

# Wayne National Forest Off-Highway Vehicle Trails

The Wayne National Forest provides four challenging Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trail Systems for riders. The Monday Creek OHV Area is managed out of the Athens Ranger District. The Ironton Ranger District manages the Hanging Rock, Pine Creek, and Superior OHV Systems. The attached maps show the locations and configurations of the trails, loops, trailheads, parking areas, and helispots. Topography lines were included in order to give riders perspective on which trails provided a more challenging ride, or which might be more appropriate for a novice rider. Coordinates are provided for the trailheads.

**The Monday Creek OHV Area**, just north of Nelsonville, provides some 75 miles of trails for riding off-road vehicles and mountain bikes. Hiking is also welcomed.

There are five trailheads for the Monday Creek OHV area. This area also provides 10 helispots located strategically throughout the trail system. If a rider is critically injured, when calling for help, note the closest helispot. If you suspect a back or neck injury do NOT move the rider. A medical service team will fly in to assist. The helispots are listed on the subsequent maps.

**The Hanging Rock OHV Area**, just west of Ironton, provide 26 miles of trails. This area has only one trailhead. The labyrinth of trails in this area wind through a former strip mined area with 51 ponds and steep slopes.

**The Pine Creek OHV Area**, near Buckhorn, provides 20 miles of trails from three trailheads. This trail system ties into the Superior System. **The Superior OHV Area**, south of Pine Creek OHV area, provide an additional 13 miles of trails for riders.

## Tread Lightly on the Wayne N.F.

Travel only where motorized vehicles are permitted. Stay on designated trails.

Respect the rights of hikers, bicyclist, campers, and others to enjoy their activities undisturbed.

Educate yourself by obtaining travel maps and regulations, comply with signs and barriers, and ask owners' permission to cross private property. Learn the rules and follow them.

Avoid streams, wildlife, and horseback riders. Do not run over trees and shrubs or cut across a switchback.

Drive responsibly to protect the environment, and preserve opportunities to enjoy your vehicle on wild lands.

[www.atvsafety.org](http://www.atvsafety.org)



The OHV trails are managed out of two Wayne NF offices:

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



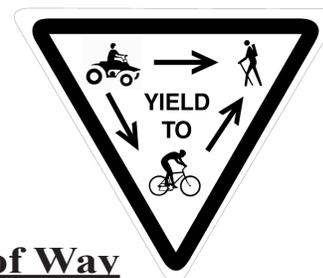
Federal relay system for the deaf and hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339

website: [www.fs.usda.gov/wayne](http://www.fs.usda.gov/wayne)



Designated off-road vehicle trails are marked with orange diamonds. Colored dots designate trail corridors.

Brown carsonite posts display informational symbols. The top letters are for the trail area. Below this is the difficulty rating and the direction referred to by the marker. An example is shown here.



## Yield the Right of Way

When riding your OHV, be alert for other trail users. Whenever possible, yield the right-of-way. Remember that all trails have two-way traffic. Be alert for oncoming traffic and blind curves.

## **We Need Your Help!**

- Adopt the Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly ethics. For more information on these programs, contact our office. Encourage others to practice these land ethics as well.
- Report vandalism - missing signs, unsafe conditions, suspicious vehicles, etc.
- Pick up after yourself and others, leave the area cleaner than you found it.
- Respect closed areas. Stay on the trail, cutting switch-backs damages trails and causes erosion.
- Consider volunteering for a work project. Several organized groups regularly volunteer on the OHV trails and would welcome your help to keep the trails a safe and enjoyable place to ride.
- Contact a Ranger District office if you wish to volunteer.

## **Laws and Regulations**

Riders must abide by Ohio State law and Forest Service regulations while riding on the Wayne NF.

### **Wayne NF Regulations**

- All riders, including passengers (16 years and older), must have a valid seasonal or daily trail permit for use of the area. These may be purchased from Wayne NF offices or local vendors.
- OHVs greater than 50 inches in width are not allowed on Wayne NF trails.
- All OHV riders are required to wear eye protection and a helmet that meets US Department of Transportation safety standards.
- OHV operators are prohibited from possessing an alcoholic beverage, as defined by state law, while operating an OHV, or within 100 feet of cleared edges of OHV trailheads. Possession is also prohibited within 100 feet of the centerline of the designated OHV trails, Company Road (FR 1985), Coe Road (FR 1980), FR 3602, Hanging Rock Road (FR 105), and Hanging Rock Spur Roads (FR 105 A, B, and C) as defined in the closure order maps posted on the website and at trailheads.
- **Off-road motorcycles and all-purpose vehicles are allowed only on designated trails marked with orange diamonds.**
- Trails are open for use from April 15th through December 15th each year. Seasonal trail closures are in place to prevent resource damage and limit maintenance costs. Hiking is allowed year-round.
- Do not camp within 100 feet of oil and gas wells, tanks, or exposed gas lines.
- Prohibit operating any vehicle including OHVs:
  - √ In an unsafe manner.
  - √ In a manner which damages or unreasonably disturbs soil, wildlife, or vegetation.
  - √ Without an operable braking system; for night use, a



## **In case of accidents:**

If another rider is critically injured, when calling for help, note the closest landmark to the victim's location. If you suspect a back or neck injury, do NOT move the rider. Medical assistance will be there as soon as possible.

### **Regulations, Cont....**

brake light is required.

√ From 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise unless equipped with working head and taillights.

√ With internal combustion engines not equipped with a properly installed USDA-approved spark arrester or exhaust system.

### **Riding on Roads**

Only licensed, street legal OHVs are allowed on county and township roads. State law provides that individual counties and townships may allow OHV use on berms and shoulders of county and township roads. To date, no permission had been granted within Wayne NF boundaries. For current status, contact the Wayne NF office or local sheriff's office.

### **Violations**

Laws and regulations are enforced by Forest, state and local law enforcement officers. Violators face up to a \$5,000 fine and/or 6 months imprisonment for each offense.

### **Summary - State of Ohio Laws**

- Any OHV rider 16 years of age or older must have a current valid drivers license. Riders under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a rider 18 years or older who possesses a valid drivers license. (A learner's permit is not considered a valid driver's license.)
- Ohio state registration is required of all off-road motorcycles and all-purpose vehicles (APV). Registration can be obtained at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles or from the Deputy Registrar. If you are from out-of-state, and your vehicle is registered in your home state, Ohio will grant reciprocity, otherwise, you must acquire a temporary APV sticker from these offices prior to riding on the Wayne NF.
- Please follow all state laws for transporting firearms and for carrying concealed handguns in Ohio.
- Prohibit operating an OHV when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- An OHV may not be used for pursuing, capturing or killing animals or fowl.

