



## Camp the Wayne National Forest

Each of the three units of the Wayne National Forest (NF) have opportunities for camping. The Wayne also offers a wide spectrum of camping experiences, from full service developed campgrounds with all the amenities, to backpack camping in most of the Forest's areas.

### Primitive Camping

Whether you backpack in or camp along a roadside out of your vehicle, if the area has no improvements for camping, it is called primitive camping.



Primitive Camping is allowed on NF land away from developed campgrounds and anywhere that your camping equipment and/or vehicle do not block developed trails or road right-of-ways.

Plan to bring enough drinking water for the duration of your stay. We do not recommend filtering water in streams and ponds due to the high metal content in our water from past mining.

Leave a clean campsite by packing out all refuse. There is no charge for primitive camping, although a 14-day limitation is in effect. It is not normally necessary to check in with the Forest Service. However, groups larger than 25 people require a permit and prior coordination.

## Contact Us

The Wayne has three offices to serve visitors. Office hours are 8 - 4:30 Monday through Friday.

**Athens Ranger District**  
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Nelsonville, OH 45764  
Phone: 740-753-0101

**Marietta Unit Office**  
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Marietta, OH 45750  
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**Ironton Ranger District**  
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Pedro, OH 45659  
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**website: [www.fs.usda.gov/wayne](http://www.fs.usda.gov/wayne)**

Facebook:  
**<https://www.facebook.com/waynenationalforest>**



To help slow the spread of emerald ash borer and other invasive pests, no firewood may be transported onto Wayne National Forest lands, except commercially packaged wood with the USDA inspection label. You may collect a small amount (what can be carried by hand) of down and dead firewood to be used at your recreation site.

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## Leave No Trace Principles

The Wayne encourages people to practice the Leave No Trace Principles of outdoor ethics while camping. Further information on some of these principles are provided.

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces, Avoid Wet Areas or Shorelines.
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife and Control your Pets
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors

## Campfires

Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the forest. A lightweight stove may be preferable for cooking and a candle lantern for light.

However, small, open fires are permitted except during extremely high fire danger. No special permits are required. Please use extreme caution with campfires and make sure they are dead out before vacating the campsite.

Use only dead and down material for firewood. Cutting or defacing live trees or shrubs is prohibited. Campfires are not allowed within rock shelters.

## Dispose of Waste

- Pack it in, pack it out.
- Deposit solid human waste in cat holes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails.
- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.
- To wash yourself and dishes, carry water 200 feet

away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

## Trailheads

Camping is also allowed at trailheads, however the primary purpose of the trailheads is for parking. Be considerate of others and do not block access to roads, trails, or trailheads.

Remember, if you camp at the trailheads, you can build a campfire as long as you have a 10-foot clearance around it and put a ring around it with rocks. Fires must be extinguished before leaving camp. No bonfires are allowed. No standing or green trees may be cut. Check the bulletin boards to ensure no fire bans are in effect.

There are one or more trailheads for each of the trails on the Wayne. Please refer to the trail maps for exact locations of these trailheads.

## Campgrounds

Each of the three units of the Wayne NF have campgrounds. The level of services vary at these campgrounds from full service to those with reduced services. Some full service campgrounds may have reduced services during winter months. Full service campgrounds provide drinking water, tables, fire rings, and toilets. They may also provide electrical outlets and other amenities.

The following full-service campgrounds are organized by unit:

**Athens Unit:** Burr Oak Cove

(detailed information in this brochure)

**Marietta Unit:** Leith Run - a campground with 18 elect. sites & 3 tent sites located on the banks of the Ohio River, 18 miles north of Marietta. This recreation area has its own brochure.

**Ironton Unit:** Vesuvius Lake Recreation Area

located 6.5 miles north of Ironton has its own brochure. This area includes three camp grounds; Iron Ridge with 32 sites, Oak Hill with 28 sites, and the Two Points Group Camp. A separate brochure covers the Vesuvius Recreation Area.

There are also reduced service campgrounds on each of the units.

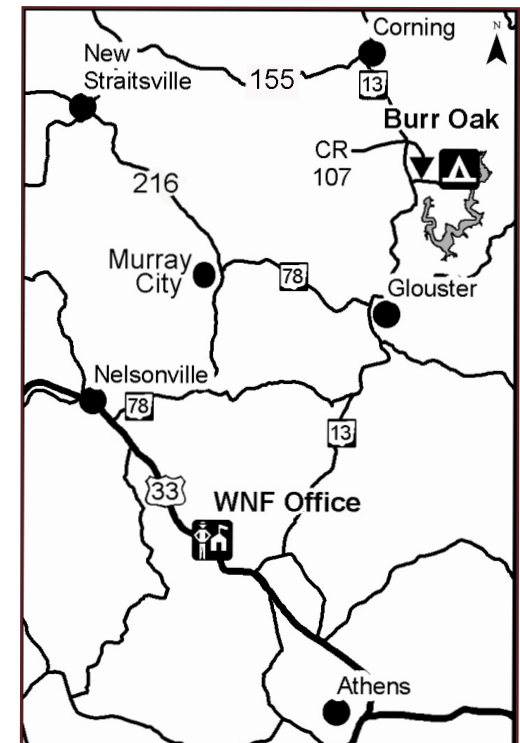
**Athens Unit:** Stone Church Horsecamp  
(detailed information in this brochure)

**Marietta Unit:** Lamping Homestead, Lane Farm, Hune Bridge, and Ring Mill  
(detailed information in this brochure)

**Ironton Unit:** Timbre Ridge Lake which has its own brochure and Paddle Creek Horse Camp.

## ATHENS UNIT Burr Oak Cove

Located 0.5 mile east of Hwy 13 on County Road 107, Burr Oak Cove is a small wooded campground



## Burr Oak Cove (*Continued*)

on the northwest tip of Burr Oak Reservoir.

The campground has 19 camping units, including walk-in sites which offer additional seclusion to the camper looking for solitude. One barrier free campsite is available.

Drinking water, pit toilets, tables, and fire rings are provided on the site. The campground opens in the spring, and remains open until after deer season in the fall. The water is turned off when temperatures start to drop in early fall. When the water is shut off, camping fees are reduced.

Burr Oak Cove is only a short distance from the Burr Oak Reservoir. The one-mile Lake View Trail provides easy access to the lake.

For the backpacker, Burr Oak Cove is along the North Country/Buckeye Trail. The North Country Trail is a National Scenic Trail from New York to North Dakota and the Buckeye Trail is a 1,200 mile trail encircling Ohio.

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## MARIETTA UNIT

### Lamping Homestead

This campground is located on S.R. 537, two miles off SR 26 (approximately 35 miles from Marietta).

The secluded recreation area was once the farmstead of the Lamping family who homesteaded this area in the 1800s. The site has 11 walk-in campsites, 8 picnic sites and a picnic shelter. There are two loop trails for hiking, one is 3½ miles long, the other is 1½ miles. A two-acre pond at the site is stocked with bluegill, bass, and catfish. The water in the pond and streams is unsafe for human consumption. Carry in your water supply.

## Stone Church Horsecamp

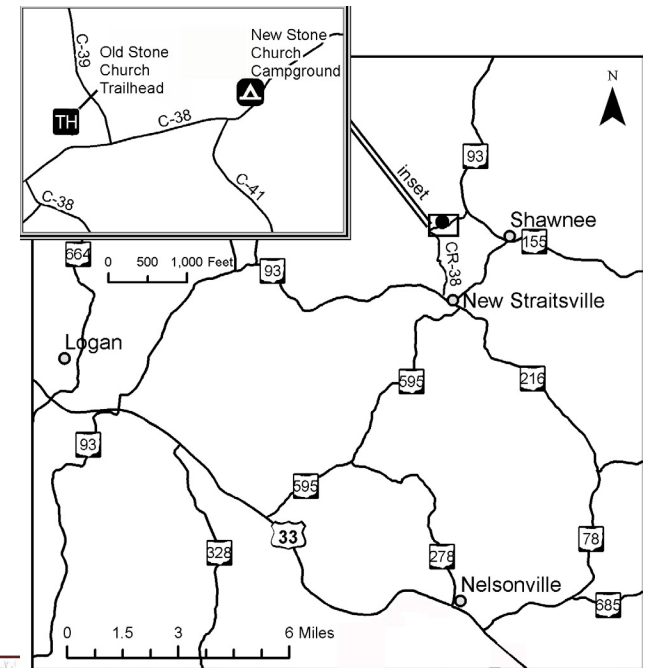
Named for the skeletal ruins of an old stone church nearby, this campground serves a 22.5-mile horse trail system but camping for all users is allowed.

A trailhead and campground are both provided just off C-38 (Old Town Road). The Stone Church trailhead, just west of C-39 (Stone Church Hollow Road) is open for camping from 4/15 through 12/15.

At the campground, 10 sites are provided, each 45' long by 15' wide. Two sites are accessible for people with disabilities. Each site has a covered paddock, fire pit, grill, and tent pad. A vault toilet is available.

Drinking water for horses is provided in a tank, but bring buckets or jugs to carry water. Drinking water is not provided for people.

Before vacating your campsite, clean out the paddocks and put manure in the manure bin.



Stone Church Horsecamp vicinity map and photograph of campground.



More information on the rules for camping and fees may be found on the Wayne National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/wayne](http://www.fs.usda.gov/wayne).

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# Covered Bridge Scenic Byway Campgrounds

The Covered Bridge Scenic Byway follows SR 26 from Marietta to Woodsfield, Ohio. For most of its length, it parallels the Little Muskingum River. This byway traverses some of Ohio's most beautiful countryside. If you choose to stop along its route, to camp and savor the natural beauty of this area, there are four campgrounds to select from. Lamping Homestead is also on the scenic byway.

Each of the four campgrounds are along the Little Muskingum River and each offer something a little different. Drinking water is not available at any of these sites, but each have pit toilets, tables, and fire rings provided. There is no fee for camping at any of these sites.

**Lane Farm**--Formerly the Lane family farm, this small campground is approximately five miles north of Marietta. The site has four campsites on the Little Muskingum, and a trailhead for the North Country Trail.

**Hune Bridge**--Located approximately 12 miles north of Marietta, access to this site from SR 26 is adjacent to the historic Hune Covered Bridge. Three camping sites lie just below the covered bridge. This campground is also a canoe access point and trailhead for a five mile hiking trail to Haight Run, or via a connector trail, to the North Country Trail.

**Ring Mill**--This site was once a mill and farmstead. The mill is now gone, but the stone house of its original owner, built in 1846, is still located at the site. The house is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Ring Mill campground is three miles off SR 26, on County Road 68 (32 miles north of Marietta.) It has three campsites and a picnic shelter. The site is adjacent to the Little Muskingum River and is a trailhead for the North Country Trail.

