Questions for America’s First Forest

1. Where is the Biltmore House located?

2. Name the landscape architect hired to design the grounds at the Biltmore Estate.

3. Name one of the three parks he designed or the cities they are in.

4. What “revolution” was going on that made people fear a timber famine?

5. Who was the first forester hired by George Vanderbilt for the Biltmore Estate?

6. What was the condition of the land surrounding the Biltmore Estate when it was built?

7. What did Frederick Olmsted urge George Vanderbilt to do at the Biltmore Estate?

8. Who was the second forester hired on the Biltmore Estate?

9. What country was he from?

10. Carl Schenck and Gifford Pinchot disagreed about logging operations where?
11. What experiment did Carl Schenck try that he considered a failure?

12. By growing seedlings in the nursery, what science was Carl Schenck practicing?

13. In what year was the Biltmore Forest School established?

14. Was the Biltmore Forest School the first forestry school in the United States?

15. How much did it cost to attend the Biltmore Forest School?

16. How many men graduated from the Biltmore Forest School?

17. What act or law allowed the government to purchase lands and establish national forests?

18. Name the national forest made up of lands bought from the Biltmore Estate.

19. What experimental forest now operates on lands once owned by George Vanderbilt?

20. What year did the Biltmore Forest School close?

21. Name the war Carl Schenck fought in.

22. In what decade did Carl Schenck return to the U.S. and tour his old worksites?
23. What is the name of the national historic site that preserves the Biltmore Forest School?

24. Is the forest on the Pisgah National Forest a virgin forest (old growth) today?