

Pike State Forest APV Area

The Pike Forest APV Area is one of four operated by the Ohio Division of Forestry. The area is located on State Route 124, three miles east of Sinking Spring, Ohio.

The Novice Areas are large open fields that are recommended for inexperienced riders. Approximately 20 miles of trails traverse all types of terrain from flat bottoms to steep ridges. These trails should only be attempted by experienced riders.



APV Area Rule Summary

1. Trail bikes, motorcycles, and all-purpose vehicles are the only vehicles permitted in the designated trail areas. Each vehicle shall display a valid APV or highway license. You should bring a copy of your registration with you. (Put it in a waterproof bag and store it under your seat with your tool kit).
2. APVs shall be operated only within the designated area.
3. No person shall operate an APV having a width greater than 62 inches.
4. The APV area is open for riding from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.
5. The APV area at Pike State Forest is closed beginning on the second Monday morning in December and reopens on the first Friday morning in April.
6. All transport vehicles and trailers should be parked in the designated parking area for safety concerns.
7. Maximum speed limits are 5mph 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.
8. All operators shall wear protective headgear and eye protection.
9. All operators shall 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.

10. All vehicles shall be equipped with adequate brakes, mufflers, and spark arrestors.
11. No person who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs of abuse shall operate an APV.
12. 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.
13. Operators of APVs shall not carry or transport any firearms or other weapons that are not unloaded and securely encased.
14. No APV shall be used to carry more passengers than the vehicle was designed to carry. Contact your manufacturer for ride capacity.
15. No races or contests are permitted in the APV area.
16. Operators must report any accidents to the forest headquarters within 24 hours. For accidents at Pike or Richland Furnace, please call the Southern District office at (740) 774-1596. This is in addition to the reports necessary to be made to the local law enforcement authorities. Call 911 in an emergency.
17. For more information on titling and registering your APV, visit bmv.ohio.gov
18. OAC 1501:3-4 Motor Vehicles

VIOLATING FOREST RULES COULD LEAD TO CITATIONS AND FINES, COURT APPEARANCE, OR ARREST.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Location - Pike State Forest APV Area
State Route 124
Mifflin Township, Pike County

Closest Payphone - Long's Retreat

Emergency Squad - Call 911

Pike County Sheriff - Call 911

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PIKE State Forest APV Trail Map

All data contained in this map is believed to be correct but not warranted.
State forest boundary lines are marked with signs and/or yellow paint marks on trees.
Map reviewed and approved by Dan Balsler, Chief ODNR Division of Forestry, 08/2019

