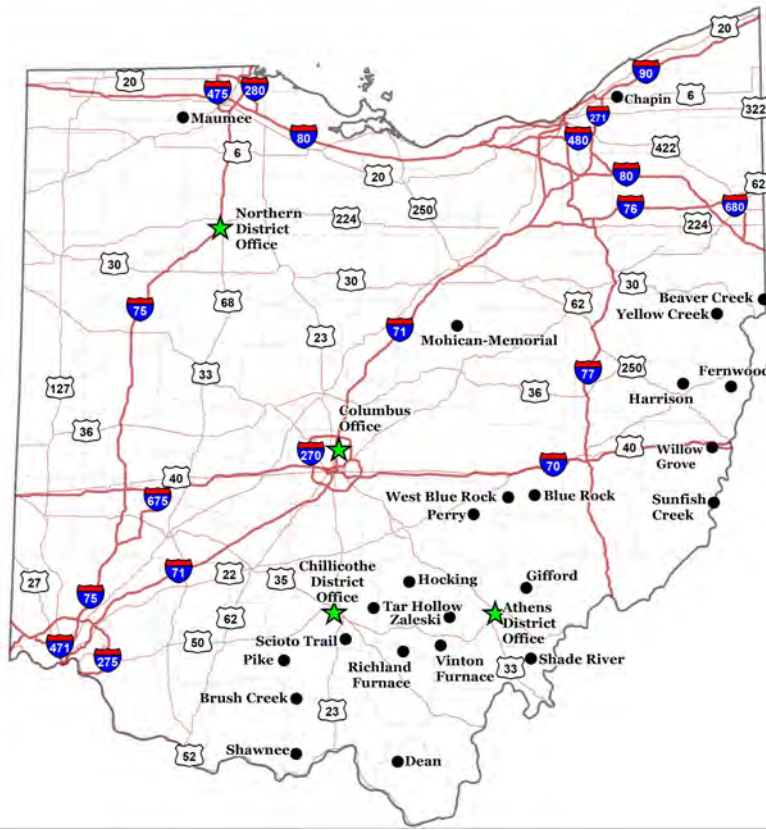


OHIO'S STATE FORESTS



- State forests have active forest management and wildlife habitat management programs.
- Due to field work, state forest personnel may be difficult to reach by phone. Information can be obtained through the Columbus office by calling toll-free at (877) 247-8733, or at forestry.ohiodnr.gov
- Mountain bikes are permitted on APV trails. Mountain bikes are also permitted on bridle trails at Scioto Trail State Forest and designated trails at Mohican-Memorial State Forest.
- Bridle trails on state forests (except for Maumee State Forest) are closed to horse-back riding during the winter season to minimize hoof traffic during these wet months.
- All bridle trails are open to hiking.

CONTACTS		
OFFICES	ADDRESS	PHONE
Columbus	2045 Morse Rd., H-1, Columbus, OH 43229	(877) 247-8733
Northern District	952 Lima Ave, Box B, Findlay, OH 45840	(419) 424-5004
Athens District	360 E. State Street, Athens, OH 45701	(740) 272-8519
Chillicothe District	345 Allen Avenue, Chillicothe, OH 45601	(740) 774-1596

STATE FOREST	District	Acres	Office Address	MILES OF TRAILS					Camps*	Other Features
				Hiking	Horse & Hiking	APV	Mountain Bike	Backpack		
BEAVER CREEK	Northern	1,122	See Fernwood office							no recreational facilities
BLUE ROCK	Athens	4,578	6665 Cutler Lake Rd. Blue Rock, OH 43720		15					(SP)**, fire tower
BRUSH CREEK	Chillicothe	13,419	See Shawnee office	3	10					mushroom hunting
CHAPIN	n/a	371	n/a							managed by Lake Metroparks
DEAN	Chillicothe	2,759	149 Dean Forest Rd. Pedro, OH 45659		8					trail connects to Wayne National Forest, shooting range
FERNWOOD	Northern	3,023	11 TR 181 Bloomingdale, OH 43910	5					F(22)	trap, rifle, pistol ranges
GIFFORD	Athens	320	See Zaleski office	4						experimental seed orchards, fishing pond, picnic area
HARRISON	Northern	1,345	See Fernwood office		13				H(20),F(27)	rifle range, fishing ponds
HOCKING	Athens	9,815	19275 SR 374 Rockbridge, OH 43149	7	31				H(23)	(SP)**, rockclimbing, rappelling, Buckeye Trail, fire tower
MAUMEE	Northern	3,332	3390 C.R. D Swanton, OH 43558	2	8	6	6			Windbreak Arboretum, tree improvement area, wet sedge meadow
MOHICAN-MEMORIAL	Northern	4,541	945 ODNr Mohican Rd. 60 Perrysville, OH 44864	2	21		24		P(10)	(SP)**, Memorial Forest Shrine, fire tower, mountain bike and snowmobile trails
PERRY	Athens	4,706	See Blue Rock office		6	20	20			mountain biking, surface mine areas
PIKE	Chillicothe	12,531	334 Lapperell Rd Latham, OH 45646	28	29	15	15			(SP)**, Buckeye Trail, mountain biking
RICHLAND FURNACE	Chillicothe	2,530	See Pike office			7	7			mountain biking, historic iron ore area
SCIOTO TRAIL	Chillicothe	9,600	2731 Stoney Creek Rd. Chillicothe, OH 45601	5	25		25			(SP)**, Buckeye Trail, fire tower, mountain biking
SHADE RIVER	Athens	2,859	See Zaleski office							fishing pond, picnic area
SHAWNEE	Chillicothe	64,735	13291 US 52 W. Portsmouth, OH 45663	10	68			46	B(7),H(52)	(SP)**, 8,000-acre wilderness area, Buckeye Trail, fishing lakes
SUNFISH CREEK	Athens	637	See Hocking office							steep terrain along Ohio River
TAR HOLLOW	Athens	16,446	See Hocking office	10	28			20	B(1),H(46)	(SP)**, Buckeye Trail, Logan Trail, fire tower, Grouse Management Area
VINTON FURNACE	Athens	12,086	See Zaleski office						Ht	hunters' camp
WEST BLUE ROCK	Athens	675	See Blue Rock office							no recreational facilities
WILLOW GROVE	Northern	350	See Fernwood office							no recreational facilities
YELLOW CREEK	Northern	756	See Fernwood office							Highland Wildlife Area adjacent
ZALESKI	Athens	27,822	P.O. Box 330, S.R. 278 Zaleski, OH 45698	1	30			26	B(3),H(16)	(SP)**, shooting range, hunters camp, fire tower, Forest of Honor

*Camp codes: **B** - Backpack, **F** -Family, **H** -Horse, **Ht** - Hunting Season, **P** - Park & Pack. **()** Indicates campsites available. (SP)**State Park located within State Forest.

Find state forest and trail maps at forestry.ohiodnr.gov or download the DETOUR App on your phone.

WELCOME TO OHIO'S STATE FORESTS

Ohio's system of 24 state forests covers more than 200,000 acres and provides many environmental and economic benefits. Acquisition of land for Ohio's first state forests began in 1916. Prior to that, a thorough analysis of the condition of forested land in Ohio established a clear need for a state forest system. State forests are open to visitors daily between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. (except for Hocking State Forest and the four all-purpose vehicle areas, which are closed one half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise). Persons engaged in legal activities, such as camping, hunting, and those granted by special permission may be present during other hours. Recreational activities, including motorized vehicles, are generally restricted to areas designated and provided for their use, and are governed by specific rules and regulations. Removal or disturbance of any plant is prohibited, with the exception of berries, fruits, nuts, cones, seeds, and mushrooms. Visitors can get more information and maps at forestry.ohiodnr.gov.

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

Foresters apply their knowledge of forest ecosystems to enhance nature's growth cycle and maintain sustainable timber production. The state forests were established to be places where the "practical value of forestry" would be demonstrated. This basic mission, set out at the inception of the state forest system, is as important now as it was at the beginning of the 20th Century as the Ohio Division of Forestry continues the application of sound management for the sustainable use and protection of forest resources. Foresters' concerns go well beyond growing trees. Evaluations of water, soil, wildlife, age and condition of vegetation, threatened and endangered species, invasive plants and insects, recreational opportunities, and scenic qualities are considered in planning and preparing management plans. It is because of more than 100 years of this care and nurturing that Ohio's state forests are treasured places.



CAMPING

Camping is permitted on state forest land only in areas provided for such use. Family campgrounds are available at Fernwood and Harrison state forests. Primitive horse camps are located at five state forests. Remote park & pack campsites are available on a self-registration (no fee) basis at Mohican-Memorial State Forest for novice backpackers interested in short treks and secluded camps.

BACKPACK TRAILS

Three backpack trails are provided by the Division of Forestry at Shawnee State Forest (46 miles with seven walk-in camp areas), Zaleski State Forest (26 miles with three walk-in camp areas), and Tar Hollow State Forest (20 miles with one walk-in campsite). The Shawnee Backpack Trail crosses rugged terrain requiring moderate skill and endurance, while the Zaleski and Logan Backpack Trails provide shorter and generally less strenuous hikes. Self-registration permits (no fee) are available at the trailheads. Reservations are not required. Latrines and water are provided, but backpackers are also encouraged to carry a supply of water. Trail maps are available at forestry.ohiodnr.gov.

HUNTING, FISHING, & SHOOTING RANGES

Hunting is permitted on most state forest property, and numerous ponds and lakes afford fishing opportunities. Four shooting range sites are open.

ALL-PURPOSE VEHICLE AREAS

Four all-purpose vehicle (APV) areas are provided by the Division of Forestry for off-road motorcycles and all-purpose vehicles (with width of 62 inches or less). Riding is restricted to designated trails (except within the Perry APV Area).



When conditions allow, snowmobiles are permitted on designated trails at Mohican-Memorial State Forest and in the Maumee State Forest APV Area. Trail bikes, all purpose vehicles, utility vehicles (side by sides), mountain bikes and snowmobiles shall be registered and display a valid APV license plate per ORC 4519.11 "State Recreational Vehicle Fund." For more information on titling and registering your APV: bmv.ohio.gov. Dual-sport motorcycles are permitted with a regular public road/highway registration and license plate (no other types of road or highway registered vehicles are permitted). Operators must wear head and eye protection. Perry, Pike, and Richland Furnace APV areas are closed to APV use from the second Monday morning in December until the first Friday morning in April annually.

PRESCRIBED FIRE AND WILDFIRE

Fire has long been an influence on forest ecosystems and the use of fire as a management tool is important. Planned prescribed fires are carefully used to accomplish specific land management goals. These goals include managing for oak stands and the habitats that they provide. Goals also include reducing fuels so that a wildfire, should one occur, may not be as damaging as it might otherwise be.

However, not all fires are planned or beneficial. Each year, carelessness results in an average of 600 wildfires burning 3,000 acres of Ohio's unglaciated hill country. Protection of public and private forest lands, primarily in southern and eastern Ohio, is provided by the Division of Forestry. There are nearly 600 fire departments within the Division of Forestry fire protection area. Services include technical advice, federal excess equipment, training, fire investigation and enforcement, suppression assistance, and grants through the federal Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program.

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