

## State Forest Rules

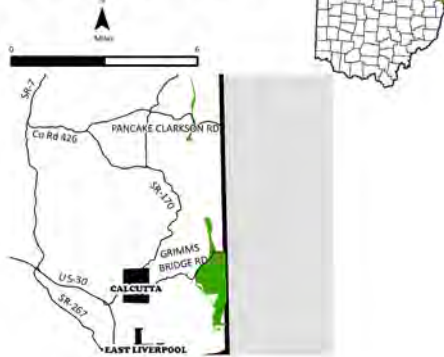
1. Beaver Creek and Yellow Creek State Forests are open daily to visitors between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Legal campers, hunters and fishermen may be present during other hours.
2. Operation of motor vehicles is restricted to roads provided for such travel. Vehicles may not be parked where traffic or access to division service roads or trails will be obstructed.
3. Horses may be ridden only along roads open to public travel.
4. Fires are not permitted, except in grills or fire rings provided or in portable stoves. Fires must be attended at all times.
5. Trash may be disposed of only in receptacles provided or "pack-it-in/pack-it-out."
6. Camping is not permitted on these state forests.
7. Public display or consumption of any alcoholic beverages 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.
9. The use of bait to attract or hunt wild birds or deer on state forest land is prohibited.
10. At all times, deer stands and game cameras shall either have a waterproof tag or be stamped with the user's name and mailing address in legible English letters or bear the user's State Hunter Identification Number.
11. State Forest boundaries are indicated with yellow blazes on the trees and/or posted signs.
12. Operation of dirt bikes and APVs is strictly prohibited on Beaver Creek and Yellow Creek state forests.

Complete rules for state forests are found in the Ohio Administrative Code Section 1501:3.

## Location Maps

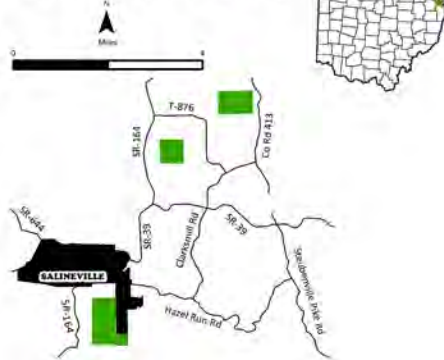
### Beaver Creek

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Map does not include some local roadways

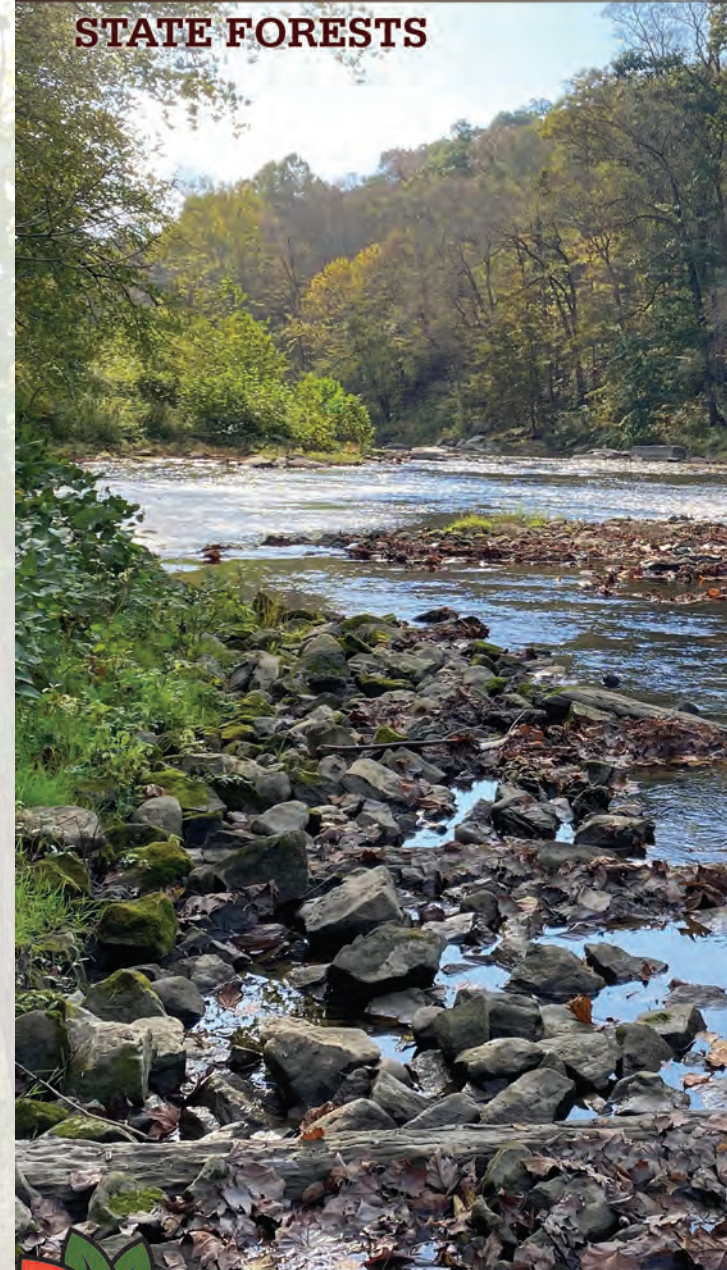


### Yellow Creek

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# BEAVER CREEK AND YELLOW CREEK STATE FORESTS



## Additional Information

Managed out of:  
**FERNWOOD STATE FOREST**  
11 Township Road 181  
Bloomingdale, OH 43910  
740-266-6021

**FINDLAY DISTRICT OFFICE**  
952-B Lima Ave.  
Findlay, OH 45840-2320  
419-424-5004

**EMERGENCIES: Call 911**

**COLUMBIANA COUNTY SHERIFF**  
330-424-7255

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Promoting and applying management for the sustainable use and protection of Ohio's private and public forest lands.



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## History of Ohio's State Forests

Acquisition of the first state forests began in 1916, originally to be used as testing grounds for reforestation of 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 24 state forests cover more than 200,000 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. Forest management activities such as timber stand improvement, prescribed fire, and harvesting are employed to enhance the health, vigor, and natural regeneration of the forest. 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.

## Welcome to Beaver Creek State Forest

In 1998, Beaver Creek State Forest became Ohio's 20th state forest with the acquisition of 1,122 acres in Columbiana County, southeast of Fredericktown near the Pennsylvania border. Located near Calcutta, OH, much of Beaver Creek State Forest is adjacent to and provides protection to the Little Beaver Creek State Wild and Scenic River. Visitors will be impressed with the natural beauty of its waterways. Abundant fish populations, plentiful wildlife, and the occasional glimpse of a majestic bald eagle will greet those exploring the woodlands of the Little Beaver Creek watershed and Beaver Creek State Forest.

## Welcome to Yellow Creek State Forest

Acquisition of Yellow Creek State Forest began in 1947 with the purchase of 167 acres. Yellow Creek State Forest is located in Columbiana County, in the vicinity of Salineville and adjoining the Highlandtown Wildlife Area. The 756-acre forest is open to day-use visitors, and public hunting is permitted under the Division of Wildlife regulations. The forest is comprised of three separate parcels. The only accesses to the two northern tracts of Yellow Creek State Forest are through the Highlandtown Wildlife Area.

## Forest Management

Beaver Creek and Yellow Creek state forests are managed under the multiple-use concept for timber, wildlife habitat, forestry research, demonstrations of good forest land management, back country recreation, natural beauty, and protection of watersheds and soil.

## Forest Recreation

Many recreational activities can be enjoyed at Beaver Creek and Yellow Creek State Forests.

Both forests provide opportunities for mushroom hunters, berry pickers, photographers, hunters, and adventurous hikers to pursue their interests. There are no developed trails or facilities on Beaver Creek or Yellow Creek state forests.

## Hunting and Fishing

Hunting and fishing are permitted within Beaver Creek and Yellow Creek state forests as regulated by the Division of Wildlife. No person shall hunt, trap, fish, kill, pursue, shoot, or take any wildlife or wild animal by any means in any state forest area in which such is specifically prohibited by signs or on maps as designated by the chief or authorized agent. Shooting on, from, or across any road or driveway, or the discharge of any firearm except during lawful hunting, are also prohibited on these state forests.

Forest boundaries are marked in yellow paint and with yellow posts along the property lines. Please respect adjacent landowners, and do not trespass on private property.

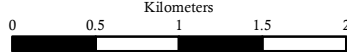
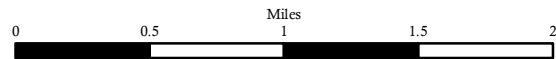
## General Rules for Forest Visitors

The Beaver Creek and Yellow Creek state forest areas receive hundreds of visitors each year. Please respect the forest community that you find. Your consideration of other visitors using the forest will provide an enjoyable experience for all. Please use caution while driving on all area roads.

## Nearby Points of Interest

- **Fernwood State Forest and Harrison State Forest**  
The nearby Fernwood and Harrison state forests provide hiking, horseback riding, camping, mushroom hunting, berry picking, hunting, and fishing opportunities.
- **Beaver Creek State Park**  
The Division of Parks and Watercraft provides hiking, camping, and picnicking facilities within Beaver Creek State Park. Information may be obtained from the park office. A section of Little Beaver Creek has been designated as a State Scenic and Wild River, with excellent paddling opportunities.

# YELLOW CREEK STATE FOREST



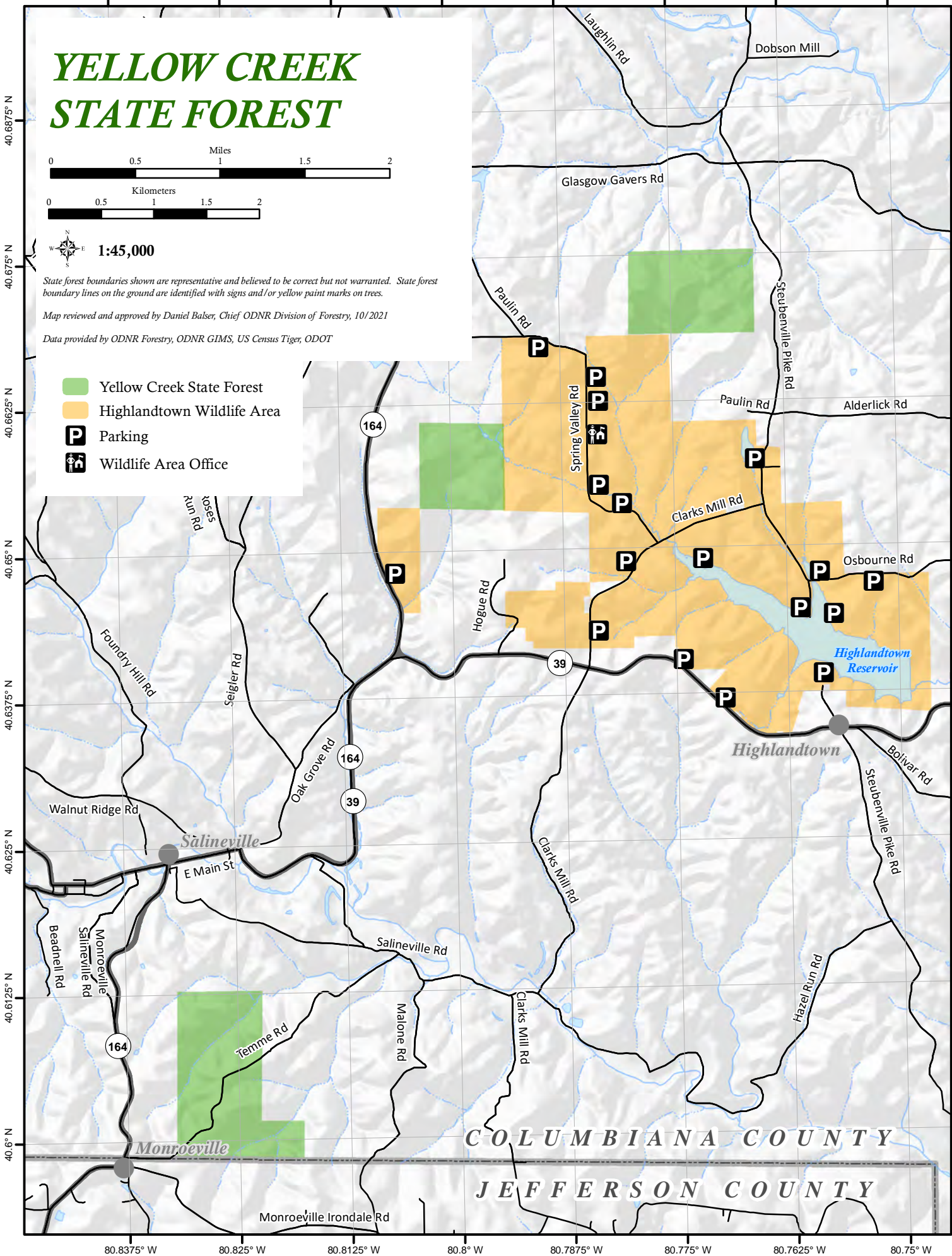
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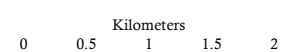
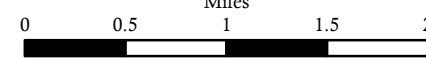
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- Yellow Creek State Forest
- Highlandtown Wildlife Area
- P Parking
- E Wildlife Area Office



# BEAVER CREEK STATE FOREST



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- Beaver Creek State Forest
- Beaver Creek State Park
- Sheepskin Hollow Natural Area
- No Hunting Zone

