Parc National des Forêts de Champagne et Bourgogne
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France's 11th national park is the first dedicated to the country's forests!
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Area shown is ~53.2 x 40.8 km

Landsat 5
Thematic Mapper
9 August 1985
Natural Color Composite
The park was formally created on November 7, 2019, just 3 hours from Paris, France’s 11th national park protects a unique lowland leafy forest ecosystem.

The Parc National de Forêts provides habitats for many rare and protected species, including the black stork.

A refuge to 50 million trees over 242,000 hectares in area, the Parc National de Forêts is a model of sustainable tourism.

“The forest had been here since the Middle Ages,” says Sylvain Boulangeot, president of a local tourism office and manager of the Maison de la Forêt. “The reason it wasn’t completely taken over by agriculture is because of the rocky soil. This limestone forces the trees to grow slowly, so the trunks of these 200-year-old oaks are not thick, but the strong wood is prized by barrel makers.”

For more insights on the park and its many scenic and historic points, visit: http://www.forets-parcnational.fr/en