

# HOCKING ROCK CLIMBING AND RAPPELLING AREA



DIVISION OF  
**FORESTRY**  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



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## INFORMATION

Welcome to the Hocking State Forest Rock Climbing and Rappelling Area. Enjoy your recreational experience here safely, responsibly, and respectfully.

Users **MUST** register prior to any rock climbing or rappelling activity per OAC Rule 1501:3-2-15

### Rules & Regulations

- Stay within Hocking State Forest boundaries. Forest boundaries are indicated with yellow blazes on trees and/or posted signs.
- Hocking State Forest closes at dark. Plan to exit the area before sunset.
- Alcohol is prohibited on State Forest property at all times.
- Vehicles, horses, and bicycles must stay on designated roads and trails.
- Firearms are allowed for lawful hunting only, although hunting in this area is discouraged.
- The following items and activities are expressly prohibited within Hocking State Forest and the Rock Climbing and Rappelling Area per OAC 1501:3-2. Failure to comply may result in a fine and/or misdemeanor:
  - Camping and fires
  - Metal detectors
  - Firearms
  - Paintball guns
  - Construction of structures
- Public meetings or events and the selling, renting, or providing of services is prohibited without an approved Special Use Permit. Permits may be obtained through the Hocking State Forest Office.

### Leave No Trace & Forest Conduct

- Pack it in, pack it out. Properly dispose of your trash.
- Berries, nuts, and mushrooms may be gathered and removed unless otherwise posted.
- Do not damage or deface rocks, vegetation, or other State Forest property.
- Posting of signs, flyers, or other materials is prohibited.
- Be respectful of others. Forest trails are shared by hikers, runners, and horseback riders.
- When encountering horses:
  - Step off the trail on the downhill side
  - Speak in a calm, relaxed tone
  - Keep pets under control at all times

### Safety Guidelines

- Novices should work with an experienced climber or rappeller. Know your skills and use proper gear.
- The rocks here are comprised of Black Hand sandstone and are prone to breaking, especially after rain.
- Pitons, chocks, and permanent anchors are prohibited. Top roping is the safest technique.
- Use extreme caution near cliffs, especially when snow or ice is present.

### FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911

Rappelling Area parking lot:  
24798 Big Pine Road  
Logan, OH 43138

Uphill emergency access to Unger Road gate:  
19999 Unger Road  
Logan, OH 43138  
39.4446° N, 82.5596° W

For law enforcement assistance, contact  
ODNR Dispatch: 614-799-9538

For further questions or assistance, contact  
Hocking State Forest Office:  
19275 SR 374  
Rockbridge, Ohio 43149  
740-385-4402  
[www.ohiodnr.com/forestry](http://www.ohiodnr.com/forestry)

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## GEARSHIFT KNOB

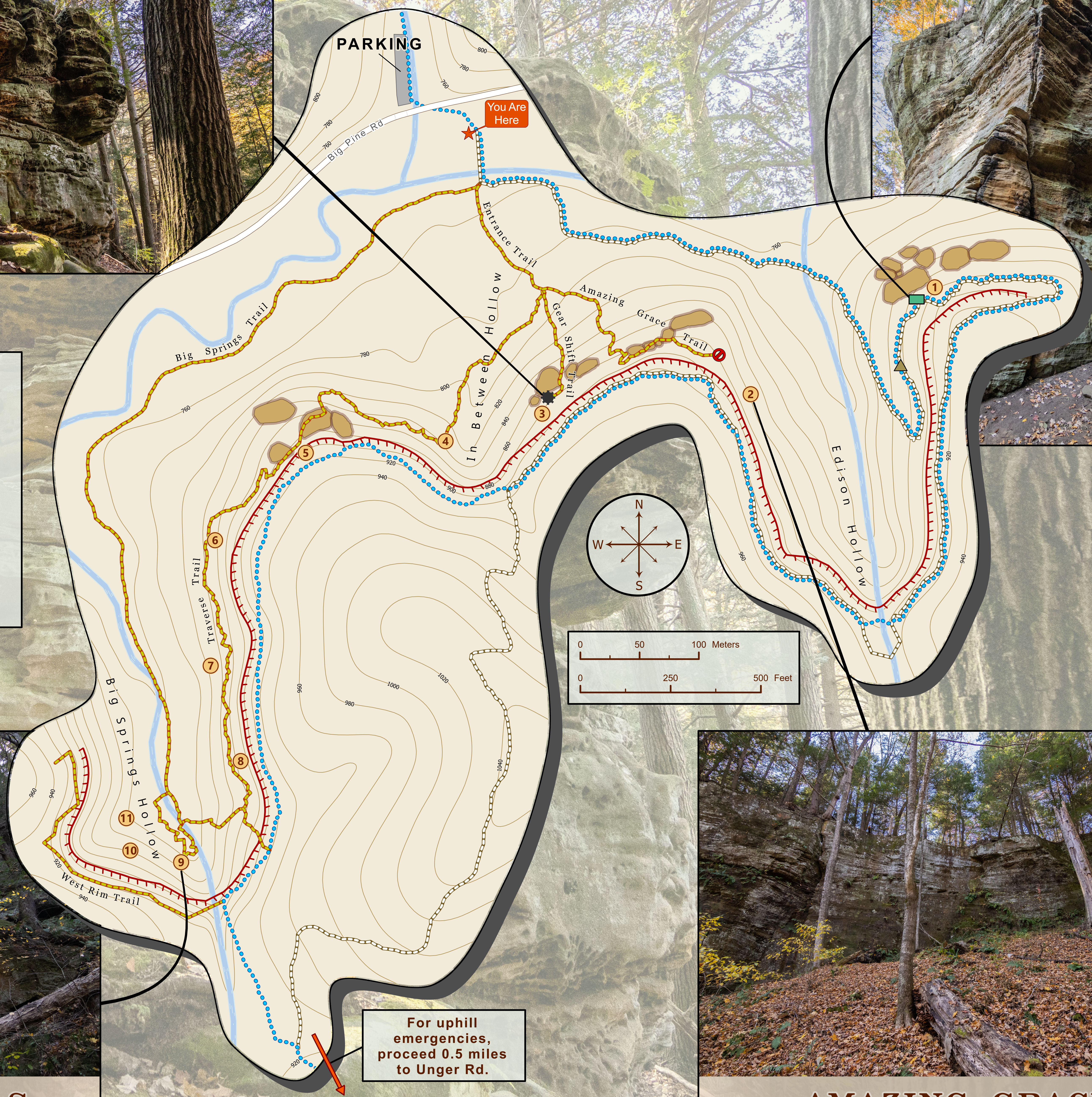


## RECTANGLE ROCK



**LEGEND**

- Rappelling and Rock Climbing Zones
- Bouldering Cave
- Gearshift Knob
- Rectangle Rock
- End of trail, cliff
- Rockclimbing and Rappelling Area Trail
- Buckeye Trail
- White Trail
- Boulders
- Cliffline



**BIG SPRINGS FALLS**



**AMAZING GRACE**

SCAN FOR A FULL HOCKING STATE FOREST CLIMBING AND RAPPELLING AREA GUIDE

