

## Welcome to Dean State Forest

Acquisition of the first state forests began in 1916, originally to be used as a testing grounds for reforestation tree species. Land acquisition later broadened to include land of scenic and recreational values and to restore forest cover to land that had been abandoned and abused. Today, Ohio's 19 state forests cover over 177,000 acres and provide an abundance of benefits for everyone to enjoy.

With the advantage of 75 years of management, Ohio's foresters are enhancing nature's growth cycle and continuing to produce some of the finest hardwood trees in the world on state forest lands. But foresters' concerns go well beyond the trees. Evaluations of water, soil, wildlife habitat, age and condition of the vegetation, recreational opportunities, and aesthetics are considered when preparing the area management plans. This process insures that visitors may enjoy many outdoor activities including camping, hiking, horseback riding, wildlife watching, hunting and scenic touring.

### History

Located in the unglaciated hill country of extreme south central Ohio, Dean, one of Ohio's first state forests, was established in June 1916.

The early history of the region centered around Dutch and Irish farmers who emigrated from Pennsylvania. From the early 1800s to about 1900, most of the timber in the area was cut for charcoal to supply blast furnaces for the smelting of locally mined iron ore. The area had also been burned over many times by fires started along the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad which ran through the forest. Thus, when the land was purchased in 1916 for Dean State Forest, it was largely denuded of trees and was used as an early reforestation experimental area to determine the best species and planting methods. Several of the plantings, such as the white pine, red pine and tuliptree along State Route 373 in Texas Hollow, are visible results of those experiments and efforts.

In the early 1930s, a Civilian Conservation Camp was located on the forest. Supervised by the

Division of Forestry, camp personnel constructed and improved access roads and did much timber stand improvement work. Today, Dean contains an unbroken block of 2,745 acres of forest land.

### Recreation

A wide variety of recreational opportunities exist at Dean State Forest. One popular activity is hunting. Deer, wild turkey, grouse, squirrel and rabbits are hunted in season at Dean. Several small ponds are located on the forest, and used by anglers. Mushroom and ginseng hunting are becoming increasingly popular activities.

Horseback riding is another activity available at the forest. Approximately 20 miles of bridle trails run throughout the forest and offer users a scenic ride through the woods. A trail connecting Dean's bridle trail system with the trail system operated by Wayne National Forest opens up new opportunities to the user. Hiking is also permitted on the bridle trails.

### Other Area Facilities

Other ODNR facilities in the area include Shawnee State Forest and Shawnee State Park, located 30 miles west of Dean State Forest near Portsmouth. Shawnee Lodge is located at the Park. Jackson Lake is located 15 miles north on State Route 279 near Oak Hill.

### Wayne National Forest

Dean State Forest is nearly surrounded by Wayne National Forest land, administered by the U.S. Forest Service. Lake Vesuvius Recreational Area provides camping, hiking, boating and swimming, and is located eight miles south on State Route 93. For further information, contact:

### Wayne National Forest

Ironton Ranger District  
6518 State Route 93  
Pedro, Ohio 45659-9603  
(614) 532-3223

### LOCATION MAP



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dean State Forest  
149 Dean Forest Road  
Pedro, Ohio 45659-9740  
(614) 532-7228  
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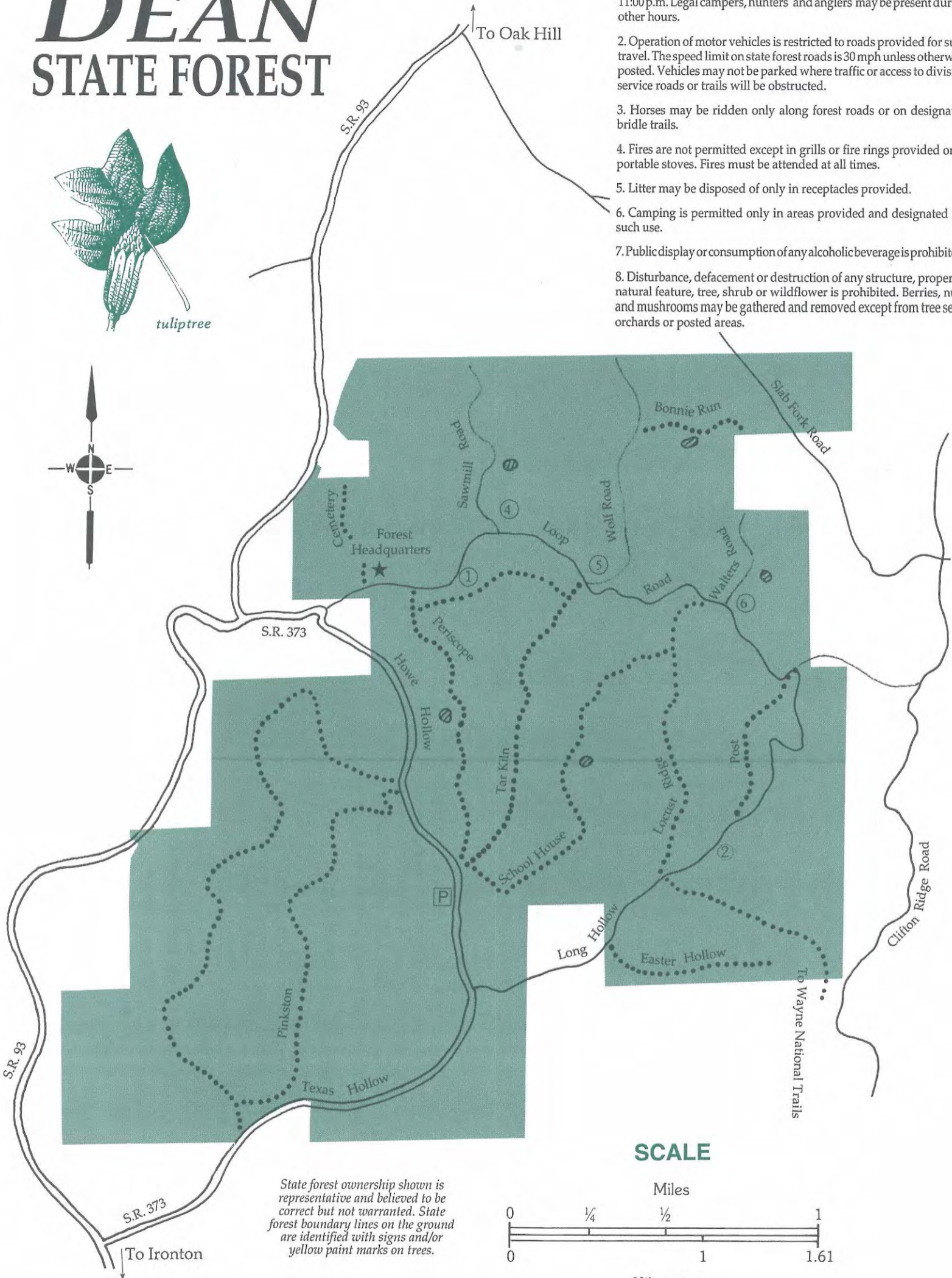
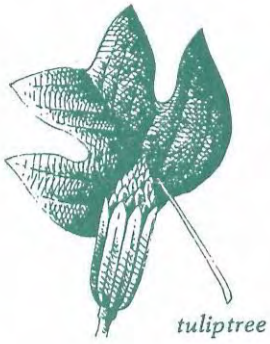


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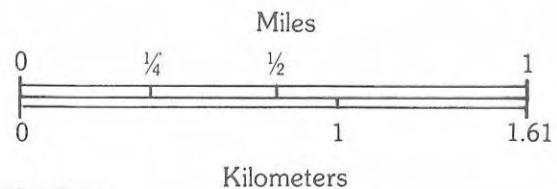
## FOREST RULES

1. Dean State Forest is open daily between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Legal campers, hunters and anglers 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 divisor 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.

## SCALE



## LEGEND

- State Highway
- County (C) or Township (T) Road
- State Forest Road
- State Forest Land
- Pond
- Point of Interest, Facility
- Bridle Trail
- Parking
- Bridle Parking
- Private Land

## HUNTING AND FISHING

Hunting and fishing are permitted under Division of Wildlife regulations. Shooting is prohibited within 400 feet of any building, facility or recreation area and from or across any road or driveway. Discharge of any firearm except during lawful hunting is also not permitted.

