

Informational State Forest Open House Meetings Open to the Public

*Open houses scheduled to discuss Ohio's
state forest management activities*

COLUMBUS, OH - Interested stakeholders are invited to attend informational open house meetings featuring management plans for Ohio's 21 state forests. Held annually, the 2017 state forest open houses are scheduled for late August, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

ODNR forest managers and foresters develop annual work plans to guide forest management activities for each of Ohio's state forests. These open houses provide an opportunity for the public to better understand and comment on Ohio's plans for sustainable forestry, which includes recreation; treating invasive species; prescribed burning; and timber cruising and harvesting.

The ODNR Division of Forestry will host five regional open houses for the 21 state forests covering nearly 200,000 acres combined. The public is cordially invited to attend any of these open houses to ask questions and submit written comments on state forest management plans at any of the following dates and locations:

Mohican-Memorial State Forest:

Monday, Aug. 21, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Mohican Lodge and Conference Center
1098 Ashland County Road 3006, Perrysville, Ohio 44864
For more information, call [419-429-8312](tel:419-429-8312).

District 5 (Scioto Trail, Richland Furnace, Tar Hollow, Pike, Dean, Brush Creek and Shawnee state forests):

Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Chillicothe District Office
345 Allen Ave., Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1699
For more information, call [740-774-1596](tel:740-774-1596), ext. 101.

District 4 (Sunfish Creek, Perry, Blue Rock, Hocking, Shade River, Gifford, Vinton Furnace and Zaleski state forests):

Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Hocking Cabin
Located across the road from the Hocking State Forest Office:
19275 State Route 374, Rockbridge, Ohio 43149
For more information, call [740-272-8519](tel:740-272-8519).

District 3 (Yellow Creek, Fernwood, Harrison and Beaver Creek state forests):

Thursday, Aug. 24, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Fernwood State Forest Office
11 Township Road 181, Bloomingdale, Ohio 43910
For more information, call [440-564-5883](tel:440-564-5883), ext. 2.

Maumee State Forest:

Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Maumee State Forest Headquarters

3390 County Road D, Swanton, Ohio 43558
For more information, call [419-429-8312](tel:419-429-8312).

Comment cards will be available during the open houses for visitors to provide feedback on state forest management. Comments will also be accepted for up to 30 days after the respective open house, at which time comments will be considered as the plans are finalized. Open house information and annual work plans will also be posted on the ODNR website at forestry.ohiodnr.gov.

The ODNR Division of Forestry works to promote and apply management for the sustainable use and protection of Ohio's private and public forest lands. State forests are managed for multiple uses, including wildlife, habitats for threatened and endangered species, recreation opportunities, timber products, demonstration for private forest owners and soil and water protection.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

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