

Mohican Memorial State Forest

Special Use Permit Restrictions – Bridle Trail Use Area

Rules for Camping at Mohican. This information comes directly from the Mohican Permit

Please review these permit restrictions with all members of your group. Restrictions may have changed. Failure of all restrictions may result in denial of future special permit applications for group camping.

1. Group camping and parking is permitted at the far south end of the Bridle Use Area beyond the gate as posted. The front (north) and middle sections will remain open for the general public and NO camping is permitted in these areas. There is NO camping in the overflow unless approved by the Forest Manager. The permit area can accommodate approximately 15 vehicle/ trailers.
2. Non-potable water is provided at the hydrant. It is recommended that your group bring a supply of drinking water. Do not wash horses at the hydrant.
3. NO TRASH - All trash, garbage, refuse, or debris of any kind shall be removed; this includes any unburned trash in the firepit. Straw and hay left from cleaning out horse trailers is prohibited. Incidental deposits of straw or hay are allowed. Manure may be broadcast in the forest surrounding the permit area. Manure bins may be provided at a future date. If manure bins are available, please use them.
4. Firewood is provided near the picnic shelter area. Chain saws are prohibited. However, it is useful to bring an ax or splitting maul during your trip.
5. Unless otherwise stated in your permit, the arrival time at the permit area is 6:00 am on the day of arrival. The departure time at the permit area is 6:00 pm on the day of departure. Variance from these approved times may be issued by the Forest Manager upon request by the permittee. Members of your group may not arrive the night before and/or leave the morning after of your agreed upon permit dates unless request has been made and approved by the forest manager.
6. A fire is permitted in the established stone-lined fire ring. No other fires are permitted. The fire may not be left unattended. The fire must be extinguished and cool to the touch before leaving. NO FIRES between 6 am and 6 pm during the months of March, April, May, October, and November.
7. Charcoal, wood, and/or gas grills are permitted. Charcoal from grills must be removed or disposed of in the campfire ring prior to leaving.
8. Picnic tables are for your use. Picnic tables must be stacked in a row on their end prior to leaving. Picnic tables in the picnic shelter may be left as is.
9. Horses may NOT be tethered or picketed to any tree or vegetation or the picnic shelter. Picket posts are provided. NO temporary corrals.
10. Domestic pets are allowed in the permit area. Domestic pets must have proof of current rabies inoculation and a collar or tag bearing the owners name. Domestic pets must be

tied or kenneled when unattended in the permit area. Domestic pets in the permit area may be off lease but must be under control. Any excrement from domestic pets must be removed and discarded.

11. Forest rule 1501-3-2-11 states that no persons all consume, display, or possess any alcoholic beverage in any state forest.
12. For any emergency please call 9-1-1 for Ashland County 911 service.
13. Horses are to be ridden on designated forest trails only. Horses are NOT permitted on the grounds of the Fire Tower, Memorial Shrine, or off- trail in the woods adjacent to the bridle area.
14. The Division of Forestry, in cooperation with local volunteers of the Ohio Horseman's Council endeavors to provide a quality bridle use facility. However, the Division of Forestry makes no guarantee to the condition of the area at the time of your permit.
15. A request to modify your permit may be made by contacting the Forest Manager at least 2 weeks prior to the permit date.
16. The Division of Forestry reserves the right to revoke or cancel this permit at any time.
17. The bridle trail system at Mohican - Memorial State Forest is maintained by the Division of Forestry and many volunteers from local chapters of Ohio Horseman's Council. Many hours are required to keep the trail system in a safe and stable condition for all riders and to prevent soil erosion. We request all riders to respect all trail rules, permit rules, and furthermore to consider limiting riding activities during times of wet or saturated soil conditions.
18. Picnic Shelter - NO nails, hooks, screws, fasteners of any kind are permitted on any part of the shelter without express permission from the Forest Manager. No paint, chalk, or any marking of the wood or concrete permitted. No horses inside the shelter, no tethering of horses to the shelter. This shelter was donated by volunteer horse groups for the enjoyment of all horse campers.

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