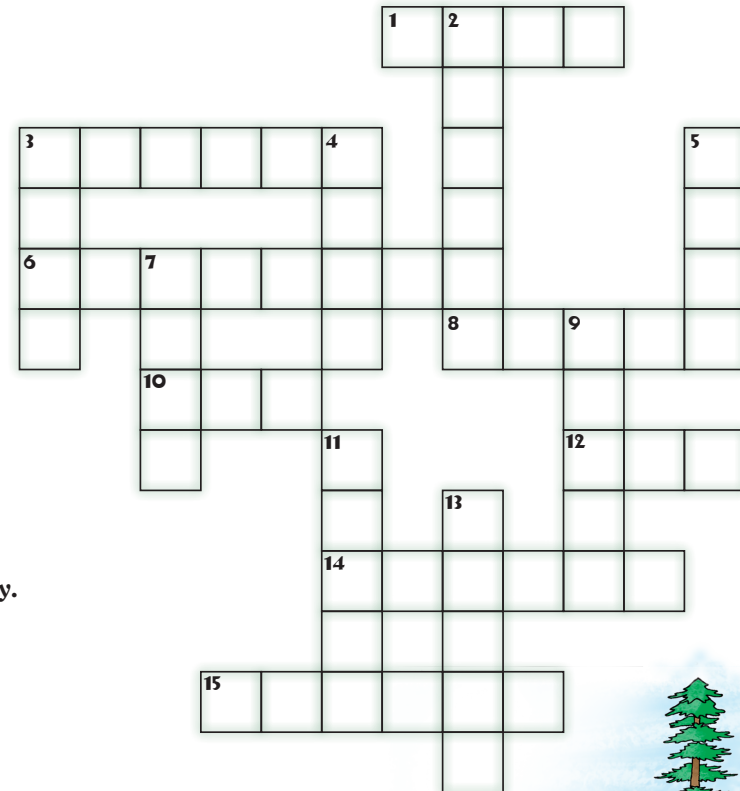
can provide a day's worth of oxygen for four people!



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I FEEL RIGHT AT  
HOME IN THE  
FOREST.

ME TOO!



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## DID YOU KNOW?

The Oregon state tree is the Douglas-fir. The tallest tree in Oregon is a Douglas-fir tree in Coos County that is 329 feet tall – about the size of a 28-story building!

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## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PROTECT THE FORESTS FROM WILDFIRES?

Find the answer by unscrambling the mixed-up words below and using the circled letters in order to fill in this sentence:

\_\_\_\_\_

Trees provide us with many important things. Here are just a few items we get from trees.

ODFRWOEI

RAPPE

ETFRUUNIR

DIMCENIE

UTN

RIGTUA

SUEOH

LPCINE

URYPS

Something we burn to get warm.

You can write a story on it.

You have this in your living room.

This helps sick people get well.

You can pick this from a tree and eat it.

It is fun to play this instrument and sing around the campfire.

People can live in this.

You can write a story with this.

Put this on your pancakes. Yum!

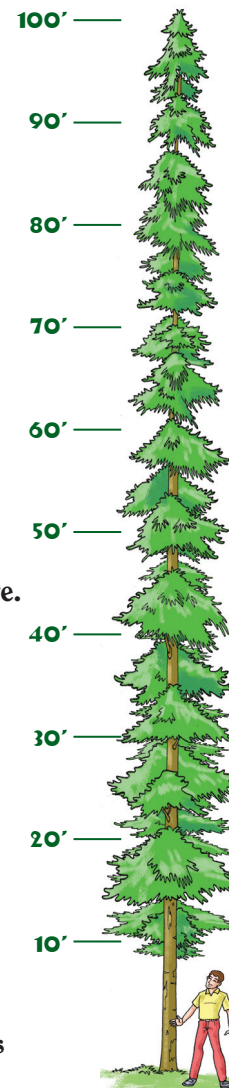
## FOREST FUNNIES!

- ① What is a tree's favorite drink?
- ② How can you tell if a tree is a dogwood tree?
- ③ How do trees get on the internet?
- ④ What kind of parties do trees have?



**Riddle:** I got it in the forest, but didn't want it. Once I had it, I couldn't see it. The more I searched for it, the less I liked it. I took it home in my hand because I couldn't find it. What was it?

**Tongue Twister** (say this 5 times fast): How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a wood chuck could chuck wood.



## ONE TREE PER YEAR

Each year the average U.S. Citizen uses enough wood products to equal a tree that is 100 feet tall and 18 inches in diameter!

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Answers for crossword puzzle: Across: 1. FOOD 3. HOUSES 6. MEDICINE 8. NESTS 10. FIR 12. AIR 14. PLAYED 15. BURNED  
Down: 2. OXYGEN 3. HOME 4. SOIL 5. JOBS 7. DUPE 9. SHADE 11. PAPER 13. WATER  
Answers to word scramble: FIREWOOD, PAPER, FURNITURE, MEDICINE, NUT, GUITAR, HOUSE, PENCIL, SYRUP. Sentence: WE NEED TREES!  
Answers to Forest Funnies: 1. Root beer 2. By its bark 3. They log on 4. Lumber parties Riddle: a splinter