

# Research forests – a gateway into forest research

*Solböle Reseach Forest*



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## METLA'S RESEARCH FORESTS

The country-wide network of research forests consists currently of approximately 30,000 hectares of land and water areas embracing different vegetation and climatic zones. The first research forests were established in the 1920s. The oldest information regarding the history and silvicultural management of forests and the sample plots founded on the areas dates back to the 1800s. The research forests are managed according to the guidance of Metla.

The research forests and their network are being developed to facilitate the best possible forest research and dissemination of information gained through research. The research forests have become centres for diverse and long-term experiments, hosting approximately 2000 different ongoing trials or sample plots.

A visitor to a research forest has the chance to become acquainted with forest research and its results, different tree species and forest nature. Nature trails and introductions to the trials provide visitors with a chance to widen their knowledge of forests and to enjoy nature.

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## SOLBÖLE RESEARCH FOREST

Solböle research forest represents hemi boreal and south boreal forests in the southernmost coastal region of Finland, 130 km south-west of Helsinki. The forests are managed according to a variety of management schedules and they include semi-natural reference areas. Long-term experiments include permanent sample plots for the growth and yield of domestic and exotic species and broad-leaved species typical of the hemi-boreal zone, genetic diversity of tree species, and monitoring of forest condition.

### Forest research in Solböle since 1926

