

Athens Ranger District - Athens Unit
Wildcat Hollow Trail

17.2 miles

One of the District's most popular hiking trails. The scenic trail winds along ridgetops and stream bottoms; allowing the hiker to venture through white pine plantations, open meadows, deep deciduous forests, along quiet streams, and rock outcroppings.

To reach the trail, follow the signs from State Route 13 between Corning and Glouster. A parking area at the southern end of the trail network accesses

the first loop of the trail. The trail offers a 5 and 17 mile option for hikers and is marked with white diamonds.

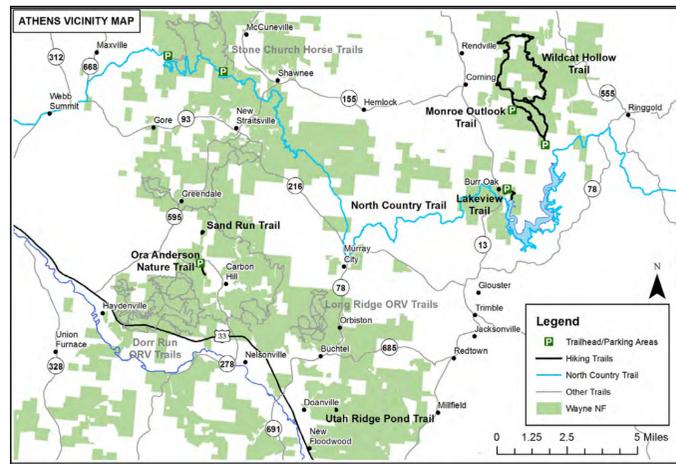
In addition to the wildflowers and wildlife you may encounter along the trail, you'll also pass the ruins of a one room schoolhouse, an oil well site, an abandoned farmhouse, and a variety of Forest management activities.

Trailhead: 39°34'22"N 82°15'58"W

Athens Ranger District - Athens Unit
Monroe Outlook Trails

0.1 mile

This nearby trail that climbs to the highest point of

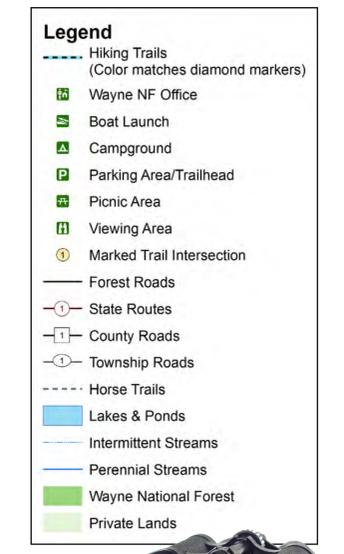


The only trail on the Athens Unit not described on this map is the **Utah Ridge Pond Trail** which is a 0.3 mile hiking-only trail that circles the pond as shown on the vicinity map above.

Athens Ranger District - Athens Unit
North Country Trail

42.2 miles

The section of the *North Country Trail (NCT)* through the Athens Unit follows roads and trails. Watch for mileage to change when trails are re-located off of roads. The NCT is co-located with the Buckeye Trail and American Discovery Trail. Bikes are not allowed on the Athens unit of the NCT.



Monroe Township. The overlook offers a 360 degree view of the landscape. The trail is only 0.1 mile long, maintained by the Little Cities of the Forest Collaborative, Miller High School, and the Wayne. Along this trail, you'll see different stages of forest succession, each providing different habitat for wildlife.

Bring your binoculars for both of these trails.

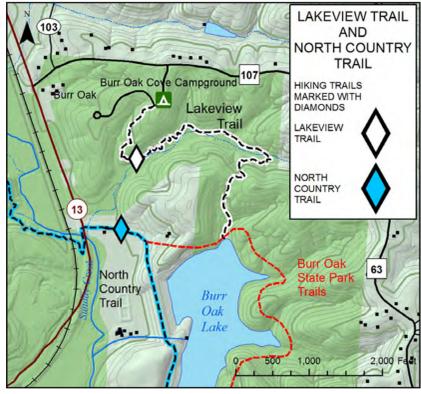
Trailhead: 39°35'26"N 82°03'17"W

Athens Ranger District - Athens Unit
Lakeview Trail

1.2 mile

This trail connects the Burr Oak Cove Campground with Burr Oak Lake. This scenic trail winds down a ridge, along a stream, then over another hill to reach the lake. It is a moderately difficult trail. Take a fishing pole and check out the lake.

Burr Oak Campground: 39°32'59"N 82°03'28"W



Athens Ranger District - Athens Unit
Sand Run Pond Trail

0.3 mile

This short trail circles Sand Run Pond under tall white pines.

Sand Run Pond: 39°31'33"N 82°15'34"W

Athens Ranger District - Athens Unit
Ora E. Anderson Nature Trail

0.5 mile

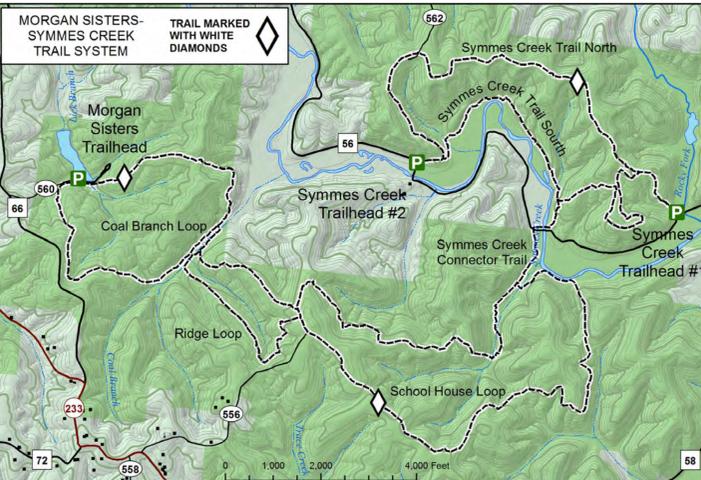
This fully accessible surfaced trail is built on an abandoned railroad bed. The first portion of the trail lies between the wetland and the Monday Creek bottomland. Further down the trail, visitors will walk through a pine plantation, a hardwood forest, and along a pond.

Wildlife abounds! The district office has a list of bird species you are likely to see so bring your binoculars. Enjoy the artwork and poetry as you stroll along this interpretive nature trail.

Trailhead: 39°30'35"N 82°15'42"W



Birdwatching on the Ora E. Anderson Nature Trail



Ironton Ranger District
Symmes Creek and Morgan Sisters Trails

14 total miles

The 6 trails in the *Morgan Sisters - Symmes Creek Trail System* are located in Gallia County, Ohio near Patriot. The trails travel through dense vegetation and over hilly rough terrain. Elevation varies 280 feet from Symmes Creek to the highest point on School House Loop.

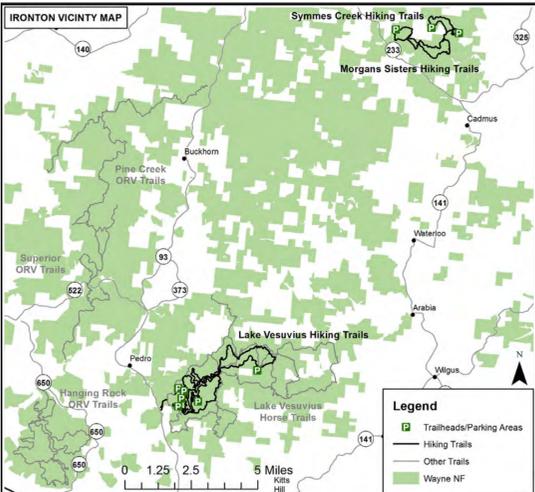
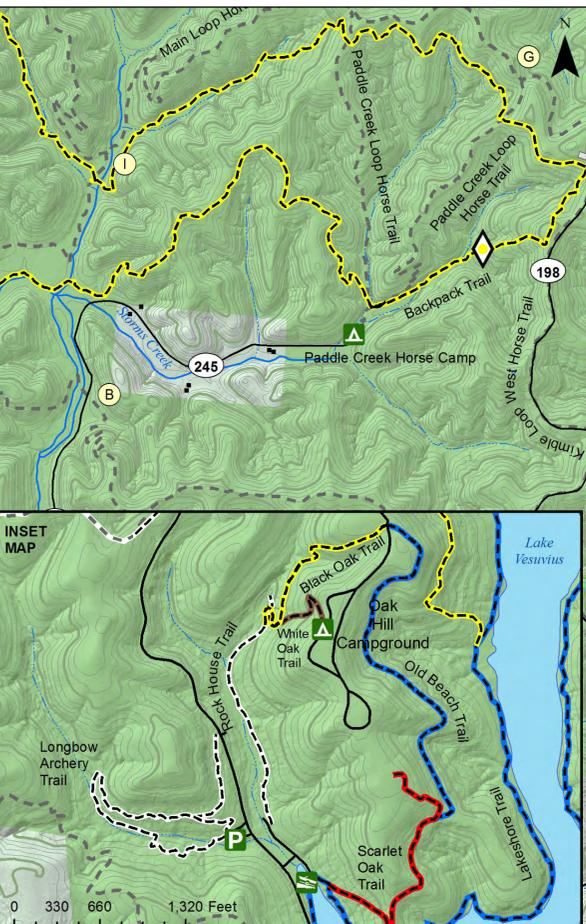
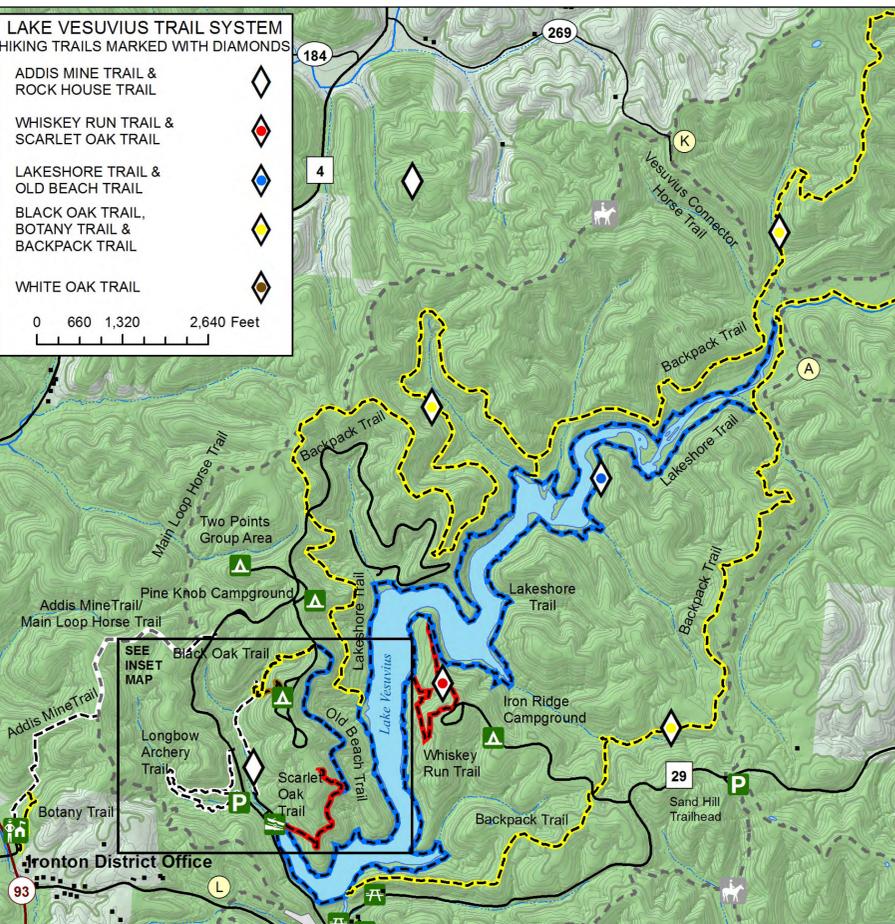
Symmes Creek North and Symmes Creek South Trails are on the east side of the creek and form a 4.53 mile loop. These trails wind through a variety of forest types,



along ridgetops, and with occasional overlooks. Along Symmes Creek there are large rock outcroppings and natural wetlands.

Coal Branch, Ridge, and School House Loop Trails make up the Morgan Sisters Trail System and are located on the west side of Symmes Creek. These trails are linked to the two Symmes Creek trails by a short connector trail. The Morgan Sisters Trails wind through mature woods with old home sites along the trail, reminders of the Forest's past.

- Three trailheads can be used to access the Morgan Sisters - Symmes Creek trails.
- Morgan Sisters Trailhead 38°49'3"N 82°29'20"W
 - Symmes Creek TH #1 38°48'58"N 82°26'42"W
 - Symmes Creek TH #2 38°49'7"N 82°27'51"W



Ironton Ranger District
Lake Vesuvius Hiking Trails

Location: 82°37'54"W, 38°36'15"N

Vesuvius Backpack Trail

17.28 miles

This trail winds through some of the most striking landscapes in Ohio. It takes you through open fields, brushland, mature forest, and along the lakeshore. The terrain is somewhat rugged and the vegetation may be dense.

Lakeshore Trail

8.25 miles

The scenic trail follows the shore of Lake Vesuvius. Follow the trail along rock bluffs, under overhanging hemlock, across foot bridges, across the lake's dam, and over the boardwalk. This trail can take more than 4 hours to hike so bring plenty of water.

Addis Mine/Botany Trail

0.93 mile

The Addis Mine Trail links the Ironton



Ironton Ranger District
Whiskey Run Trail

0.85 mile

This trail is perfect for families out for a short day hike. It connects the Lakeshore Trail and Iron Ridge Campground. The loop trail passes abandoned charcoal pits, remnants of a whiskey still and parts of old whiskey barrels.

Longbow Archery Trail

0.78 mile

This trail has two segments, the long gravel loop is 0.62 mile with 18 archery targets, some three dimensional. A shorter loop is level with crushed limestone designed for accessibility. There are 10 targets with bow hangers and benches on this section.

Rock House Trail

0.42 mile

The trail begins at the upper end of the boat launch

parking area and winds through fascinating geologic formations, a natural rock shelter, and large boulders. It is one of the most scenic trails in the area and part is wheelchair accessible, with boardwalks and paved trail.

Wayne National Forest Trails

Trail Name	Length (Miles)
ATHENS RANGER DISTRICT - ATHENS UNIT	
North Country Trail	42.2
Lakeview	1.2
Monroe Outlook	0.1
Ora E. Anderson	0.5
Sand Run Pond	0.3
Utah Ridge Pond	0.3
Wildcat Hollow	17.2
ATHENS RANGER DISTRICT - MARIETTA UNIT	
9 Bell	3.2
Archers Fork (NCT) Loop	11.0
Covered Bridge	4.8
Green Wood	7.5
Jackson Run	4.7
Lamping Homestead	4.2
Leith Run Gazebo	0.4
North Country Trail	63.8
Ohio View	8.8
Scenic River	4.4
Shay Ridge (Connector Trail)	3.5
IRONTON RANGER DISTRICT	
Addis Mine	1.2
Longbow Archery	0.8
Morgan Sisters	8.7
Rock House	0.4
Oak Hill Campground	1.5
Symmes Creek	4.5
Symmes Creek Connector	0.5
Vesuvius Backpack	17.3
Vesuvius Lakeshore	8.3
Whiskey Run	0.9

Welcome to the Wayne National Forest

The trails on the Wayne offer a variety of distances and challenges. Some trails are open to hiking and mountain biking. Some are reserved for hikers only. Please note which uses are allowed on each trail. **Permits are required for mountain bikes**, which are only allowed on the trails from April 15 to December 15.

From the rugged hills along the Ohio River on the North Country Trail, to the flat trails-to-trail hike along the Ora E. Anderson Nature Trail, there is something for everyone.

Hike and bike into the interior of the Forest and enjoy the Appalachian foothills at their tranquil best. Explore the hills and coves where memories are waiting to be made. You'll see remnants of our heritage, such as old house sites and abandoned charcoal pits, and rows of rocks piled up by farmers a century ago. You'll also experience the natural beauty of wildflowers, rock formations, big trees, butterflies, and wildlife.

We hope you'll enjoy every turn of the trail.

Be Safe:

- Use a steady pace and plan your travel. We recommend you not get out of sight of the trail. Bikers **MUST** stay on the trail.
- Keep this map with you so you can check landmarks.
- Carry a water supply with you. Do not drink the water in our springs and streams, it is not safe due to past mining practices in our watersheds.
- Stream crossings are usually shallow and safe; however, after heavy rains they may be deep and fast moving. Be careful.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Be aware that there are snakes in the area, though most are not aggressive or poisonous. There are also mosquitos, chiggers, ticks, and yellow jackets; so you may want to bring a repellent. Ticks occasionally carry various diseases; be alert for symptoms following a tick bite.
- Some plants also cause allergic reactions. The most prevalent is poison ivy, so learn what to watch for.
- Use caution during hunting seasons. Blaze orange clothing is recommended (do not wear white) during deer season.
- Limbs and trees can fall on the trail at any time, especially on windy days. Stay alert.
- If a parking lot is not available where you wish to access a trail, be sure your vehicle is well off the road. If you use a road as part of your trip, be mindful of traffic.
- Please do not block any forest gates.

Camping

Camping is allowed anywhere on the Wayne. The exception is when you are within a developed recreation area you must camp in designated sites. Trail corridors often get close to private land, which is interspersed with national forest. Please respect the rights of these owners.

If you camp along the trail, do not cut vegetation. Portable camp stoves are recommended. If you build a campfire, first construct a fire ring, and burn only dead wood picked up from the forest floor. Never leave a campfire unattended, and make sure it is out cold before you leave.

Groups larger than 25 require a permit and prior coordination. Call one of our offices for information.

Hunting and Fishing

Fishing and hunting are allowed on the Forest and several of our trails are near fishable streams or lakes. State licenses are required, and activities are regulated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

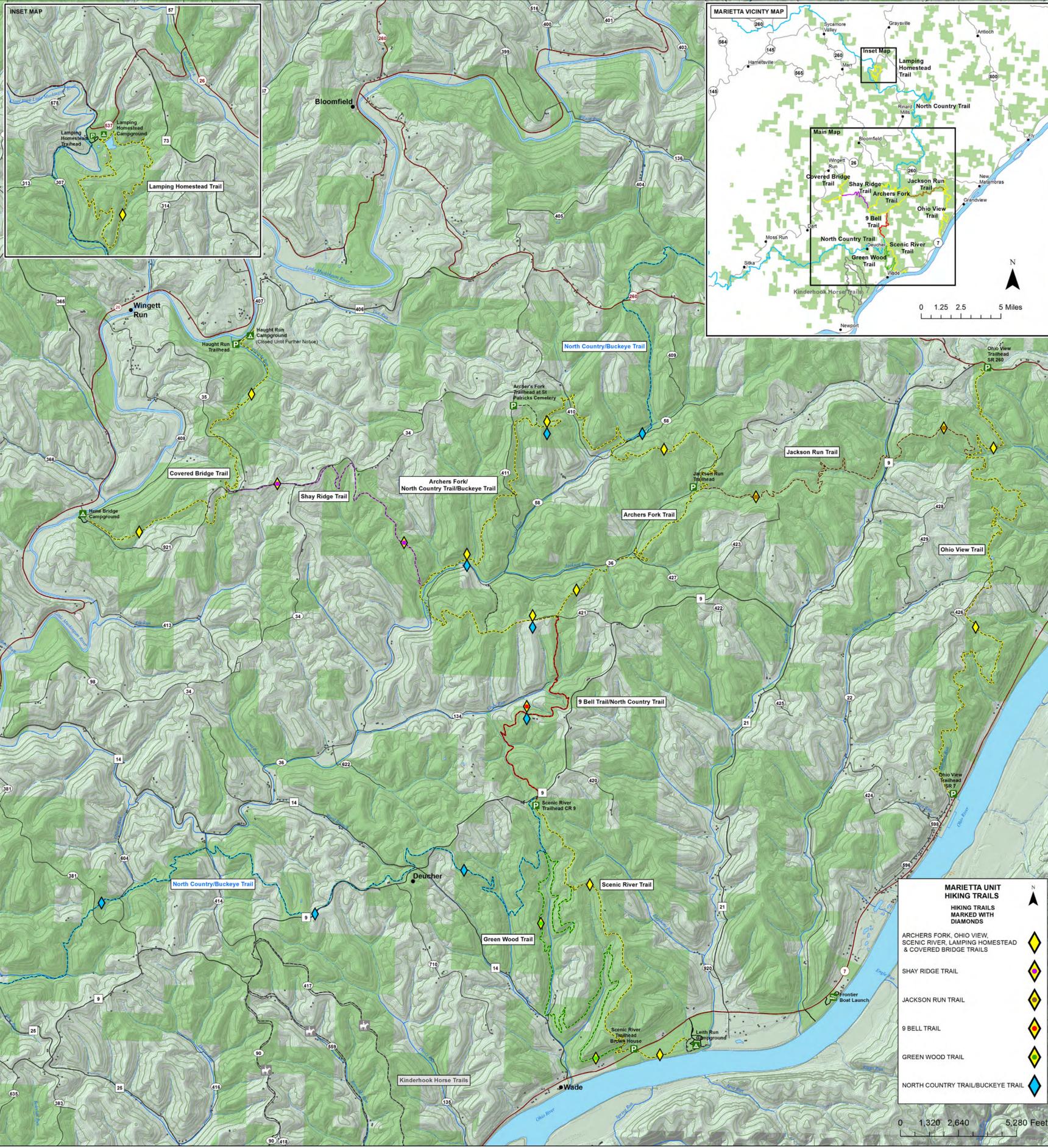
Hunters may not discharge weapons across trails, trailheads, or roads or in any occupied area.

Volunteers

If you are interested in helping to maintain a trail, contact one of the Forest offices.

Legend

- Hiking Trails (Color matches diamond markers)
- Wayne NF Office
- Boat Launch
- Campground
- Parking Area/Trailhead
- Picnic Area
- Viewing Area
- Marked Trail Intersection
- Forest Roads
- State Routes
- County Roads
- Township Roads
- Horse Trails
- Lakes & Ponds
- Intermittent Streams
- Perennial Streams
- Wayne National Forest
- Private Lands



Wayne National Forest Hiking, Backpacking, and Mountain Bike Trails



Cover bike photo courtesy of River Valley Mountain Bike Association



The trails are managed from three Wayne National Forest offices:

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| Athens Ranger District
13700 U.S. Highway 33
Nelsonville, OH 45764
Phone: 740-753-0101 | Ironton Ranger District
6518 State Route 93
Pedro, OH 45659
Phone: 740-534-6500 |
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- Athens Ranger District
Marietta Unit -
27515 State Route 7
Marietta, OH 45750
Phone: 740-373-9055

Federal relay system for the deaf and hearing impaired:
1-800-877-8339
website: www.fs.usda.gov/wayne

In case of emergency call 911 or the local Sheriff's Office:

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| Athens County 740-593-6633 | Hocking County 740-385-2131 |
| Perry County 740-342-4123 | Lawrence County 740-532-3525 |
| Monroe County 740-472-1612 | Washington County 740-376-7070 |

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Leave No Trace Principles

Visitors are encouraged to practice the Leave No Trace Principles of outdoor ethics while hiking or biking on the Forest.

- 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 is preferable for cooking and a candle lantern for light.

Small, open fires are permitted except during extremely high fire danger. No special permits are required. Build a fire ring, and use extreme caution with campfires; making sure they are out cold before leaving the campsite. Keep fires 150 feet from any trail.

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.

Athens Ranger District - Marietta Unit

Lamping Homestead Trail

 4.2 miles
This trail is perfect for those looking for a tranquil setting. Nestled in the hills, this was the site the Lamping family chose to homestead in the 1800s. Now a campground, picnic area, fishable lake, and trail make this a quiet get-away. The nearby Clear Fork Creek, a tributary of the Little Muskingum River, is also popular for fishing and wading.

As the trail meanders through big pine and old forest stands, you can stop at overlooks and view areas that may not look much different than they did to the Lamping family in the early 1800s.

Trailhead: 39°37'50"N; 81°11'23"W



Photo courtesy of River Valley Mountain Bike Association

Riding the NCT.
tion of trail south of State Route 260 is popular with mountain bikes.

9 Bell Trail

 3.2 mile
This is the center portion of the NCT through the Marietta Unit connecting County Road 9 and the Bell Cemetery Road.

Trailhead: 39°28'27"N; 81°10'38"W

Covered Bridge Trail

 4.8 miles

This trail combines rich history with the outstanding natural beauty of the area. A covered bridge is found at each end of the trail. Each of the bridges is over 100 years old and are among



Hune Covered Bridge

the few remaining of the 3,548 covered bridges once found in Ohio. Take time to examine their craftsmanship. These durable bridges are a distinct part of Americana.

Each of these bridges provides access points to the river, parking, picnicking, toilet facilities, and primitive campsites.

Haught Run Bridge: 39°31'53"N; 81°13'32"W
Hune Bridge: 39°30'37"N; 81°15'1"W

Green Wood Trail

 7.5 miles

This trail connects with the Scenic River Trail, creating an 11.9-mile loop. Highlights of this trail include vistas of the Ohio River and an amazing stone chimney and hearth that remain along the trail, witnesses to another time when a pioneer family homesteaded these hills.

Archers Fork

 11 miles

The primary trailhead is next to the historic St. Patrick's Cemetery. This loop trail is possibly the Wayne's most scenic section of the NCT, and is also among the most rugged and unique. The trail passes numerous rock

shelters and outcroppings including the Great Cave Rock-shelter and vintage oil and gas wells.

The most significant point of interest on the trail is the Irish Run Natural Bridge. Located on the upper slope of a steep hollow, erosion and weathering have created a hole beneath solid rock. It is one of only seven natural bridges in Ohio. The arch is 51 feet long, 16 feet thick and 39 feet above the ground.

St. Patrick's Cemetery TH: 39°31'26"N; 81°10'51"W

Shay Ridge Trail

 3.5 miles

This connector trail links the Covered Bridge trail to the Archers Fork loop. It optimizes the opportunity to enjoy some of the Wayne's premier trails.

Ohio View Trail

 8.8 miles

This trail begins in the Ohio River bottomland and climbs

the slopes of the valley to an overlook high above the river. There are spectacular views of the Ohio River valley as the trail climbs through shady coves, crosses brooks, and weaves through interesting rock outcrops.

Trailhead SR 7: 39°28'32"N; 81°6'35"W

Scenic River Trail

 4.4 miles

The trail begins along the historic Ohio River at Leith Run Recreation Area. It meanders through a bottomland field and then through a series of switchbacks, before climbing the steep hillside. As the trail weaves between boulders and along rock bluffs, hikers are able to view overlooks offering views of the river and the valley below.

Trailhead SR 7: 39°26'38"N; 81°9'40"W
Trailhead CR 9: 39°28'27"N; 81°10'38"W

Jackson Run Trail

 4.7 miles

This trail links the Ohio View Trail with the Archers Fork Trail making a nice long hike for backpackers looking for a challenging hike.

Trailhead: 39°30'49"N; 81°9'7"W

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