

Welcome to Fernwood State Forest

History

The 2,107-acre Fernwood State Forest was purchased in 1961. A substantial portion of the land has been strip mined for coal. However, the production of acid mine water is minimal because of the neutralizing effect of limestone deposits. The majority of unstriped lands are located on ridges or in valleys, and are in forest cover. Subsequent reforestation and installation of recreation facilities, funded through the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 and the Ohio Capital Improvements program, have restored the area to a beautiful, healthy forest, providing visitors with many outdoor recreational opportunities.

Camping

Hidden Hollow Campground, with 22 family campsites, is equipped with picnic tables, fire rings, drinking water and vault latrines. Campers must select a site; a forest officer will collect fees, issue permits, and familiarize visitors with camping regulations.

Land Lab

Located just outside the perimeter of the Hidden Hollow Campground is the Fernwood State Forest Land Lab. The land lab is the result of a joint venture between ODNR, Division of Forestry, the Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Jefferson County Conservation Education Committee. The land lab is used to promote natural resource and environmental education.



Day Use Activity

A three-mile hiking trail loops around most of Fernwood's largest tract. Picnic tables located in several areas, and the Little Round Top Picnic area provide forest users with ample opportunities to relax, eat, and enjoy the forest's natural beauty. Two scenic vistas provide breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside. Parking areas are located throughout in the forest area.

Fishing and Hunting

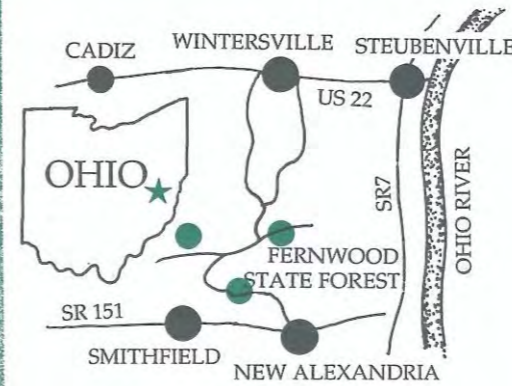
The forest is open to public fishing and hunting under Division of Wildlife regulations. Many ponds are scattered throughout the area and have been stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish. Hunters pursue white-tailed deer and many small game species including squirrel, rabbit, and grouse. Hunting is not permitted within 400 feet of any camping area, residence or structure, and firearms may not be discharged on, from or across any road or driveway. Three shooting ranges are located southwest of the Hidden Hollow Campground. There are separate areas for pistol, rifle and trap shooting. Users need to furnish their own targets (paper or clay only), and must clean up their casings and debris before leaving. Ranges are open daily from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

Motor Vehicles

The operation of motor vehicles is not permitted off designated roadways.



LOCATION



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fernwood State Forest
2205 Reiser Avenue S.E.
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

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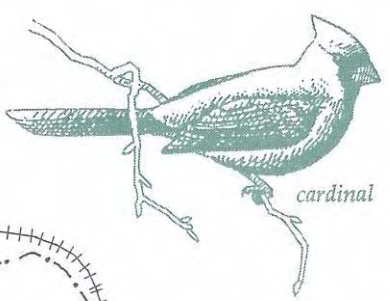
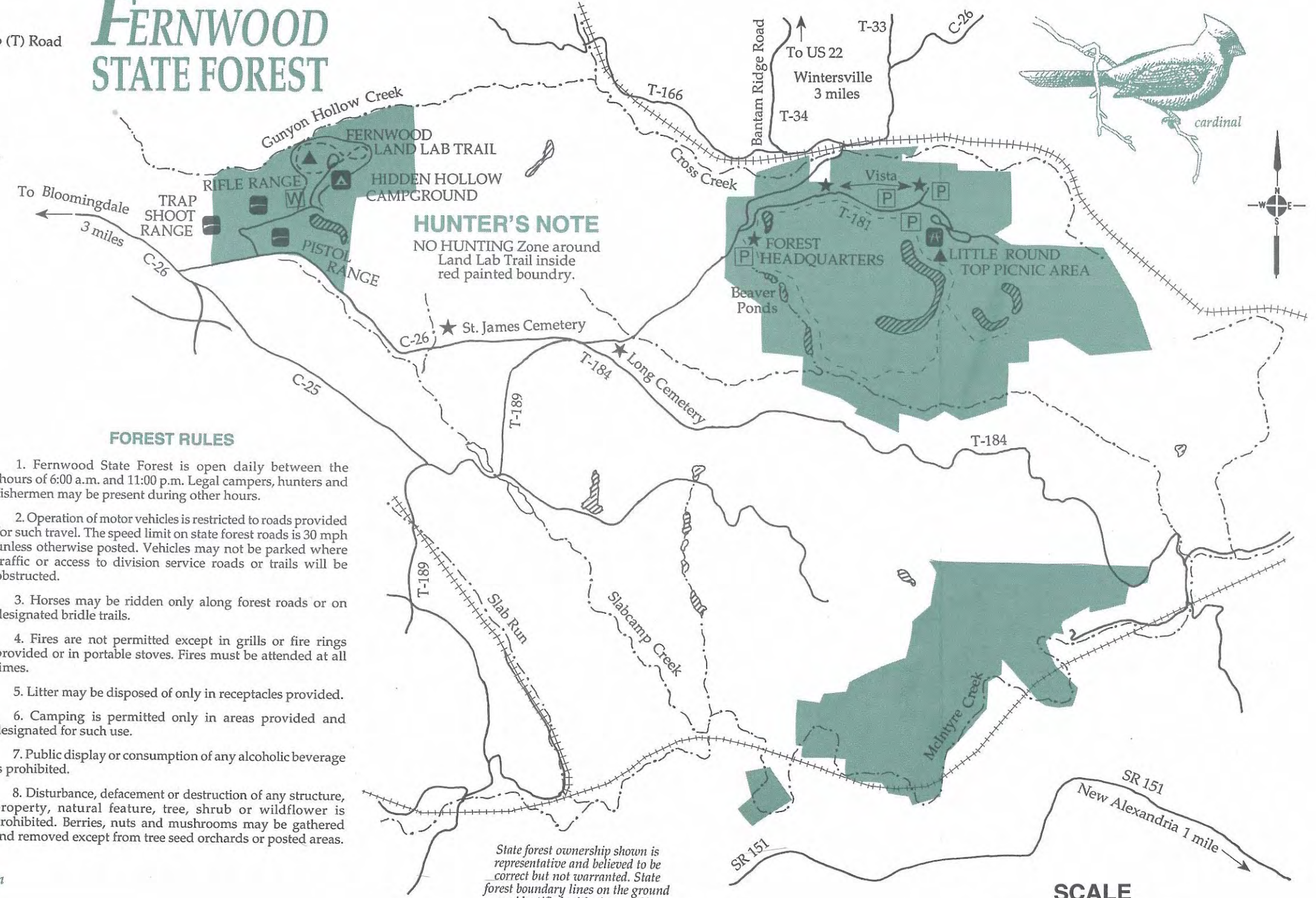


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LEGEND

- County (C) or Township (T) Road
- State Forest Land
- Railroad
- ~ Stream, Creek, River
- ▨ Pond
- ★ Point of Interest, Facility
- - - Hiking Trail
- ▲ Campground
- ⊕ Picnic Area
- Shooting Ranges
- P Parking
- W Drinking Water
- ▲ Latrine
- Private Land

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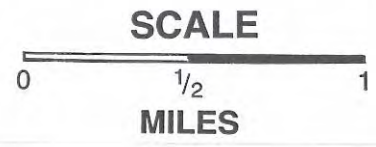
HUNTER'S NOTE

NO HUNTING Zone around Land Lab Trail inside red painted boundary.

FOREST RULES

1. Fernwood State Forest is open daily between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 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. Litter may be disposed of only in receptacles provided.
6. Camping is permitted only in areas provided and designated for such use.
7. Public display or consumption of any alcoholic beverage 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.

State forest ownership shown is 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.



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