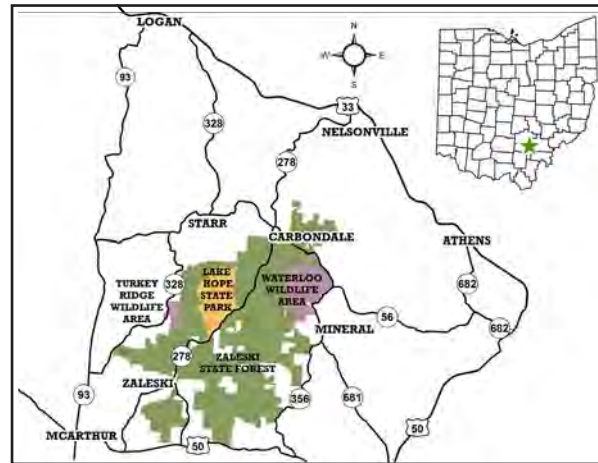


Trail Tips

1. The Selinde Roosenburg Memorial Backpack Trail requires moderate levels of skill and endurance. Hikers may encounter greenbriar, poison ivy, ticks and/or stinging nettles along the trail. Proper clothing (shorts are not recommended), sturdy footwear and good equipment are essential for success.
2. Respect the solitude sought by other backpackers and practice good camping etiquette.
3. The main trail is marked by orange blazes and side trails with white blazes. If a hiker becomes lost, roadways can usually be located by following watercourses downhill. Always carry a map and compass.
4. For safety, hike with a partner. Disabling injuries are very dangerous when a hiker is alone.
5. The only drinking water supplies available are shown on the map. We suggest that visitors carry their own water. The supply is limited so please use water conservatively. Water caches may not be serviced in winter due to bad road conditions. (Water caches are serviced using water from the Village of Zaleski, Ohio.) Latrines are provided at each campground.
6. Beware of venomous snakes. High leather boots or heavy leggings afford good protection. Hikers should watch where they sit and place their hands, especially in rocky areas. If bitten, seek medical aid immediately.
7. Hikers should select and repack food so that they will have a minimum of awkward and disposable containers. A portable stove is recommended. Supplies of wood fuel may not be readily available.
8. Extinguish all smoking material carefully. Scrape away all leaves and duff to mineral soil. Be especially careful with campground fires and smoking during March, April, May, October and November, the forest fire danger periods in Ohio. Do not leave campfires unattended.
9. If a hiker discovers a forest fire, immediately hike the trail to the nearest road and report the fire to emergency services (dial 911).
10. For hikers' protection, they should park their vehicles only at the trailhead. Vehicles parked in the forest may attract vandalism.
11. Stream crossings may be impassable due to runoff following a severe storm.
12. Hornets and yellow jackets may be encountered particularly during late summer.
13. Zaleski State Forest is a public hunting area. Visitors should be aware of hunting seasons and are encouraged to wear bright orange colored clothing when hiking.



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Zaleski, Ohio 45698
877-247-8733

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McArthur, Ohio 45651
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Forestry Office: 740-596-5781
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Welcome to the Selinde Roosenburg Memorial Backpack Trail

This trail was established to provide backpacking opportunities and to introduce some scenic and historic aspects of the forest. For a 10-mile day trip, follow the southern loop (Waypoints: NOBCDEFGON) of the backpack trail. This is a rather lengthy and strenuous hike. Carry a canteen, lunch and energy-supplying snacks.

The lettered posts along the trail correspond with the paragraphs that follow.

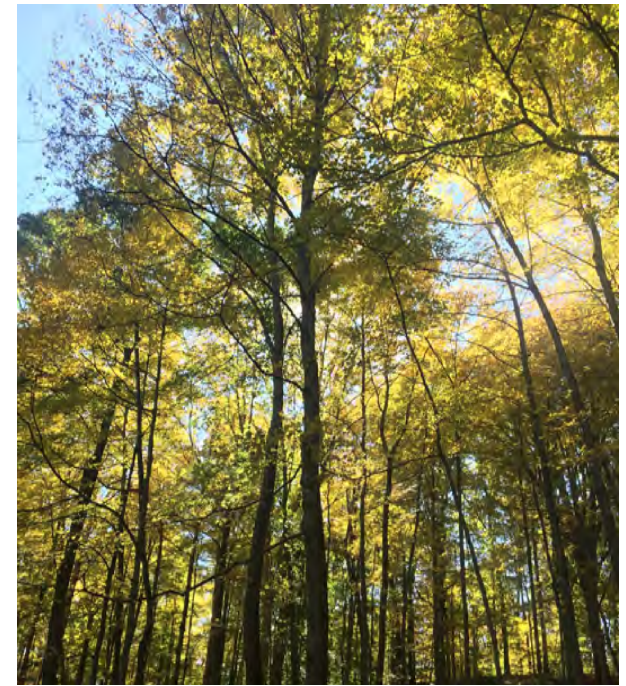
- A. Schoolhouse trailhead parking.
- B. Intersection of main backpack trail and connector trail.
- C. Located on the next hilltop from this overlook is a section of railroad track that is claimed to be haunted by a brakeman, known as the Moonville Ghost. He was killed while he was supposedly drunk and trying to stop a train near the Moonville Tunnel by waving his lantern. He was buried in the Moonville graveyard, but reportedly, he can still be seen waving his lantern trying to stop that train.



- D. You are standing in what once was Ingham Station, a small mining community along the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad. The backpack trail intersects with the Moonville Rail Trail at this location.
 - E. The small, doughnut-shaped mound is a ceremonial ring that was built and used by the Native Americans of the Adena group.
 - F. This selective harvest was completed in 2012. The purpose of the harvest was to remove trees that were stressed, damaged or inhibiting the growth of better-quality trees.
 - G. Side trail intersection with main trail. The vertical grooves in the sandstone outcropping are drilling marks left from when the site was used as a stone quarry.
 - H. Ogg Hollow
 - I. Trail intersection with State Route 278.
 - J. This is an old auger mine area. To the southeast, people can still see remnants of the trolley car railway that was used to haul coal mined from the site.
 - K. This mixed pine stand is known as the Doolittle Forest. It was started in 1906 and contains the largest eastern white pine trees in the state.
 - L. Trail intersection with State Route 56
 - M. Trail intersection with Irish Ridge Road.
 - N. Iron Furnace trailhead parking
 - O. Main trail intersection with side trail
- We hope our hikers enjoy their hiking or backpacking trip. If you have any suggestions or questions about what you have seen on the trail, go to the Forest Headquarters or call 740-596-5781 to speak with the manager of Zaleski State Forest.

Remembering Selinde Roosenburg

This backpack trail is named after Selinde Roosenburg, who worked for Ohio DNR as a forest technician at Zaleski State Forest and trained as a wildland firefighter in Washington. Described by colleagues as positive, outgoing, and optimistic, Selinde never met a stranger. In March of 2021, Selinde tragically died from injuries sustained as a passenger in a UTV rollover, while working on a prescribed burn at Richland Furnace State Forest. None of the firefighters in the UTV were wearing seatbelts. This hiking trail is dedicated to her memory and as a reminder to forestry crews to ensure everyone goes home safely.



Backpack Trail Rules

1. People may camp only in the designated campground areas shown on the map.
2. A self-registration permit (no fee) is required of all hikers. The permit, which must be filled out prior to entering the trail, is available on the trail parking area 24-hours a day (Point A and N). Place the completed permit in the registration box provided and carry the stub on the trail.
3. No person is permitted to camp more than 14 days in any 30-day period. Camps must be moved to a different backpack campground each day.
4. Domestic cats and dogs are permitted in the backpack campgrounds and on the trail, provided they are leashed or under control at all times.
5. Fires are prohibited, except in designated fire rings or in portable stoves. Fires must be attended at all times. Cutting of trees is prohibited.
6. Camps must be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner and condition. All refuse must be packed out for proper disposal.
7. No person may disturb the peace and quiet of other people in the campgrounds in any manner between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.

