Welcome to Tar Hollow State Forest

Tar Hollow is Ohio's third largest state forest, with over 16,000 acres. Recreational activities include camping, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, bird watching, mushroom hunting, and others. The Horseman's campground and bridle trails are extremely popular.

Horseman's Campground and Bridle Trails

A wooded, 45-site primitive campground is available for use by horsemen. Latrines, water for horses, and horse tie areas are provided. Electricity and drinking water are not available. The campground is extremely popular and will fill up early on holiday weekends. Trails can be accessed from the campground as well as at road crossings throughout the forest. A day use parking area is available.

There are 33 miles of designated bridle trails available for use by horsemen.

Practice Trail Etiquette

As defined in our mission, the ODNR Division of Forestry is responsible for managing the soil and water resources within Tar Hollow State Forest. In order to protect the trails and woodlands from soil erosion and other resource damage, horse riding is permitted only on designated painted trails. We need your help to ensure the protection of forest land surrounding the bridle trails. Practicing proper trail etiquette, and encouraging others to do the same, helps us keep Tar Hollow State Forest a beautiful place to ride. This includes:

- Ride only on designated painted trails.
- Never tie to trees.
- Do not shortcut trail switchbacks.
- Pick up litter.
- Do not ride in streams.
- During periods of wet weather and muddy soil conditions, do not ride.
- Report violations and down trees to our toll free number 1-877-247-8733.

The Division of Forestry believes these practices will protect the forest and soil resources. It is for this reason that horse riders are important partners in conservation.

Forest Rules

A summary of rules is provided below as a convenience to horse campers and riders, and is not intended to cover all laws and regulations. Please obey these rules so Tar Hollow State Forest can remain a beautiful area providing all forest users a quality backcountry experience.

1. This campground is for **horse riders only**.

2. **Trails**—Riders must stay on designated trails or forest roads south of Piney Creek and Clark Hollow roads. Designated trails are marked with white blazes. **Horse riding is prohibited on the red blazed Logan Trail and the blue blazed Buckeye Trail (except where shared with the white blazed bridle trail), any unpainted trail, and all trails or roads north of Piney Creek and Clark Hollow roads.** Numbered location markers are located at all road crossings and trail intersections. Find the corresponding location number on the map to determine your location.

3. **Campground**—Horses and pets must be leashed and under control at all times. The tethering of any animal to trees is prohibited. Camping is allowed on designated sites only. All campers must register. Reserving sites is prohibited. One camping unit, one motor vehicle, and one horse trailer is permitted per site.

4. **Alcohol**—Public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

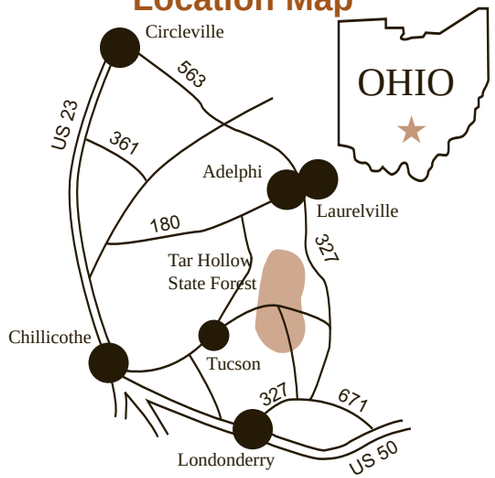
5. Please observe **quiet hours** from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

6. **Litter** may be disposed of only in receptacles provided.

7. **Disturbance**, defacement, or destruction of any structure, property, natural feature, tree, shrub, or wildflower is prohibited.

8. **Operation** of motor vehicles is restricted to designated roads. The speed limit on all forest roads is 30 MPH unless otherwise posted. Vehicles may not be parked where traffic or access to service roads or trails will be obstructed.

Location Map



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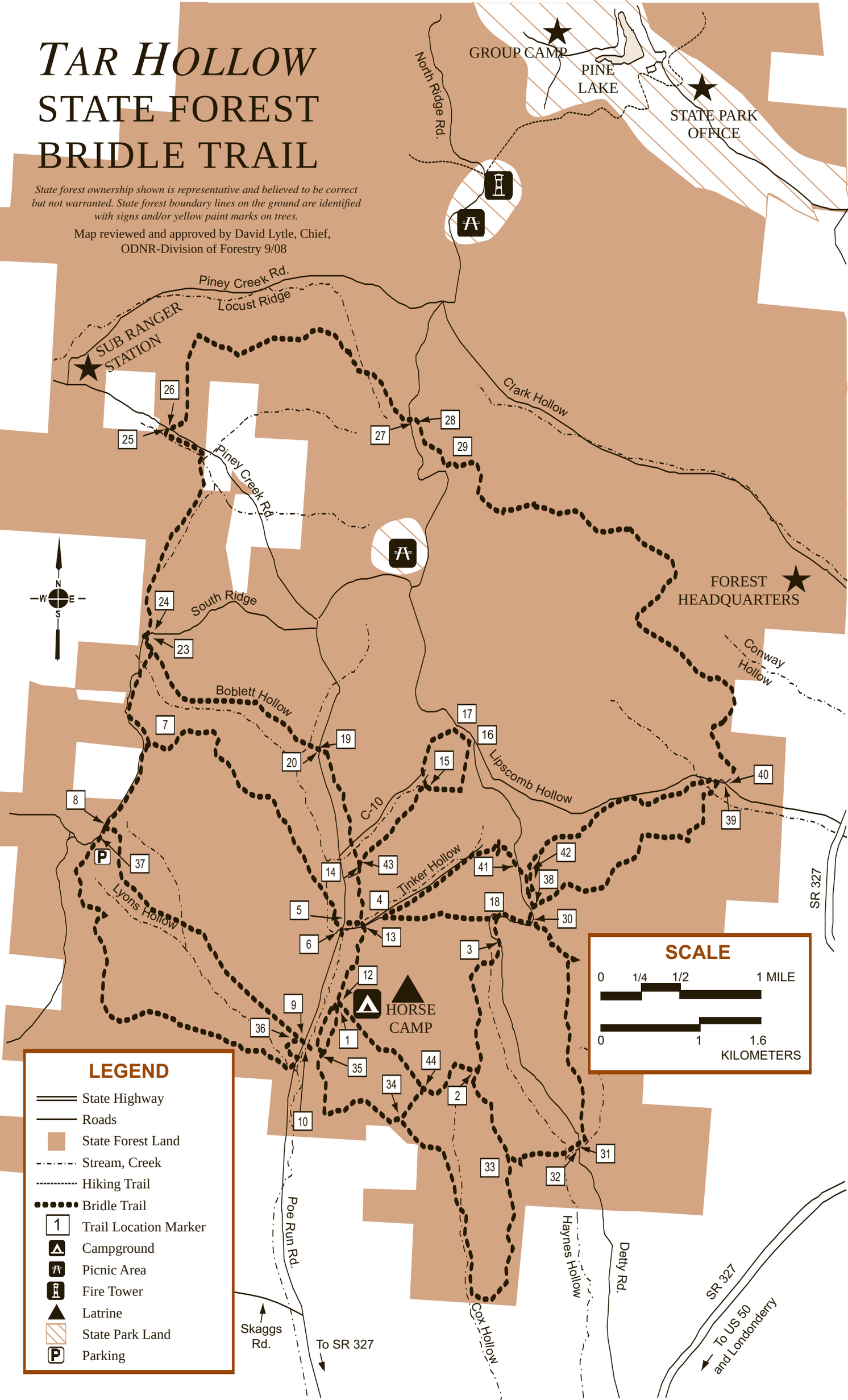
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