

# **The Elon Forest**

The Elon Forest was dedicated in October 2010. An important facet to the Elon University Botanical Garden, this tract of land is used by classes as a teaching resource and by biology and environmental studies students and faculty as a research site. The property was originally purchased in 1997 as part of a 138-acre undeveloped land. In 2002, University Drive divided the acres. The 56 acres that are located on the north side of the drive are dedicated to the Elon Forest.

The Elon Forest is the largest undisturbed property in the Town of Elon. Viewers can study how a natural habitat grows and evolves. Hardwood trees make up about 50 percent of the property, while 40 percent is a pine forest planted more than 50 years ago, the designation protects thousands of species of plants, animals, and other organisms.

You can visit the Elon Forest website @: <https://www.elon.edu/u/academics/arts-and-sciences/elon-forest/>