

# Welcome to Perry State Forest

Whether you come to Perry to ride APV's (all-purpose vehicles), go horseback riding, hunt or just visit, you will have an enjoyable state forest experience. Much of Perry State Forest was strip mined for coal prior to existing reclamation law, resulting in very rugged, sometimes barren terrain. Since the state acquired the area in 1961, some reclamation has been accomplished, including a large area along CR 48. Several reforestation and test tree plantings have been established on the forest.

The Perry APV area is one of the most popular public riding areas in Ohio. Sixteen miles of challenging trails are open. Picnic tables and latrines are provided at the parking area.

## All Purpose Vehicle Area Frequently Asked Questions

### When is the area open?

The area is open to riding from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset during the months from April 1st until November 30th each year. The area is closed from December 1st until March 31st.

### What are the rules and regulations for the forest?

You will need to follow all the forest rules. Follow this link: <http://www.ohiodnr.com/forestry/Forests/genvisit.htm>. These are the Division of Forestry's general visitation guidelines.

### Are there specific rules and regulations for the riding area?

Yes. They are listed below:

1. Trail bikes, motorcycles, mountain bikes and all-terrain vehicles are the only vehicles permitted in the designated area. Each vehicle shall display a valid APV or highway license. You should bring a copy of your registration with you (tip - put it in a waterproof bag and store it under your seat with your tool kit).
2. APV's shall be operated only within the designated area. See map inside this brochure or visit <http://www.ohiodnr.com/forestry/Forests/forestmaps/perrymap1.jpeg>.
3. No person shall operate an APV having a width greater than 50 inches or possessing more than 40 horsepower.
4. The APV area is open for riding from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. All transport vehicles and trailers should be parked in the designated parking area for safety concerns.
5. Maximum speed limits are 10 mph in the parking area and 25 mph on the trails. At no time shall an APV be operated at a speed greater than that necessary to stop the vehicle in the assured clear distance.
6. All operators shall wear protective headgear and eye protection.
7. All operators shall have a valid, current motor vehicle operator's license, except that minors between the ages of 12 and 16 may operate an APV if accompanied by a licensed parent or guardian 18 years of age or older. Anyone under the age of 12 is prohibited from riding an APV.
8. All vehicles shall be equipped with adequate brakes, mufflers, and spark arrestors.
9. No person who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs of abuse shall operate an APV.
10. No person shall operate an APV in such a manner as to willfully damage or destroy vegetation and trails, or for the purpose of

Perry State Forest also has a very scenic, day-use bridle trail system (see State Forest map). Parking for horse trailer rigs is provided along County Road 48. The Miles Lake water is suitable for horses.

The diversity of forest cover encourages a variety of wildlife species and hunting opportunities on Perry.

Thank you for visiting this unique part of your state forest system. Contact ODNR for information on other state forests. For general information, contact the Division of Forestry toll free at 1-877-247-8733.

chasing, capturing, or killing wildlife.

11. Operators of APV's shall not carry or transport any firearms or other weapons that are not unloaded and securely encased.
12. No APV shall be used to carry more passengers than the vehicle was designed to carry.
13. No races or contests are permitted in the APV area.
14. Operators must report any accidents to the officer in charge or to the forest headquarters (740-674-4035) within 24 hours. This is in addition to the reports necessary to be made to the local law enforcement authorities.
15. No APV's are to be ridden on any roadway except that they may cross the road at right angles.

### Can I camp there?

There is no camping available. You can check out several of the State Parks for camping. The closest are Blue Rock, Burr Oak, and Buckeye Lake. All are approximately 25-30 miles from the riding area.

### What about other lodging that is available in the area?

There are several hotels in the New Lexington area. There are also hotels in the Zanesville area.

### What vehicles are allowed there?

You can ride 3-wheelers, 4-wheelers, trail bikes (dual sport, motocross, etc.) and mountain bikes. No vehicle can be wider than 50 inches. 4-wheel drive trucks, jeeps, and the like are not allowed.

### Can my children ride with me?

Your children must be at least 12 years of age or older to operate an APV. They are not allowed to ride with you on the same APV unless the manufacturer designs the APV to carry more than one person. If they are 12-16, and operating an APV, they must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

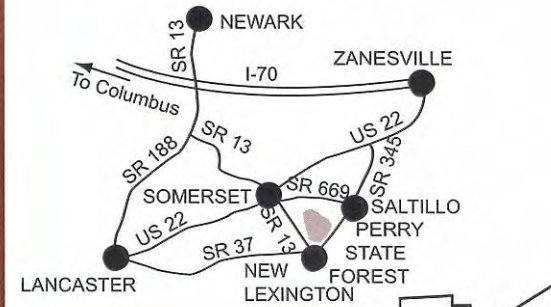
### Do I need a driver's license?

You need a valid driver's license to be able to ride there. You also must have insurance as required by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. You do have to have your machine registered.

### How do I get my APV registered?

You need to get a registration from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. In order to get it, you must have a title. You should have a title if you purchased your vehicle after July 1, 1999. Dealers are required to provide you with a title if you purchased your APV after July 1, 1999.

## LOCATION



### Additional Information

Blue Rock State Forest  
6665 Cutler Lake Road  
Blue Rock, OH 43720-9740  
(877) 24STREE  
[www.ohiodnr.com/forestry](http://www.ohiodnr.com/forestry)



### EMERGENCIES

Call 911  
Perry County Sheriff (740) 342-4123

If you do not have a title, you must get one before you can register it. Contact your local Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the procedure to obtain a title. You can also follow this link to the BMV <http://www.state.oh.us/odps/division/bmv/APV.html> for information on titling and registering your APV.

### I'm not from Ohio; can I still ride there?

If your state requires you to register your vehicle and you have it registered in that state, you may ride. If your state doesn't require you to register your machine, you must obtain a non resident 15-day registration from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

### I have a motorcycle with a license plate. Do I need to get an APV registration too?

You do not need to get an APV registration if your motorcycle is properly licensed.

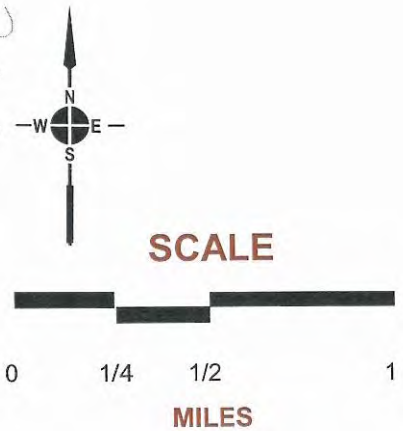
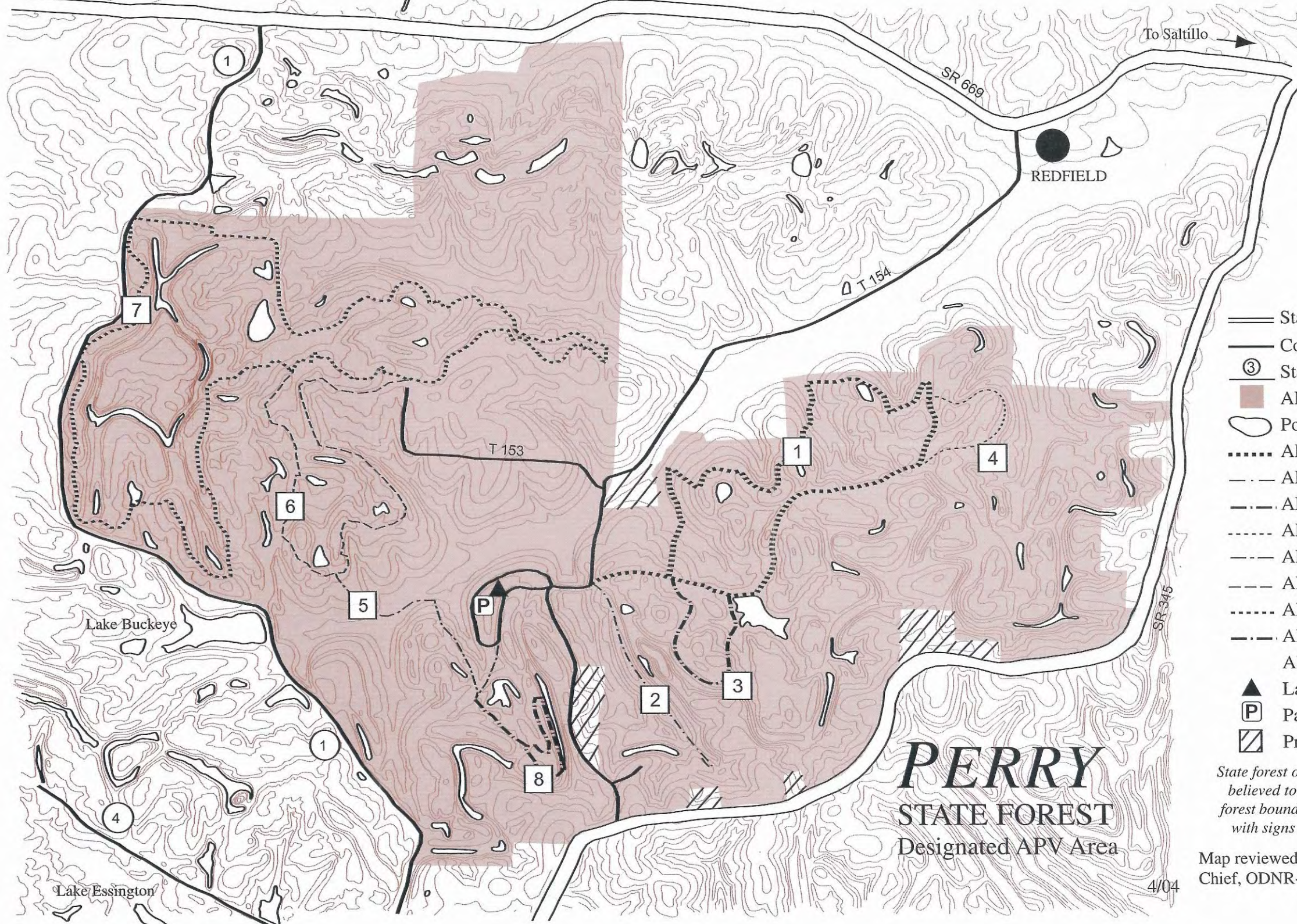
### I have a mountain bike. Do I need to get an APV registration?

You do not need a registration for a mountain bike.



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**LEGEND**

- == State Highway
- County (C) or Township (T) Road
- ③ State Forest Road
- APV Area
- Pond
- ..... APV Trail 1—Blue
- APV Trail 2—Red
- APV Trail 3—White
- APV Trail 4—Orange
- APV Trail 5—Orange
- APV Trail 6—Blue
- APV Trail 7—Red
- APV Trail 8—White
- All APV Trails are Two Way
- ▲ Latrine
- P Parking
- ▨ Private Land

*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.*

Map reviewed and approved by John E. Dorka, Chief, ODNR-Division of Forestry 04/04

**PERRY**  
STATE FOREST  
Designated APV Area