



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

[Photos Available](#)

OHIO'S STATE PARK LODGES OFFER WINTER ACTIVITIES, PROXIMITY TO LOCAL ATTRACTIONS AND QUIET GETAWAYS



OHIO STATE PARKS, December 7, 2010 – While best-known as summer destinations featuring boating, fishing and hiking, Ohio State Parks also offer great winter getaways with eight [Ohio State Park Lodges](#) as bases for travelers who are exploring their local areas or for just enjoying a wide variety of indoor activities. With indoor pools, game rooms, exercise rooms and more, lodge guests can find fun activities even when the weather keeps them inside.

Punderson Manor State Park Lodge is located in north-east Ohio's snow belt. The historic mansion offers a cozy home base for winter-season activities. All eight Ohio State Park Lodges operated by Xanterra Parks & Resorts feature a variety of winter packages and recreational activities.

Rooms and packages can be reserved online at the individual lodges' web sites or by calling 1-800-ATAPARK (1-800-282-7275). Package reservations require a promotional code. Some

blackout dates apply.

Here is a sampling of what park lodges are offering this winter:

Maumee Bay

For the third consecutive year, [Maumee Bay State Park Lodge](#) in Northwest Ohio is offering a post-Christmas [Winter Carnival](#) for families who want to extend their Christmas fun beyond the big day.

The ballroom of the lodge is transformed into a large recreation center during the entire Winter Carnival week, Dec. 26-30. Carnival games with prizes will be offered for children of all ages. Examples include ring toss, basketball, hockey challenge, football toss, bean bag toss and much more. During the later afternoon hours a clown will provide entertainment, face painting and balloon art. During the evening there will be organized activities centered around popular interactive video games. Each night will conclude with a family movie.

In addition to the Carnival activities, families can enjoy the lodge's indoor swimming pool, hot tubs, fitness center, Wallyball courts and game room. The indoor pool features a splash garden and a popular children's soft play area. Guests can also venture outdoors and enjoy free use of the resort's sleds or visit the park's acclaimed Nature Center, featuring an interpretive boardwalk through a wetland area that attracts many species of birds and other wildlife.

The Winter Carnival is only available to guests of the lodge. The lodge is offering a special Winter Carnival rate of \$99 plus tax per night for a double or lakeview double room Dec. 26 \$95 plus tax per night for a double or lakeview double room Dec. 27, 28, 29 and 30. Upgrades are available at an additional cost. [Reservations can be made using the promotional code CARNIVAL.](#)

Punderson Manor

[Punderson Manor State Park Lodge](#) will offer a convenient and affordable home base for fans of The Great Sled Dog Classic of Northeast Ohio, customarily held two days in early January in Punderson State Park. The Sled Dog Classic attracts mushers from throughout Ohio and surrounding states. Teams cover one to six miles through woods and across open fields. The snowy conditions of the Northeast Ohio state park make Punderson the perfect location for sled dog races. The races typically draw more than 500 participants and observers to the picturesque park. Sponsored by the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland, the races comprise what is considered one of Ohio's premier wintertime sporting events. For details, visit www.siberiancleveland.org. The race will be rescheduled if there is no snow.

A popular package during the Sled Dog Classic is Punderson's Bed & Breakfast featuring lodging for one night and breakfast for two adults the next morning. Winter rates are \$99 per night Sunday through Thursday in a standard double room and \$109 per night Friday and Saturday. [Reservations can be made using the promotional code BNB.](#)

Mohican

[Mohican State Park Lodge](#) will offer packages coinciding with two weekday Malabar Maple Syrup events March 1 and 2 and March 8 and 9, 2011. The packages feature two nights of accommodations at Mohican State Park Lodge for two people; a sausage and pancake breakfast featuring Malabar Farm pork sausage and maple syrup, hot lunch at Malabar Farm's Pugh Cabin, and dinner at Mohican State Park Lodge's Bromfield's Restaurant. Malabar Farm park manager Jason Wesley will demonstrate how to tap trees and collect and boil sap for maple syrup. The hands-on event will include an opportunity for participants to help boil sap into syrup at Malabar Farm's sugar camp. The mid-week package starts at \$259 for two people. The package rates are based on double occupancy and do not include taxes. Room upgrades are available for an additional price. [Reservations can be made using the promotional code MAPLE.](#)

Burr Oak

At [Burr Oak](#), the weather often allows for a hike on the park's 22 miles of trails. For those who want to venture away from the park, an easy drive will take them to historic McConnelville where many buildings such as the Old Opera House Theatre, the Button House Museum and the Antebellum Howard House are on the Ohio Historical Register. The Dairy Barn is located on Richland Avenue in Athens and hosts many cultural events throughout the year, Robbin's Crossing is a living history village is located on the campus of Hocking College where costumed interpreters offer interesting insights into daily life in times gone by. The [Union Hall Theater](#) is located in Chesterhill and is the perfect venue to enjoy speakers, musicians, artists, entertainers and holiday events.

Burr Oak State Park Lodge offers its Appalachian Weekend Jan. 14 and 15, 2011 featuring two nights of lodging and all Appalachian Weekend entertainment. Rates start at \$205 for a standard lodge room. Guests may stay an extra night for \$40. [Reservations can be made using the promotional code APPALACHIAN.](#)

Shawnee

[Shawnee State Park Lodge](#) offers its One-Night Pizza Package featuring one night of accommodations, one large two-topping pizza and four sodas. Rates start at \$109 Sunday through Thursday and \$119 Friday and Saturday now through April 30, 2011. Some blackout dates apply. [Reservations can be made using the promotional code PIZZA.](#)

Hueston Woods

With its proximity to Dayton and Cincinnati, [Hueston Woods State Park Lodge](#) offers day trips in every direction. The United States Air Force Museum in Dayton is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world and houses more than 300 aircraft and missiles, plus Wright Brothers' memorabilia, World War II artifacts, the Apollo 15 capsule and thousands of personal artifacts. Visit www.wpafb.af.mil/museum.com for more information.

The Hueston Woods Romance in the Woods Package features one night of lodging, a movie rental, one bottle of sparkling wine and a fruit and cheese plate. Rates start at \$109 for a standard room and \$199 for a luxury suite Sunday through Thursday now through April 30, 2011. Some blackout dates apply. [Reservations can be made using the promotional code ROMANCE.](#)

Salt Fork

[Salt Fork State Park Lodge](#) offers the Dickens Victorian Village Special. Each year, the local community of Cambridge transforms its main street into a [Victorian Village](#). Salt Fork's package features one night of lodging, one breakfast each for two people and a voucher for a Dickens welcome bag redeemable at the Dickens Welcome Center in downtown Cambridge.

Rates for the Dickens Victorian Village Special start at \$114 now through Jan. 7, 2011. Some blackout dates apply. [Reservations can be made using the promotional code DICKENS.](#)

Families can make winter stays even more affordable by bring along their student's report card and receiving up to \$50 through the "Stays 4 A's" program. Each A is worth a discount of \$10 off the published rate per room per night up to five A's or \$50. Families need only show their star students' report cards at check-in to earn the discount. One report card per room may be applied for the discount, and families must present the original report card upon check-in. [Reservations may be made using the promotional code STAY4A.](#)

Deer Creek

Just 20 minutes from Jeffersonville's [Prime Outlets](#) featuring some 100 stores, [Deer](#)

[Creek State Park Lodge](#) makes a great base for those who want to knock themselves out looking for great retail deals and then just make a short drive to the lodge.

A great package for guests indulging in retail therapy is Deer Creek Lodge's Bed and Breakfast package his package includes lodging for one night in a double or king lodge room and breakfast the next morning for two people. Rates start at \$89 Sunday through Thursday and \$99 Friday and Saturday now through April 30, 2011. Some blackout dates apply. [Reservations can be made using the promotional code BNB.](#)

For a complete listing of packages at each lodge visit the home page and click on the promotions link.

To reserve rooms in these state parks or for more information, visit the individual web sites or www.ohiostateparklodges.com or call 1-800-AT-A-PARK (1-800-282-7275). Xanterra also operates the marina and facilities at Geneva Marina State Park in Geneva-on-the-Lake in northeastern Ohio.

###

Xanterra Parks & Resorts® (consisting of several affiliated Xanterra entities) operates lodges, restaurants and other concessions at national parks and state parks and resorts. Xanterra Parks & Resorts is the country's largest park concessioner. Xanterra Parks & Resorts operates concessions in the following locations: Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Zion, Crater Lake, Death Valley, Rocky Mountain and Petrified Forest National Parks, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Va., and eight Ohio State Park Lodges as well as the Geneva Marina at Ohio's Geneva State Park. Xanterra Parks & Resorts also operates Grand Canyon Railway in Williams, Arizona.

Xanterra Parks & Resorts has been committed to the preservation and protection of the environment for many years. Through its environmental program, "Ecologix," Xanterra Parks & Resorts has been recognized repeatedly for environmental leadership in the hospitality industry and is the recipient of many honors, including major awards from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Travel Industry Association of America, American Hotel and Lodging Association, National Parks Conservation Association, Conde Nast Traveler, National Geographic Traveler, Colorado Department of Public Health, State of Arizona, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Utah Department of Environmental Quality.

For more information about Xanterra Parks & Resorts, links to individual properties and reservations numbers, visit www.xanterra.com.

Xanterra Parks & Resorts
6312 S. Fiddlers Green Circle
Suite 600 North
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Media contact:

Mesereau Public Relations
1-720-842-5271

mona_mesereau@msn.com

tom_mesereau@msn.com