

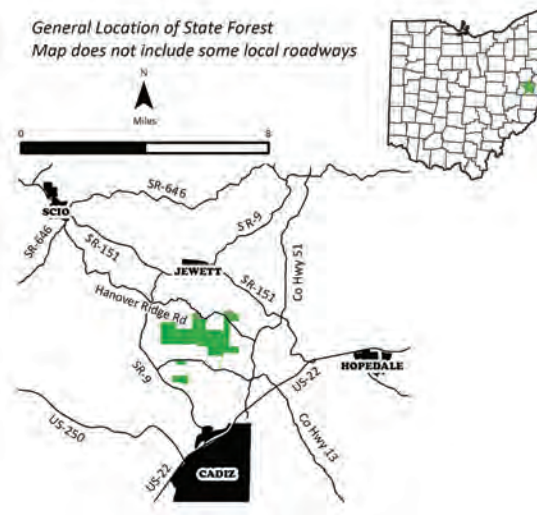
## Forest Rules

1. Harrison State Forest is open daily to visitors between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Legal campers, hunters and fishermen may be present during other hours.
2. Operation of motor vehicles is restricted to roads provided for such travel. The speed limit on state forest roads is 30 mph unless otherwise posted. Vehicles may not be parked where traffic or access to division service roads or trails will be obstructed.
3. Horses may be ridden only along forest roads or on designated bridle trails.
4. Fires are not permitted, except in grills or fire rings provided or in portable stoves. Fires must be attended at all times.
5. Trash may be disposed of only in receptacles provided or "pack-it-in/pack-it-out."
6. Camping is permitted only in areas provided and designated for such use.
7. Public display or consumption of any alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
8. Disturbance, defacement or destruction of any structure, property, natural feature, tree, shrub or wildflower is prohibited. Berries, nuts and mushrooms may be gathered and removed, except from tree seed orchards or posted areas.
9. The use of bait to attract or hunt wild birds or deer on state forest land is prohibited.
10. At all times, deer stands and game cameras shall either have a waterproof tag or be stamped with the user's name and mailing address in legible English letters or bear the user's State Hunter Identification Number.
11. State forest boundaries are indicated with yellow blazes on the trees and/or posted signs.

*Rules found in the Ohio Administrative Code Section 1501:3.*



## Location Map



## Additional Information

### HARRISON STATE FOREST

*Managed out of:*  
**FERNWOOD STATE FOREST**  
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Bloomingdale, Ohio 43910  
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# HARRISON STATE FOREST



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**NATURAL RESOURCES**  
DIVISION OF FORESTRY



## Welcome to Harrison State Forest

Acquisition of the first state forests began in 1916, originally to be used as testing grounds for reforestation of tree species. Land acquisition later broadened to include land of scenic and recreational values and to restore forest cover to land that had been abandoned and abused.

Today, Ohio's 24 state forests cover over 200,000 acres and provide an abundance of benefits for everyone to enjoy. With the advantage of decades of management, Ohio's foresters are enhancing nature's growth cycle, and the state forests continue to produce some of the finest hardwood trees in the world. Forest management activities such as timber stand improvement, prescribed fire and harvesting are employed to enhance the health, vigor and natural regeneration of the forest. But foresters' concerns go well beyond the trees. Evaluations of water, soil, wildlife habitat, age and condition of the vegetation, recreational opportunities and aesthetics are considered in preparation of area management plans. This process ensures that visitors may enjoy many outdoor activities, including camping, hiking, horseback riding, wildlife watching, hunting and scenic touring.

Harrison State Forest is located in Harrison County approximately 3 miles north of Cadiz.

## Forest History

The 1,345-acre Harrison State Forest was purchased in 1961. A substantial portion of the land had been strip mined for

coal prior to acquisition. However, the production of acid mine water is minimal because of the neutralizing effect of limestone deposits. The majority of unstripped lands are located on ridges or in valleys, and are in forest cover.

Early reforestation efforts and installation of recreation facilities were funded through the Appalachian Region Development Act of 1965 and the Ohio Capitals Improvement program to restore the area suitable for public use. Reforestation efforts have continued on various reclaimed areas of the state forest to increase woodland habitat.

## Hunting and Fishing

Hunting and fishing are permitted on the state forest under the ODNR Division of Wildlife regulations. Shooting on, from, or across any road or driveway is prohibited on state forests. Discharge of any firearm is not permitted except during lawful hunting season. Discharge of any firearm except during lawful hunting is also not permitted, except on the rifle range.

A 100-yard rifle range, located in the center of the forest, is provided for shooting enthusiasts to practice marksmanship or sight-in firearms for accuracy. Users need to furnish their own paper or clay targets and must clean up their casings and debris before leaving. The range is open daily from one half-hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset. Users must wear eye and ear protection. Range rules are posted.

## Camping

Two campgrounds equipped with picnic tables and vault latrines are available:

- Ronsheim Campground on the east side of the forest includes seven family campsites.
- Trailriders Campground is located on the west side of the forest and includes 21 campsites that accommodate family and/or bridle camping.

Campers must provide their own water and self-register. Campers self-register by filling out cards located in registration boxes at restrooms. Law enforcement officers patrol the area and can familiarize visitors with camping regulations. There is no charge for camping.

## Trails

Twenty-four miles of combined bridle and hiking trails are located throughout the state forest. Parking areas are located near trail intersections.

## Rifle Range Rules

1. Range is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. All rules of gun safety, firing only downrange toward the backstop and loading weapons only on the range or benches, shall be strictly observed at all times.
3. Hours of use are one half-hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset
4. Maximum number of shooters permitted at any one time shall be determined by the capacity of the shooting lanes provided.
5. The range may be closed for maintenance or other reasons at any time as determined by the chief or his authorized agent.
6. People using the range are responsible for removal of debris from the range, which includes but is not limited to, paper or cardboard targets, target stand brought by the shooter, shell casings and litter which was generated by the shooter's activity. Excluding ranges which provide receptacles for debris disposals, shooters must remove all debris from state forest property upon completion of their activity.
7. Persons shall use or fire on range only those weapons permitted for legal hunting in Ohio as defined by statute, rule or order of the ODNR Division of Wildlife or as approved by the chief or his authorized agent.
8. No person shall use or fire automatic weapons of any kind on a range without permission from the chief or his designated agent.
9. All tracer or explosive rounds are prohibited.
10. All shooters must wear eye and ear protections.

# HARRISON STATE FOREST

Legend

 Harrison State Forest

 Roads

 Campground

 Latrine

 Parking

 Shooting range

 Non-potable water

 Trail markers

**Bridle Trails**

 Blue (5.1 miles)

 White (.9 miles)

 Yellow (0.4 miles)

 North Green (1.8 miles)

 South Green (1.4 miles)

 North Red (1.7 miles)

 South Red (0.9 miles)

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Kilometers

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Miles

State forest boundaries shown are representative and believed to be correct but not warranted.  
State forest boundary lines on the ground are identified with and/or yellow paint markers on trees.  
Map reviewed and approved by Robert Boyles, Chief of the ODNR Division of Forestry.  
Data provided by ODNR Division of Forestry, ODNR GIMS, US Census Tiger, ODOT.

