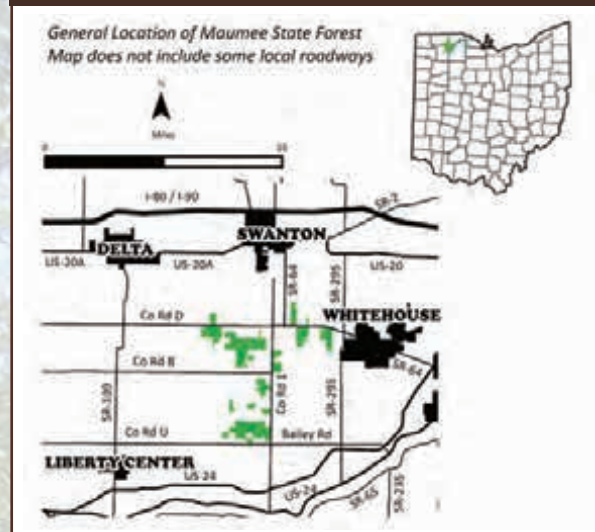


Maumee State Forest Rules

1. Maumee State Forest is open daily to visitors between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Legal hunters and fishermen may be present during other hours.
2. Operation of motor vehicles is restricted to roads provided for such travel except as provided in the APV and snowmobile area of the forest. Vehicles may not be parked where traffic or access to division service roads or trails will be obstructed.
3. Horses may be ridden only 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 not permitted on Maumee State Forest.
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. Hunting is permitted under Division of Wildlife regulations. Shooting is prohibited from or across any road or driveway. Target shooting is prohibited at all times. Discharge of any firearm is not permitted except during lawful hunting.
10. The use of bait to attract or hunt wild birds or deer on state forest land is prohibited.
11. At all times, deer stands and game cameras must 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.
12. State forest boundaries are indicated with yellow 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
Division of Forestry <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/1501:3>

Location Map



Additional Information

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Welcome to Maumee 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 more than 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 continuing to produce some of the finest hardwood trees in the world on state forest lands. 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.

History of the Forest

Maumee State Forest is located 15 miles southwest of Toledo in northwestern Ohio and covers more than 3,350 acres. The flat topography and natural features are a result of the Wisconsin glacier passing through this area about 18,000 years ago. This area, with its poorly drained soils ranging from fine yellow sand to dark muck soil, is known locally as the Oak Openings region.

Acquisition of land for Maumee State Forest began in 1946. In 1948, the first plantations were established on abandoned farm fields. By 1954, approximately 600 acres of old fields had been planted to red and white pine. A Windbreak Arboretum was established in 1990 to demonstrate tree and shrub species suitable for use in windbreak plantings.

Recreation

Maumee State Forest maintains trails for day use by horseback riders, hikers, APVs and snowmobiles. Populations of deer, wild turkey, and squirrel encourage many hunters to pursue their favorite sport at Maumee State Forest.

Stewardship Trail

Maumee State Forest is the only state forest in northwest Ohio. This area of the state is largely used for agricultural crop production and has a relatively low percentage of land in forest cover. This provides the Division of Forestry the opportunity to demonstrate the value of forest management to conserve soil and water quality, enhance the health and vigor of the forest, provide recreational opportunities, develop habitat for a wide range of forest dwelling wildlife species, and produce forest products. A self-guided walking tour of The Stewardship Trail at Maumee State Forest will reveal many aspects of what forest management can accomplish. This area shows a variety of forest management techniques and how implementation of these techniques has impacted the forest.

Maumee APV and Snowmobile Area

The Maumee All-Purpose Vehicle Area was established to provide a facility for motorcycle, snowmobile, APV, and mountain bike enthusiasts. Seven miles of trails traverse the level terrain typical of northwestern Ohio.

Maumee State Forest APV area rules:

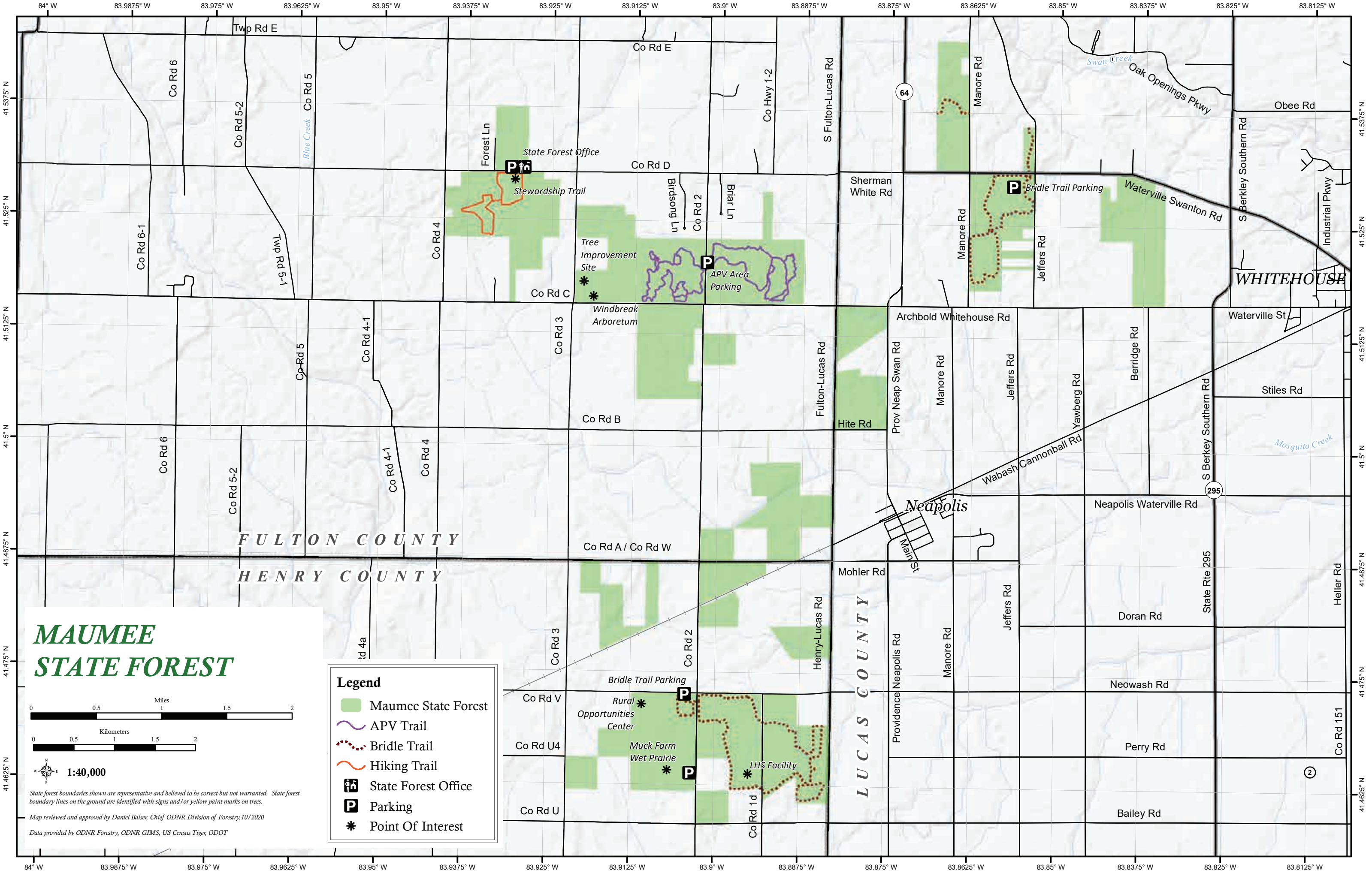
1. Vehicles permitted in the all-purpose vehicle area are off highway motorcycles, all purpose vehicles (four wheelers), and utility vehicles (side by side) with APV registration pursuant to ORC 4519.04. Dual sport motorcycles may be operated if they display a current highway registration. Bicycles are also permitted and excluded from any registration requirements. Licensed snowmobiles are permitted on designated trails only when sub-surface soil is sufficiently frozen and completely snow covered. You should bring a copy of your registration with you.
2. All permitted vehicles are only to be operated on the designated trails.
3. APVs wider than 62 inches are prohibited.
4. The APV area is open for riding from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.
5. The APV trails on Maumee State Forest are one-way trails. No person shall operate any vehicle, bicycle, or snowmobile on a one-way trail in a direction opposite to which it is posted.
6. Maximum speed limits are 5 mph in the parking area. At no time shall an APV be operated at a speed greater than

that necessary to stop the vehicle in the assured clear distance.

7. All operators must have a valid, current motor vehicle operator's license, except that minors less than 16 years of age may operate an APV if they are accompanied by a licensed parent or guardian 18 years of age or older.
8. All operators need to wear protective headgear and eye protection in compliance with OAC 1501:3-4-14.
9. All vehicles shall be equipped with adequate brakes, mufflers, and spark arrestors.
10. No person who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs of abuse is to operate an APV.
11. No person shall operate an APV in such a manner as to willfully damage or destroy vegetation and trails, or for the purpose of chasing, capturing or killing wildlife.
12. Operators of APVs are not to carry or transport any firearms or other weapons that are not unloaded and securely encased except as permitted in ORC 2923.16 - Improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle.
13. No APV shall be used to carry more passengers than the vehicle was designed to carry. Contact your manufacturer for ride capacity.
14. No races or contests are permitted in the APV area.
15. No camping or fires are permitted in the Maumee State Forest APV area.
16. Operators must report any accidents to the forest headquarters within 24 hours. For accidents at Maumee State Forest, please call the Maumee State Forest Headquarters. This is in addition to the reports necessary to be made to the local law enforcement authorities. Call 911 in an emergency.

Visit bmvo.ohio.gov and choose "Vehicle Registrations >Other Types"





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State forest boundaries shown are representative and believed to be correct but not warranted. State forest boundary lines on the ground are identified with signs and/or yellow paint marks on trees.

Map reviewed and approved by Daniel Balser, Chief ODNR Division of Forestry, 10/2020

Data provided by ODNR Forestry, ODNR GIMS, US Census Tiger, ODOT

Legend

- Maumee State Forest
- APV Trail
- Bridle Trail
- Hiking Trail
- State Forest Office
- Parking
- Point Of Interest