Why Wood?













How do we interact with

forest landscapes?



Human have interacted with forests for centuries to help them survive. Prehistoric man hunted and gathered food in forests and burnt wood to cook and stay warm.

For thousands of years people have used wood to build shelters, for transportation, such as boats and railway sleepers, and made tools and musical instruments from wood. We also go hiking, mountain biking and skiing in forests. What other ways can you think of that we interact with forest landscapes?

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The special thing about trees is that they are a renewable resource. Something that occurs naturally that can be replenished over time. Trees can be harvested, like brocolli, and replanted to grow more trees. When trees are harvested for wood the forest is replanted and grown again, conserving wildlife and protecting forest ecosystems. Managing and looking after our forest for wood is a very complex and important job.



What do we make from trees?

You wouldn't believe what strange and wonderful things that we use in our daily lives that are made from trees - Toothpaste, chewing gum, nail polish and tennis balls include ingredients from trees! I wonder what you can discover that is made from trees?

