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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 of [Southern 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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Additional Resources:

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