

# Welcome to Mohican-Memorial State Forest

Mohican-Memorial State Forest is located in southern Ashland County, midway between Columbus and Cleveland. It is easily reached from I-71 and State Routes 97 and 3. The natural attributes of the area combined with state and nearby commercial facilities have made this region one of the more popular year-round attractions of the state.

## Forest Management and Multiple-Use

Mohican-Memorial State Forest is managed under the multiple-use concept for timber, wildlife habitat, forestry research, demonstrations of good forest land management, primitive recreation, natural beauty, and protection of watersheds and soil.

During the spring and fall fire seasons, state forest staff actively prevent, detect, and suppress wildfires that occur on state and private lands within the protection district.

The many gas wells and transmission lines that you see are a result of development of a natural gas storage field underlying the forest that preceded state ownership.

## Discovery Forest at Mohican

The Discovery Forest at Mohican is a recently developed public education area. A 1.5 mile interpretive trail will lead learners through a variety of Sustainable Forestry Management sites enabling private woodland owners to see examples of various forest treatments, and corresponding healthy stands of hardwood and pine. Private woodland owners, school groups, universities and other visitors will take part in ongoing research and hands-on learning opportunities relating to forest management and ecology.

## Forest History and Vegetation

Land acquisition for the forest began in 1928 and has continued with the accumulation of more than 4,500 acres (exclusive of state park land). The land use history of the forest is typical of eastern Ohio. Original forests were cleared for agriculture, but eventually erosion ensued and fertility decreased. Farms were abandoned and subsequently reverted to brush and woodland.

At the time of acquisition, planting of trees on abandoned land was a high priority activity. This resulted in the many plantations of white and red pine, plus mixtures of these and other pine species that you see today. Much of the tree planting was done by personnel of the Civilian Conservation Corps whose camp was located on the forest during the 1930s. Native hardwoods of the oak-hickory and beech-maple types, with associated species of gum, aspen, ash, cherry and walnut occur on unplanted areas. Native white pine and hemlock are also found.

## Memorial Shrine and Forest Park

The Memorial Shrine (established by the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs) and the Memorial Forest and Forest Park were authorized by the Ohio General Assembly in 1945 to perpetuate the memory of all Ohio men and women who lost their lives in defense of their country during World War II (since extended to include all conflicts from World War II to present). The 270-acre Memorial Forest Park, which is a portion of the larger Memorial Forest, is set aside as a preserve. The Shrine is handicap accessible.

## Forest Recreation

Many recreational activities can be enjoyed at Mohican-Memorial State Forest. There are more than 22 miles of bridle trails in the forest.

Hiking trails wind through the primitive and scenic areas of the forest and park. These trails lead to such attractions as Pine Run Creek, the Fire Tower and Clearfork Gorge.

An 8-mile snowmobile/mountain bike/bridle trail is in the forest for use during appropriate weather conditions.

Cross-country skiing, sledding and picnicking can also be enjoyed in and around the forest and park. All-terrain

vehicles and motorized vehicles, other than snowmobiles, are prohibited. Ten back-country park and pack campsites are available on a self-registration basis only. Contact the forest office for more information.

A mountain bike trail running through Mohican-Memorial State Forest and Mohican State Park has been completed by volunteers. The 24-plus-mile trail loop offers riders a choice of two trailhead locations. One trailhead is located on State Route 3 across from Mohican State Park's Class A Campground. The other is located on ODNR Mohican Road 51, near the former Mohican Youth Camp.

## Hunting and Fishing

Hunting and fishing are permitted within Mohican-Memorial State Forest as regulated by the Division of Wildlife. Hunting is not permitted within the Memorial Forest Park, the Discovery Forest, or Mohican State Park. These boundaries are marked with red paint on the trees. Private land boundaries are marked with yellow paint.

Shooting is prohibited within 400 feet of any building, facility or recreation area. Shooting from or across any road or driveway and discharge of any firearm, except during lawful hunting, are also not permitted.

## General Rules for Forest Visitors

The Mohican-Memorial State Forest area receives hundreds of thousands 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.

1. Mohican-Memorial State Forest is open daily between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.
2. Operation of motor vehicles is restricted to roads provided for such travel. The speed limit on forest roads is 20 mph unless otherwise posted. Vehicles may not be parked where traffic or access to division service roads or trails will be obstructed. Parking areas are provided.
3. Horses and mountain bikes may be ridden only on trails specifically designated to their use.
4. Fires are not permitted except in grills or fire rings provided or in portable stoves. Fires must be attended at all times.

- Trash may be disposed of only in receptacles provided.
- Camping is permitted only in areas provided and designated for such use.
- Public display or consumption of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited.
- Disturbance or defacement 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.

## Mohican State Park

The Division of Parks and Recreation administers hiking, camping, picnicking and cabin facilities within Mohican State Park. Information may be obtained from the park office. The Mohican Resort and Conference Center is located at Pleasant Hill Lake.

The Clearfork Gorge has been included in the National Registry of Natural Landmarks by the National Park Service. A plaque noting this is located south of the covered bridge.

## Nearby Points of Interest

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District provides boating, swimming and camping facilities at Pleasant Hill Lake. Malabar Farm State Park, home of author Louis Bromfield, is located northwest of the forest. Canoe rental, snow skiing, golf and other facilities are available within driving distance of the forest.

## Other Area Information

Loudonville-Mohican Tourist Association 1-800-722-7588

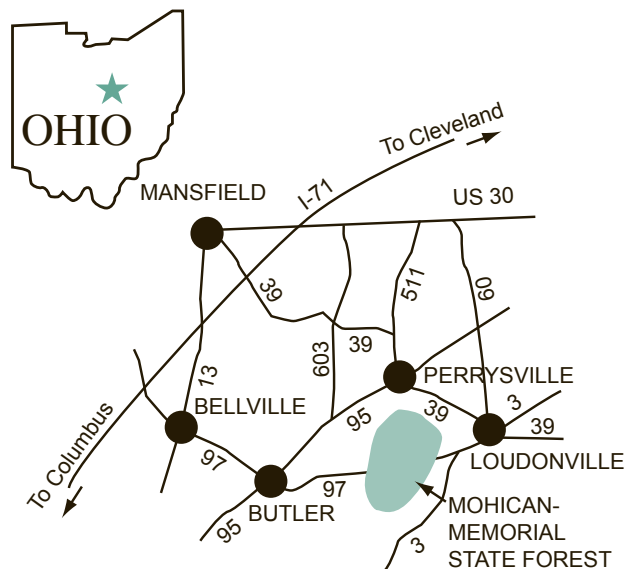
**Mohican State Park**  
3116 State Route 3  
Loudonville, Ohio 44842  
(419) 994-5125

**Pleasant Hill Lake Park**  
3431 State Route 95  
Perrysville, OH 44864  
(419) 938-7884

**Mohican Resort and Conference Center**  
1098 County Road 3006  
Perrysville, OH 44864  
(419) 938-5411

**Loudonville-Mohican Convention and Visitors Bureau**  
(419) 994-2519  
loudonville-mohican.com

## Location Map



## Additional Information

### Mohican-Memorial State Forest

950 ODNR Mohican Road 60  
Perrysville, Ohio 44864  
(419) 938-6222  
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Mohican-Memorial State Forest is managed by the Ohio Division of Forestry as an example of sustainable conservation practices. Visit [Ohiodnr.com/forestry](http://Ohiodnr.com/forestry) to learn more about Ohio's state forests.

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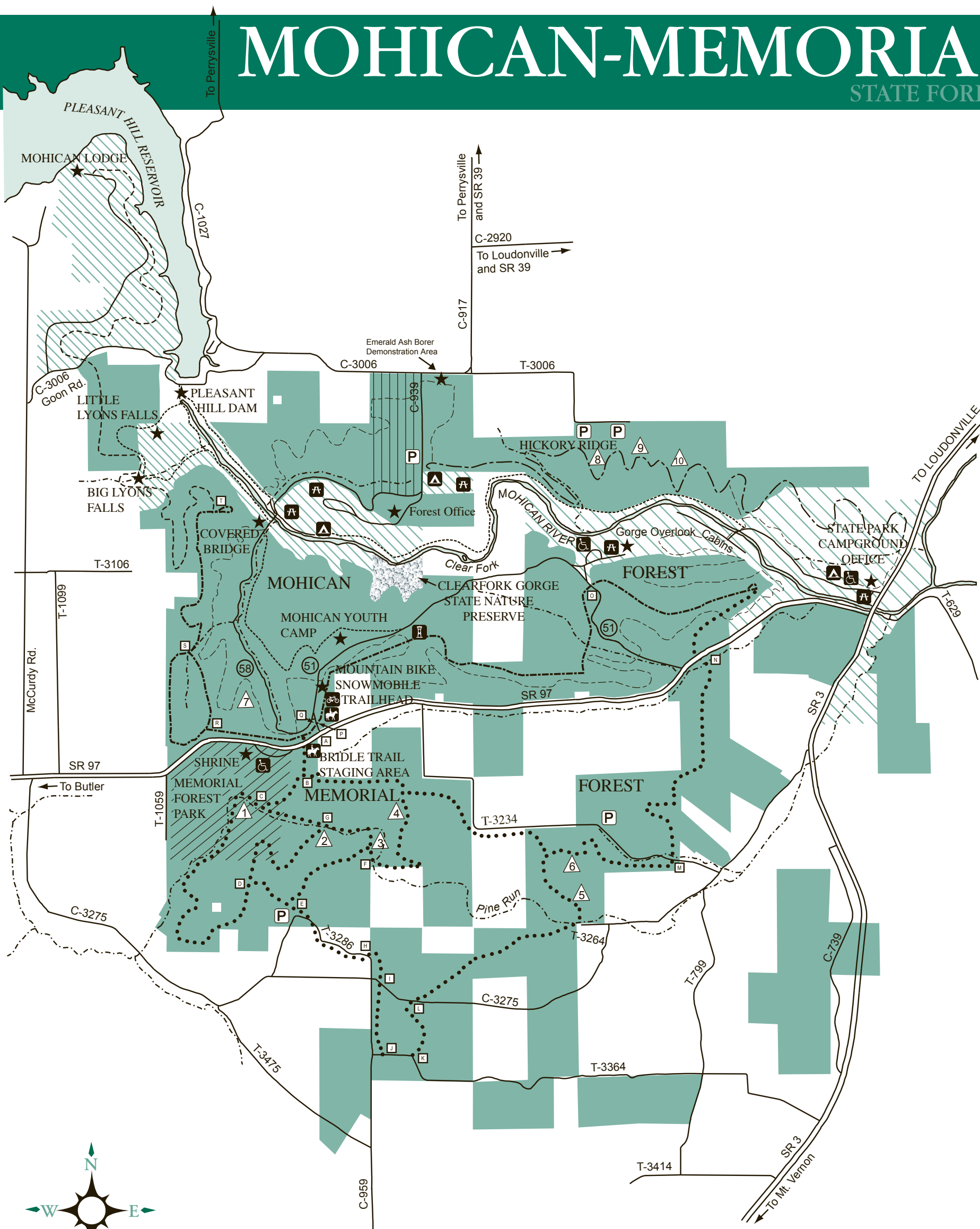
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## LEGEND

- State Highway
- County (C) or Township (T) Road
- State Forest Road
- Stream, Creek
- Point of Interest, Facility
- Hiking Trail
- Mountain Bike Trail
- Bridle Trail
- Mountain Bike/Bridle
- Bridle/Snowmobile/Mountain Bike Trail
- Bridle Intersections
- Campground
- Fire Tower
- Picnic Area
- Parking
- Mountain Bike/Snowmobile Parking
- Bridle Parking
- Park and Pack Sites
- Wheelchair Accessible
- State Forest Land
- Private Land
- State Park Land, Red Boundaries\*
- Memorial Forest Park\*
- State Nature Preserve, Red Boundaries\*
- Discovery Forest at Mohican\*

Map reviewed and approved by David Lytle,  
Chief, ODNR Division of Forestry 07/10

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.

\*No Hunting