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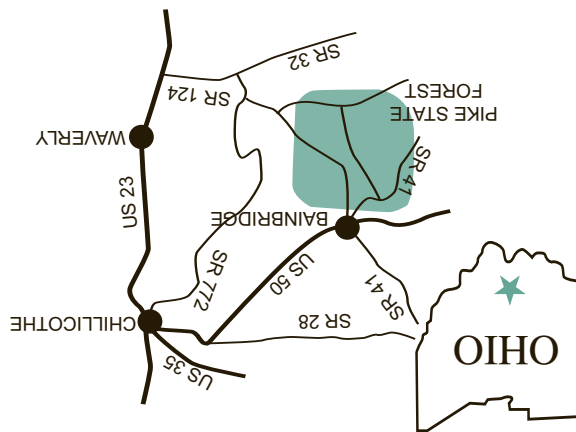
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Additional Information



LOCATION MAP

STATE FOREST

PIKE

Welcome to Pike State Forest

Acquisition of the first state forests began in 1916, originally to be used as 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 20 state forests cover over 185,000 acres and provide an abundance of benefits for everyone to enjoy.

With the advantage of decades 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 in preparation of area management plans. This process ensures that visitors may enjoy many outdoor activities including camping, hiking, horseback riding, wildlife watching, hunting, and scenic touring.

Forest History

Land acquisition for Pike State Forest began in 1924, with the objective of returning abused hill farms and fire-damaged timber lands to productive forests. Most of the reforestation work was completed in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Division of Forestry. Pike State Forest now covers over 12,000 acres in western Pike County and eastern Highland County. State ownership is broken up into 13



red oak

separate, irregular tracts, which make it difficult to manage for continuous recreational facilities, as well as the management and patrol of the forest resource.

Recreation

The forest offers a wide range of outdoor recreational opportunities. The Pike State Forest APV area is located off of State Route 124. The facility has 10 miles of trail open to motorcycles and off-road all-terrain vehicles. The trails wind through the hollows and ridge tops, offering the visitor a challenging ride as well as some beautiful scenery and breathtaking views. Parking, latrines, and a novice area are all provided on the site. Valid vehicle registration is required.

For the equestrian there are 38 miles of bridle trail located on the forest. Beautiful scenery and challenging terrain greet riders as they wind through the forested hills and valleys.

Hiking is available on the Buckeye Trail which runs through the forest. Hiking is also permitted on the 38 miles of bridle trails. Bird watching, photography, and collecting nuts, berries, and mushrooms are all pursuits which hikers may take advantage of.

For those who want to stay on the beaten path, there are numerous county and township roads that pass through the forest. During the spring, the red bud and flowering dogwood trees provide spectacular displays of color, not to mention all the wildflowers that blanket the forest floor. The hills come alive again in the fall with a panorama of vivid colors. Scenic vistas also await the visitor who wants to tour the forest by car.

Pike State Forest is open to public hunting and fishing in season. Hunters can pursue many species of forest game including squirrel, grouse, deer, turkey, raccoon, opossum, and rabbit. Fishing is also available at several ponds located in the forest. Anderson Lake, off of Dry Bone Road, is a popular spot that offers quiet seclusion among the hills and trees.



white oak

1. Pike State Forest is open daily between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Hunters and anglers may be present during other hours.
2. Horses may be ridden only along forest roads or on designated bridle trails.
3. Fires are not permitted except in grills or fire rings provided or in portable stoves. Fires must be attended at all times.
4. Litter must be disposed of in receptacles provided.
5. Public display or consumption of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited.
6. 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.

Forest Rules

Other Area Facilities

Pike Lake State Park, located in the middle of Pike State Forest, offers a variety of recreational facilities and activities including camping, cabins, swimming, fishing, hiking, and boat rentals.

Additional ODNR recreation facilities are available near Pike State Forest. Paint Creek, Lake White, and Rocky Fork State Parks are just a short drive, and offer camping and water recreation. Other attractions include Kincaid State Fish Hatchery, Fort Hill State Memorial, and the Stone House Historical Landmark. Neighboring state forests to Pike are Scioto Trail State Forest in Ross County, and Brush Creek State Forest in Adams County.

Hunting and Fishing

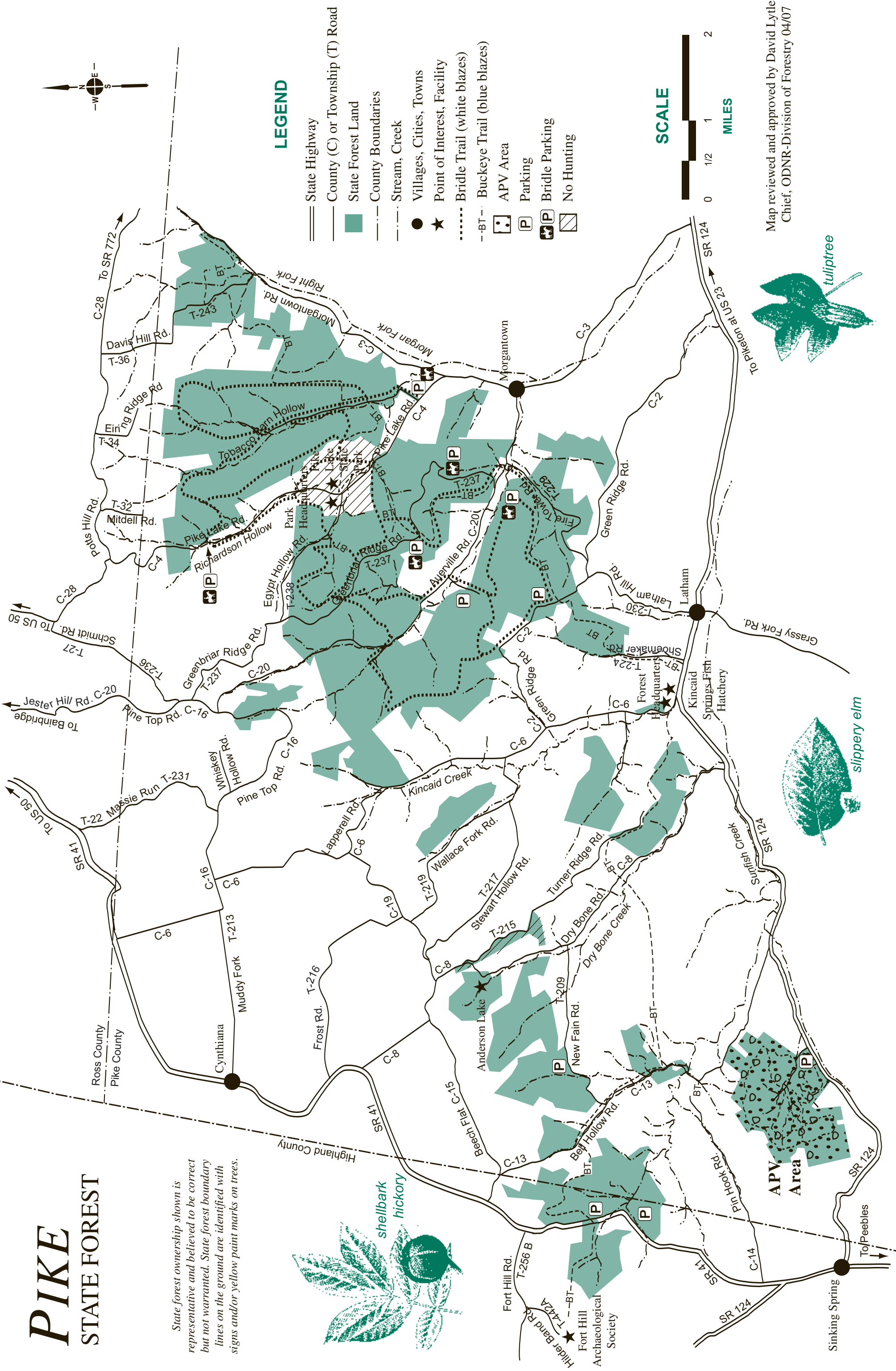
Hunting and fishing are permitted under Division of Wildlife regulations. Shooting is prohibited within 400 feet of any building, facility, or recreation area and from or across any road or driveway. Discharge of any firearm, except during lawful hunting, is also not permitted.



large-flowered trillium

PIKE STATE FOREST

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.



LEGEND

- State Highway
- County (C) or Township (T) Road
- State Forest Land
- County Boundaries
- Stream, Creek
- Villages, Cities, Towns
- Point of Interest, Facility
- Bridle Trail (white blazes)
- Buckeye Trail (blue blazes)
- APV Area
- Parking
- Bridle Parking
- No Hunting

SCALE



Map reviewed and approved by David Lytle,
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