

Welcome to Gifford State Forest

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry welcomes you to the heart of Ohio's hill country.

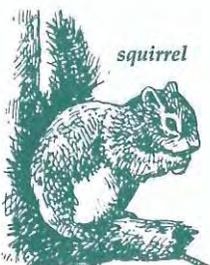
Gifford State Forest is the smallest of Ohio's state forests, at 320 acres, but offers some very pleasant hunting and hiking opportunities in the scenic northern edge of Athens County.

This state forest was donated to the state in 1959 by William Gifford Selby under conditions that it be used for experimentation and research. It was named for his mother Virginia Gifford and her family.

Today, Gifford State Forest is managed by the Division of Forestry as a seed orchard facility. Trees planted here are genetically superior plants that produce superior seeds which are made readily available to the division's tree nurseries. In turn, the seedlings grown from these seeds are made available to the citizens of Ohio for reforestation on public and private lands.

Game animals such as deer, grouse and rabbit, as well as many non-game animals thrive in the area. Hunting these and other game animals is permitted on the forest in season. The forest is open to the public from 6 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Gifford State Forest is serving the needs of the citizens of Ohio, the "Heart Of It All."



squirrel



raccoon

LOCATION



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Gifford State Forest
17221 SR 377
Chesterhill, Ohio 43728-9604
(740) 554-3177

District 4 Forestry Office
360 E. State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701-1852
(740) 593-3341

District 4 Wildlife Office
(740) 594-2211

Turn In A Poacher (TIP)
1-800-762-2437

Athens County Sheriff
(740) 593-6633



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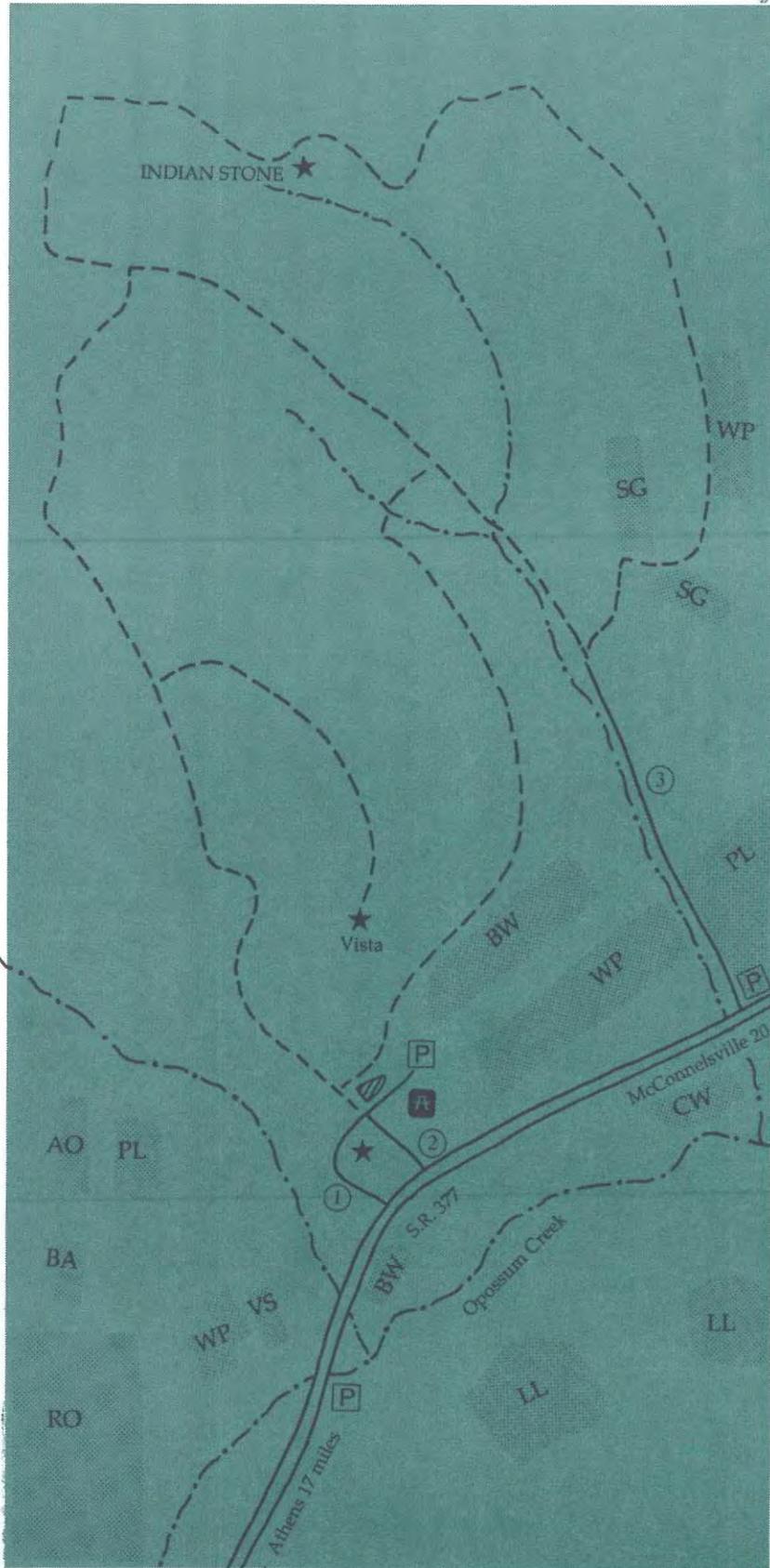
chipmunk

LEGEND

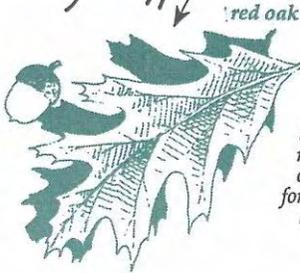
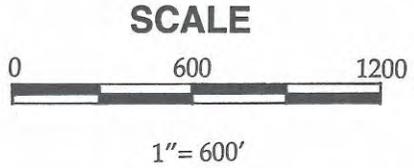
- State Highway
- State Forest Road
- State Forest Land
- Stream, Creek
- Pond
- Point of Interest, Facility
- Hiking Trail
- Picnic Area
- Parking
- Private Land
- Seed Orchards

Seed Orchard Key

- BW - Black Walnut
- WP - White Pine
- RO - Red Oak
- PL - Pitlolly Pine
- VS - Various species
- AO - Autumn Olive
- SG - Sweet Gum
- LL - Loblolly Pine
- BA - Black Alder
- CW - Cottonwood



black walnut



red oak

white-tail deer



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.