Forest Rules

1. Mohican-Memorial 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.

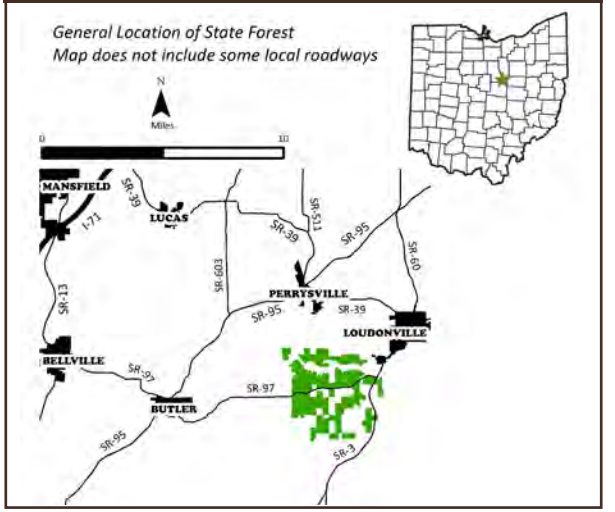
Mohican State Park

The Division of Parks and Watercraft administers hiking, camping, picnicking and cabin facilities within Mohican State Park. Information may be obtained from the park office. The Mohican Resort and Conference Center is located at Pleasant Hill Lake. The Clearfork Gorge has been included in the National Registry of Natural Landmarks by the National Park Service. A plaque noting this is located south of the covered bridge.

Nearby Points of Interest

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District provides boating, swimming and camping facilities at Pleasant Hill Lake. Malabar Farm State Park, home of author Louis Bromfield, is located northwest of the forest. Canoe rental, snow skiing, golf and other facilities are available within driving distance of the forest.

Location Map



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419-994-5125

MOHICAN RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER
1098 County Road 3006
Perrysville, OH 44864
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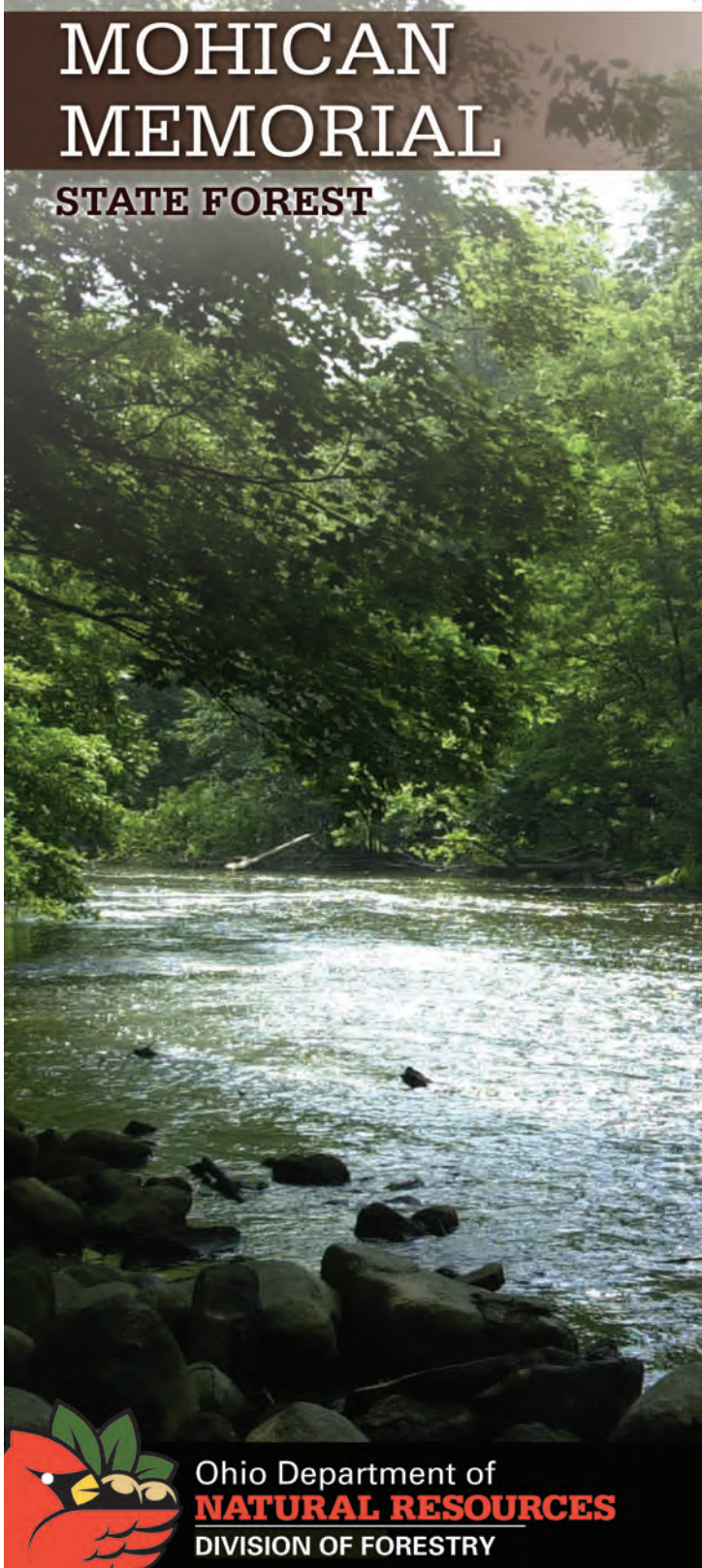

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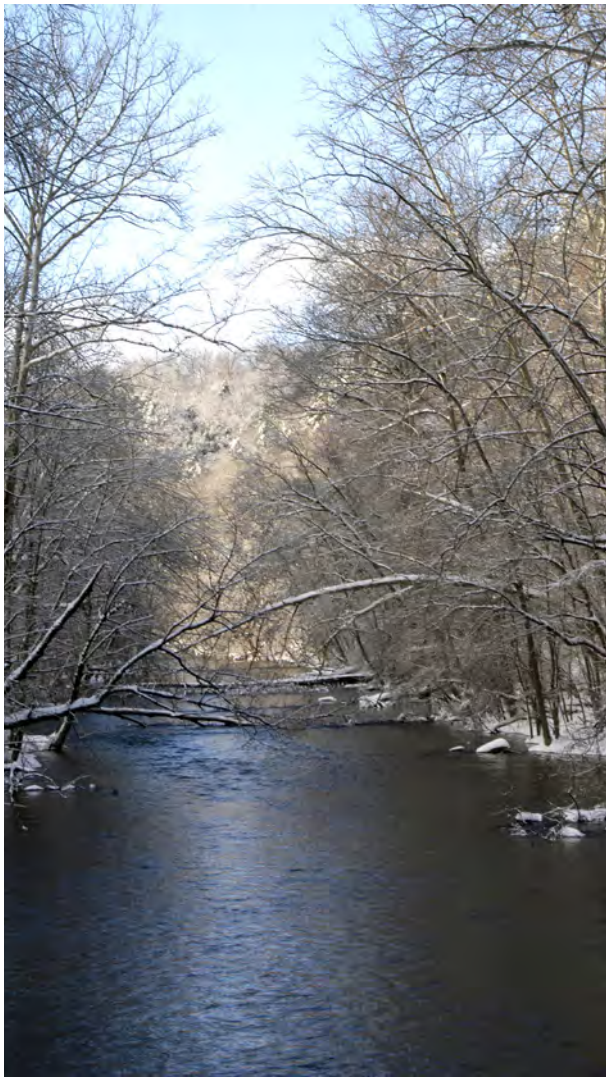

Welcome to Mohican-Memorial State Forest

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 value 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 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.

Mohican-Memorial State Forest is located in southern Ashland County, midway between Columbus and Cleveland. It is easily reached from I-71 and State Routes 97 and 3. The natural attributes of the area combined with state and nearby commercial facilities have made this region one of the more popular year-round attractions of the state.

Forest History and Vegetation

Land acquisition for the forest began in 1928 and has continued with the accumulation of more than 4,500 acres (exclusive of state park land). The land use history of the forest is typical of eastern Ohio. Original forests were cleared for agriculture, but eventually erosion ensued as a result of poor agricultural practices and fertility decreased. Farms were abandoned and subsequently reverted to brush and woodland. At the time of acquisition, planting of trees on abandoned land was a high priority activity. This resulted in the many plantations of white and red pine, plus mixtures of these and other pine species that you see today. Much of the tree planting was done by personnel of the Civilian Conservation Corps, whose camp was located on the forest during the 1930s. Native hardwoods of the oak-hickory and beech-maple types, with associated species of gum, aspen, ash, cherry and walnut occur on unplanted areas. Native white pine and hemlock are also found.

Forest Management and Multiple-Use

Mohican-Memorial State Forest is managed under the multiple-use concept for timber, wildlife habitat, forestry research, demonstrations of good forest land management, primitive recreation, natural beauty, and protection of watersheds and soil. During the spring and fall fire seasons, state forest staff actively prevent, detect, and suppress wildfires that occur on state and private lands within the protection district. The many gas wells and transmission lines that you see are a result of development of a natural gas storage field underlaying the forest that preceded state ownership.

Discovery Forest at Mohican

The Discovery Forest at Mohican is a public education area. A 1.5 mile interpretive trail will lead learners through a variety of Sustainable Forestry Management sites, enabling private woodland owners to see examples of various forest treatments, and corresponding healthy stands of hardwood and pine. Private woodland owners, school groups, universities and other visitors will take part in ongoing research and hands-on learning opportunities relating to forest management and ecology.

Memorial Shrine and Forest

The Memorial Shrine (established by the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs) and the 270 acres of the Memorial Forest around the shrine were authorized by the Ohio General Assembly in 1945 to perpetuate the memory of all Ohio men and women who lost their lives in defense of their country during World War II (since extended to include all conflicts from World War II to present). The Shrine is handicap accessible.

Forest Recreation

Many recreational activities can be enjoyed at Mohican-Memorial State Forest. There are more than 27 miles of bridle trails in the forest. Hiking trails wind through the primitive and scenic areas of the forest and park. These trails lead to such attractions as Pine Run Creek, the Fire Tower and Clearfork Gorge. An 8-mile snowmobile/mountain bike/bridle trail is in the forest for use during appropriate weather conditions. Cross-country skiing, sledding and picnicking can also be enjoyed in and around the forest and park. All-terrain vehicles and motorized vehicles, other than snowmobiles, are prohibited. Seven back-country park and pack campsites are available on a self-registration basis only. Contact the forest office for more information.

A mountain bike trail running through Mohican-Memorial State Forest and Mohican State Park has been completed by volunteers. The 24-plus-mile trail loop offers riders a choice of two trailhead locations. One trailhead is located on State Route 3 across from Mohican State Park's Class A Campground. The other is located on ODNR Mohican Road 51, near the former Mohican Youth Camp.

Hunting and Fishing

Hunting and fishing are permitted within Mohican-Memorial State Forest as regulated by the Division of Wildlife. Hunting is not permitted within the 270 acre area around the Memorial Shrine and the State Park. These boundaries are marked with red paint on the trees. Private land boundaries are marked with yellow paint. 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.

General Rules for Forest Visitors

The Mohican-Memorial State Forest area receives hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Please respect the forest community that you find. Your consideration of other visitors using the forest will provide an enjoyable experience for all. Please use caution while driving on all area roads.

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Mohican Lodge
Pleasant Hill Dam
Big Lyons Falls
Covered Bridge
Discovery Forest
State Forest Office
Clear Fork Mohican River
Gorge Overlook
LOUDONVILLE
Mohican Youth Academy
Mountain Bike Snowmobile Trailhead
Memorial Shrine
Bridle Trail Staging Area
Pine Run
Horsetail Run
Black Fork Mohican River
Mohican River
Ball Alley Run
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ASHLAND COUNTY
ASHLAND COUNTY
KNOX COUNTY
Ashland
Knox

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Pleasant Hill Rd
Goon Rd
Co Rd 1027
Co Rd 3006
Twp Rd 2946
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Co Hwy 2920
Twp Hwy 3006
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Wally Rd
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LEGEND

- Mohican State Forest
- Memorial Forest (no hunting)
- Mohican State Park (no hunting)
- Clearkfork Gorge Nature Preserve (no hunting)
- Point of Interest
- Firetower
- Campground
- Bridle Trail Parking
- Parking
- State Forest Office
- Park and Pack Campsite
- Picnic Area
- Bridle Trail - Blue
- Bridle Trail - Green
- Bridle Trail - Orange
- Bridle Trail - Red
- Bridle Trail - Red/Blue
- Bridle Trail - Yellow
- Hiking Trail - Hog Hollow
- Hiking Trail - Nature Preserve
- Hiking Trail - State Park
- Mohican Mountain Bike Trail
- State Route
- Local Roads

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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, 1/2026

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