

Welcome to Shade River State Forest

Nestled in the rolling hills of southeastern Ohio, Shade River State Forest encompasses 2,475 acres. Native hardwoods grow on what was formerly abandoned, unproductive farmland.

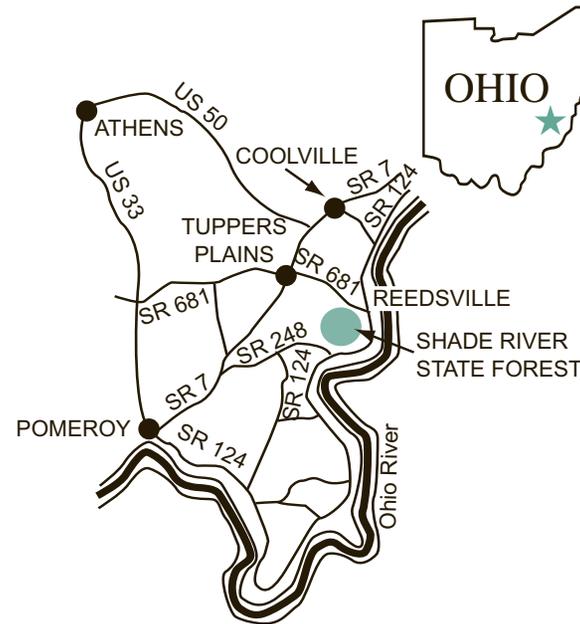
In the 1950s, a few abandoned farm fields were planted with different species of pines including white, red and loblolly pine. In addition, many acres of native Virginia pine, shortleaf pine and pitch pine are present. Modern forestry practices are evident throughout the forest. Forest management practices completed by Division of Forestry personnel include: crop tree release, grapevine control, forest health monitoring, prescribed fire, woodlot thinning, and wildlife openings. These projects reduce tree competition, increase vigor, and improve overall forest health. Timber harvests serve as an example of how our forests should be managed and the benefits associated with proper management. Large blocks of pine are being harvested for conversion to hardwood species, which are more beneficial and have greater commercial value.

The state forest is open year-round to hunting, hiking and general sight-seeing. Wildlife is abundant; deer, turkey and grouse are the major game species. Many non-game species also thrive in this area. Camping, swimming and fishing are available in nearby Forked Run State Park. Portions of the forest are within sight of the Ohio River near the Belleville Locks and Dam at Reedsville.

Forest Rules

1. Shade River State Forest is open daily to visitors between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
2. Motor vehicles are restricted to roads provided for such travel. State forest roads have a speed limit of 30 mph.
3. Camping and building of fires are not permitted.
4. Disturbance or defacement of any property, materials, natural feature or vegetation is prohibited. This includes the digging of Ginseng and other roots or plants. Berries, nuts and mushrooms may be gathered and removed, except from seed orchards and nature preserves.
5. Off-road vehicles prohibited.
6. The State Forest boundary is marked with yellow blazes.

LOCATION



Additional Information

Ohio Division of Forestry
2045 Morse Rd., H-1
Columbus, OH 43229-6693

Forked Run State Park
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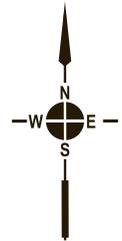
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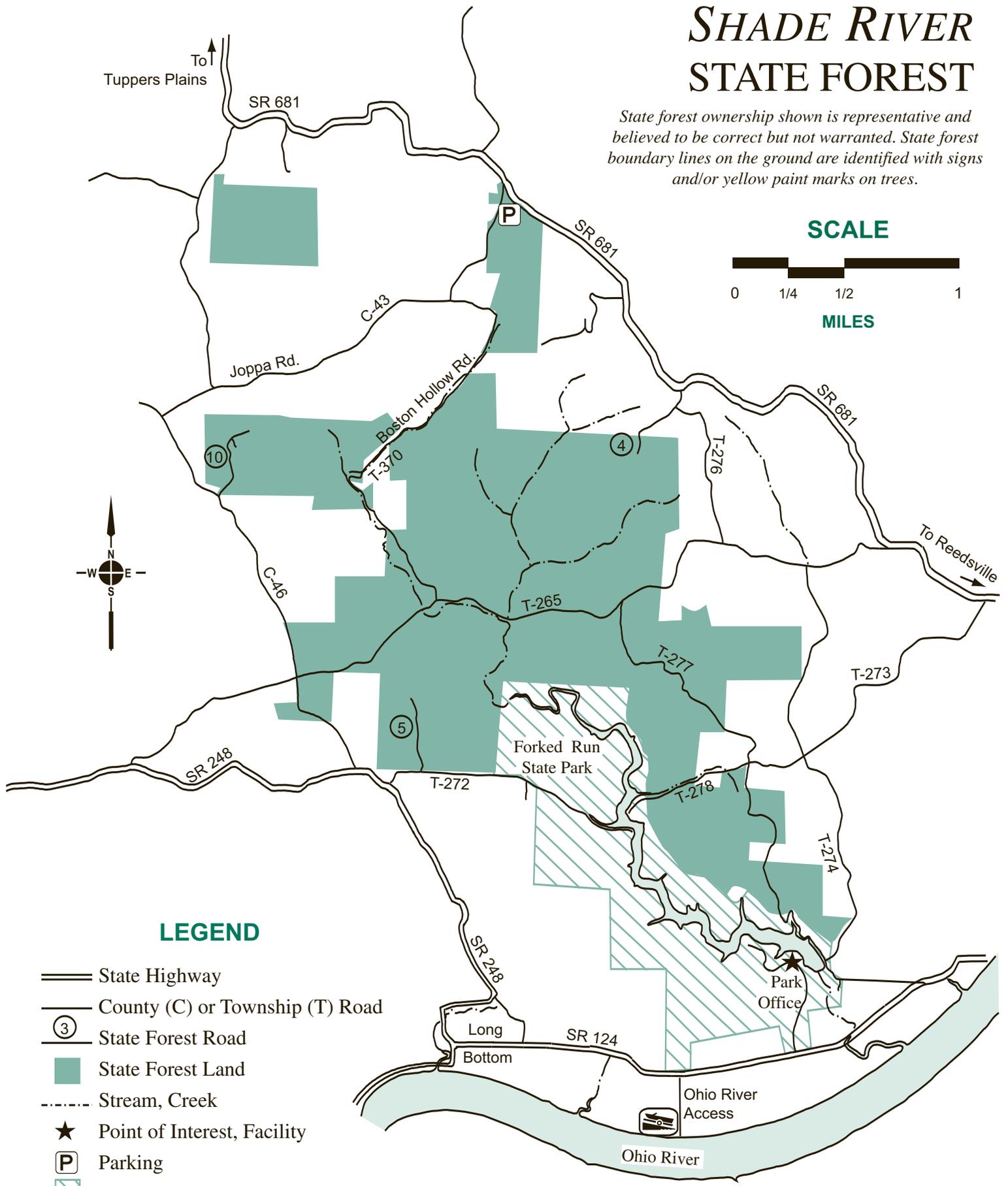
State forest ownership shown is representative and believed to be correct but not warranted. State forest boundary lines on the ground are identified with signs and/or yellow paint marks on trees.

SCALE



LEGEND

- State Highway
- County (C) or Township (T) Road
- State Forest Road
- State Forest Land
- Stream, Creek
- Point of Interest, Facility
- Parking
- State Park Land
- Launch Ramp



Map reviewed and approved by John E. Dorka, Chief,
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