Naval Stores

Former trees used for naval stores. Note the cavities at the base of each tree and the herring-bone pattern due to chipping.


Resin is naturally produced in all pines in resin ducts. Resin was obtained by progressively removing the bark and a small amount of wood by chipping in a herring-bone pattern. Bark and wood removal allowed resin to flow from existing ducts into cavities chipped in the base of the trees. Later, clay pots and metal tins replaced the cavities. Today, resin is obtained as a byproduct from papermills.

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