The Yale Forest Forum (YFF) was established in 1994 by Professor John Gordon along with other faculty members at Yale to engage a diverse group of leaders in forestry and forest policy and management in the United States. The group’s initial work was to convene the Seventh American Forest Congress to collaboratively develop and articulate a common vision and set of next steps for the future of U.S. forests with over 5,000 stakeholders across the country.

The YFF now serves as the special events hub of The Forest School at the Yale School of the Environment. YFF offers two seminar series each semester during the academic year, providing opportunities to hear from leaders in forest management, conservation, or policy in an informal setting or remotely. The weekly seminar speaker series, offered every Tuesday and Thursday of the academic year, are open to all in the YSE community as well as the general public virtually. Public presentations are followed by a private discussion with guest speakers and students enrolled in the seminar. YFF also offers and supports other engaging forest-related events in collaboration with individuals and organizations throughout YSE and externally. Those interested in attending can follow the schedule of events on the YFF website and YSE calendar.