Forest Research Education Center
495 Don Connor Boulevard, Jackson, NJ
(GPS coordinates at the park entrance: 40.093044, -74.323074)

General Driving Considerations: The Forest Resource Education Center (FREC) is located in northern Ocean County. More specifically, it is just a few miles south of Exit 21 on I-195, several miles north of Lakehurst and several miles west of Lakewood Township. The physical address is 495 Don Connor Boulevard, Jackson, NJ. The FREC entrance geographical coordinates are 40.093044, -74.323074.

From Exit 83 on the Northbound Garden State Parkway [11.3 miles in 20 minutes]:
While on the exit ramp, keep right at fork for US-9-North/Lakewood. Merge onto Lakewood Road/US-9-North and go 0.3 mile to the first traffic light. Turn left onto Indian Head Road/County Route 571 West and follow it for 1.3 miles. Turn right onto Whitesville Road/County Route 527 North and travel 6.9 miles to a T-intersection. Turn left onto East Veterans Highway and drive 1 mile. Make a left onto Bowman Road and follow it for 0.9 mile. Turn right onto Don Connor Boulevard and drive 0.3 mile to a well-marked FREC entrance on right. Take the sandy driveway for approximately 0.15 mile to the facility and parking on left.

From Exit 98 on the Northbound Garden State Parkway [20.3 miles in 22 minutes]:
Take the exit and follow signs for I-195-West/Trenton. In 0.6 mile keep right at the second fork and merge onto NJ-138-West. Drive 0.5 mile and then continue to follow I-195-West for approximately 13 miles to Exit 21. While on the exit ramp, keep left at fork toward Jackson. At the stop sign, turn left onto Cedar Swamp Road/County Route 527 South and follow it for 3 miles. Make a right onto West Veterans Highway/County Route 528 West (toward Plumsted) and drive 0.4 miles to the first traffic light. Turn left onto Don Connor Boulevard and follow it for 2.2 miles to a well-marked FREC entrance on left. Take the sandy driveway for approximately 0.15 mile to the facility and parking on left.

From Exit 98 on the Southbound Garden State Parkway [20.5 miles in 25 minutes]:
Take the exit and follow signs for NJ-34-North/I-195-West/Trenton. Merge onto NJ-34-North and in 0.3 miles take a jughandle onto I-195-West. Follow I-195-West for approximately 13 miles and then take Exit 21. While on the exit ramp, keep left at fork toward Jackson. At the stop sign, turn left onto Cedar Swamp Road/County Route 527 South and
follow it for 3 miles. Make a right onto West Veterans Highway/County Route 528 West (toward Plumsted) and drive 0.4 miles to the first traffic light. Turn left onto Don Connor Boulevard and follow it for 2.2 miles to a well-marked FREC entrance on left. Take the sandy driveway for approximately 0.15 mile to the facility and parking on left.

From the New Brunswick area via the Southbound NJ Turnpike [36 miles in 42 minutes]:
Take whatever means necessary to get to the NJ Turnpike interchange 9. Travel 15.2 miles on I-95-South and take Exit 8. After paying the toll, follow signs for NJ-33 and then keep in the right lane. Merge onto NJ-33-East and drive 5.5 miles. Turn right onto Woodville Road/County Route 527A and follow this road for 11.1 miles. Make a right onto West Veterans Highway/County Route 528 West (toward Plumsted) and drive 0.4 miles to the first traffic light. Turn left onto Don Connor Boulevard and follow it for 2.2 miles to a well-marked FREC entrance on left. Take the sandy driveway for approximately 0.15 mile to the facility and parking on left.

From the Trenton Area via the Eastbound I-195:
Take I-195-East to Exit 21. While on the exit ramp, keep right at fork toward Jackson. Merge onto Cedar Swamp Road/County Route 527 South and follow it for 2.8 miles. Make a right onto West Veterans Highway/County Route 528 West (toward Plumsted) and drive 0.4 miles to the first traffic light. Turn left onto Don Connor Boulevard and follow it for 2.2 miles to a well-marked FREC entrance on left. Take the sandy driveway for approximately 0.15 mile to the facility and parking on left.