

AN ESSAY ABOUT PETRIFIED FOREST
NATIONAL PARK **BY CRAIG CHILDS**

THE SOUND OF FALLEN TREES

“As the earth erodes, the fossilized trees cannot hold their weight and they break into pieces. Calling it a forest is not quite correct. Nothing is standing. This is what became of a forest, each tree resting, continuing to fall, the energy of its life given up.”

A petrified tree, hundreds of millions of years old, lies along the Crystal Forest Loop at Petrified Forest National Park. The trail is named for the crystals found in petrified logs. *Larry Lindahl*