WOODLANDS CENTER
A GATEWAY TO PROCTOR’S NATURAL RESOURCE
A Gateway to
THE PROCTOR WOODLANDS

Proctor’s 2,500 acres of woodlands serve as an unparalleled educational, recreational, and community asset that must continue to be stewarded responsibly into the future. The Proctor Woodlands Center will serve as a gateway to not only Proctor’s land, but as a learning platform for courses beyond the natural sciences as students develop a sense of place that defines each student’s Proctor experiences.

FEATURES OF BUILDING:

• **Location:**
  Adjacent to existing Woodlands Office behind MLS Dorm and Gulick House.

• **Dimensions:**
  76’ x 48’ Woodlands Center including two classrooms, common space, and attached greenhouse.

• **Classrooms:**
  East (745 square feet) and West (658 square feet) Classrooms feature wet lab and instructional space for wildlife science classes and other classes to meet.

• **Nave:**
  Large common area in nave featuring over 1,000 square feet of gathering space.

• **Greenhouse:**
  Attached 560 square foot greenhouse designed by Proctor’s Science Department.

I don’t expect all of my students to go on to be wildlife biologists, but I do know we graduate young people who understand their connection to the natural world, and what it means to steward the environment around them. - David Pilla, Woodlands Manager 1980-2018
INSPIRING
Connection and Sustainability

“Everything we do, we do through the lens of sustainability and habitat management. In my thirty years in business, Proctor has been by far the most rewarding, long-term client I have ever had. Dave Pilla’s and Proctor’s commitment to the land is a model for others to follow, and I look forward to partnering with Laura in the future as we continue to leverage Proctor’s woodlands as an educational tool.”

Jack Bronnenberg
Bronnenberg Logging and Proctor’s Partner in Woodlands Management

“We have such an extraordinary opportunity at Proctor to use our woodlands as an educational tool, to conduct real research with our students and even to partner with universities for research projects. Ultimately, we want to get as many people out enjoying our woodlands as possible. A sense of place is one of the most important components of an adolescent’s identity. Emotionally, it is so helpful to have this grounding, and while we realize some people are intimidated by the woods, being educated about what species surround you, about plant and animal species, helps reduce those barriers and feel comfortable spending time in one of our greatest resources.”

Laura Ostrowsky
Woodlands Manager and Wildlife Ecology Teacher

“It is difficult to capture in a building the ethos of land stewardship and the curriculum of caring, but this building, even in its conceptual stage, seeks to do just that. It will serve as a gateway for generations of students, and it will honor the individuals who have taken up, and will take up, this mantle of land and, by extension, community stewardship.”

Mike Henriques
Head of School
1891: Head of School James Francis Morton builds extensive trail network behind his residence (Morton House).
1936: Improvement Squad started by Roland Burbank to conduct gardening, forestry, and maintenance projects on campus and throughout woodlands.
1937: Cabin Club organized by Roland Burbank.
1947: Forest Fire Fighters Club started by Roland Burbank. Fights massive fire on Mount Sunapee for four straight days. Boys miss much anticipated co-ed dance.
1950s: Outing Club, Hunting Club, Fishing Club, and Forestry Activity started.
1962: Donation of Carr Family Farm property doubles size of Proctor’s campus.
1966: Wilson Wonder Trail cut into woodlands on south slope of Ragged Mountain.
Late 1960s: Three major land acquisitions (including Fiddler/Edgar property at Elbow Pond) give Proctor total of 1,500 acres.
1975: Bob Wilson helps start forestry program at Proctor when Dave Erker is hired as forester.
1980: Forestry teacher Mike Hague works with wildlife science teacher David Pilla to write woodland management plan for Proctor.
1982: David Pilla hired as Woodlands Manager.
1985: Woods Team afternoon program started.
1980s: Horse Logging offered as winter activity by Bert Hinkley along with his horses Sugar and Clyde.
1997: Wyeth Property (202 acres) acquired on west side of campus (includes cornfield and Proctor Ski Area woodland areas).
2002: Baxter/Clough Property (808 acres) acquired on Ragged Mountain (Balanced Rock and The Bulkhead) bringing Proctor’s land holdings to 2,500 acres.
2009: Field and Stream activity (bowhunting, fishing, tracking) started by Dave Kenney.
2016: Forestry workshops hosted at Proctor in conjunction with UNH, the NH Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA), NH Division of Forests and Lands.
2016: Johnson Family Sugarhouse completed and dedicated.
2019: Laura Ostrowsky appointed Forester and Woodlands Manager.

Proctor’s history is rooted in an ongoing engagement with its land - as a classroom, as a playground, as an economic resource.

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