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[2]Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve [3], part of the North Carolina State Parks System [4], is a 676-acre natural area located one mile southeast ofSouthern Pines [5] in Moore County [6]. Established in 1963 as the first nature preserve in the state parks system, the original 400 acres of Weymouth Woods were a gift to the state of North Carolina from Katharine Lamont Boyd, widow of the novelist James Boyd [7].

The natural area deeded by the Boyds to the people of North Carolina preserves a part of the ecosystem of the Sandhills, a region marked by sandy ridges of longleaf pine and scrub oak between hardwood-filled bottomlands. Early settlers in south-central North Carolina called this area the "pine barrens" because of its extensive forests of longleaf pine. In addition to sizable stands of old-growth longleaf pines, Weymouth Woods is home to rare and endangered species such as the red-cockaded woodpecker [8], the pine barrens tree frog [9], and the bog spicebush [10].

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