Welcome to Maumee State Forest
Maumee APV and Snowmobile Area

The Maumee All-Purpose Vehicle Area was established to provide a facility for motorcycle, snowmobile, APV, and mountain bike enthusiasts. Seven miles of trails traverse the level terrain typical of northwestern Ohio.

APV Area Rules
1. Vehicles permitted on the designated trails are motorcycles, mountain bikes, and APVs 62 inches or less in width. Each vehicle must display a valid APV or highway license. Licensed snowmobiles are permitted on designated trails only when sub-surface soil is sufficiently frozen and completely snow covered.
2. Operation of snowmobiles and APVs is permitted only on designated trails marked with orange blazes. They are prohibited in all other areas.
3. Riding is permitted from 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.
4. All riders and passengers of snowmobiles and APVs must wear safety helmets and protective eye devices.
5. The speed of snowmobiles and APVs must be limited at all times to a safe speed such that the operator can stop their vehicle in the assured clear distance ahead. Speed in parking lot is not to exceed 5 mph.
6. No vehicle shall be operated on a one-way trail in the direction opposite to which the trail is posted.
7. All operators shall have a valid, current motor vehicle operator’s license, except that minors less than 16 years of age may operate an APV if they are accompanied by a licensed parent or guardian 18 years of age or older.
8. All vehicles must be equipped with adequate brakes, mufflers and spark arrestors.
9. No person who is under the influence of alcohol, narcotic drugs, opiates or drugs of abuse shall operate any snowmobile or APV.
10. No person shall operate a snowmobile or APV in such a manner as to willfully damage or destroy vegetation and trails or for the purpose of chasing, capturing or killing wildlife.
11. Operators of snowmobiles and APVs shall not carry on their person or transport any firearms or other weapons that are not unloaded and securely encased.
12. No snowmobile or APV shall be used to carry more passengers than the vehicle was designed to carry.
13. Operators of vehicles must report any accidents to the officer in charge or at the forest headquarters within 24 hours, in addition to the appropriate authorities as prescribed in the Ohio Revised Code.
14. No camping or building of fires is permitted in the APV area.
15. No snowmobile or APV races or contests are permitted.

Forest Overview
Maumee State Forest is located 15 miles southwest of Toledo in northwestern Ohio and covers 3,100 acres. The flat topography and natural features are a result of the Wisconsin glacier passing through this area about 18,000 years ago. This area, with its poorly drained soils ranging from fine yellow sand to dark muck soil, is known locally as the Oak Openings region.

Acquisition of land for Maumee State Forest began in 1946. In 1948, the first plantations were established on abandoned farm fields. By 1954, approximately 600 acres of old fields had been planted to red and white pine. A Windbreak Arboretum was established in 1990 to demonstrate tree and shrub species suitable for use in windbreak plantings.

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Maumee State Forest is managed under a multiple-use concept for timber, wildlife habitat, demonstration of good forest management, soil and water protection, recreational use and unique natural features.
FOREST RULES

1. Maumee State Forest is open to visitors between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.
2. Hunting is permitted under Division of Wildlife regulations. Shooting is prohibited within 400 feet of any building, facility, residence or other structure or from across any road or driveway. Discharge of any firearm is not permitted except during lawful hunting.
3. Target shooting is prohibited.
4. Vehicles may not be parked where access to Division service roads or trails will be obstructed.
5. APVs, motorcycles, mountain bikes and snowmobiles are permitted only in the All-Purpose Vehicle area. They are prohibited in all other areas.
6. Horses may be ridden only on designated bridle trails.
7. Camping and building of open fires are prohibited.
8. Litter may only be deposited in provided receptacles.
9. Public display or consumption of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited.
10. Disturbance, defacement or destruction of any structure, property, natural feature or vegetation is prohibited. Berries, nuts and mushrooms may be gathered and removed except from seed orchards or posted areas.