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Nelsonville's "Trails Breakout 2007" Set for Aprils 14th

NELSONVILLE, OH – The Nelsonville Chamber of Commerce has announced it's Second Annual "Trails Breakout" for Saturday April 14th in the Public Square downtown Nelsonville, in conjunction with the City of Nelsonville, the Wayne National Forest and a host of other partners and vendors.

In 2006 the city hosted the inaugural event that seeks to draw trail riders and visitors to the Wayne National Forest motorized and equestrian trails into Nelsonville. Many of the motorized trails on the Wayne have trailheads within minutes of Nelsonville, with trails that extend north to New Straitsville and Shawnee, and east toward Long Ridge.

The Wayne's trails open every year on April 15th, after being closed through the winter from December 15th. This year's event is shaping up to be larger and longer, because April 14th is a Saturday and many of the trail riders and Forest visitors will come out early to be among the first to ride the trails on April 15th.

"We're excited about this year's event," said Wanda Johnson, president of the Nelsonville Chamber of Commerce. "We are planning for a much larger event this year that will run from noon until dark."

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This year's event will kick off at noon, with vendors and displays staying open until 6 PM or later. Live music will fill the Public Square throughout the day, with bands performing until 9 PM. Planners are making room for more food vendors this year as well, to encourage visitors to stay and enjoy Nelsonville's hospitality

The event will include many of last year's vendors, including many local businesses and community services in and around Nelsonville, showcasing products and services geared toward recreation in the great outdoors and along the trails. Rocky Boots, Ohio Valley Trading and several ATV sales and service dealers will have displays and booths set out around the square. There will be camping, hiking, hunting, fishing and other outdoor equipment and accessories, a large inflatable Obstacle Course for children, plus a challenging 28-foot rock climbing wall.

The National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, NOHVCC, will also have a large display on site, and have current safety information for riders of all ages. The Wayne will have a display featuring maps of their trail systems, as well as information on the other recreational opportunities on the Forest. Stores around the Square are planning to stay open later for this special event as well.

Forest Officials are excited about this special event, and are making some special arrangements for the riders as well. The gates leading to the trail heads at Dorr Run will be unlocked and opened earlier than in previous years to accommodate early arrivals who want to set up their sites and then head into Nelsonville for the Breakout. The city is also planning to provide some parking for vehicles pulling trailers near the Square.

You can get more information about this event by calling the Chamber in Nelsonville at 740-753-4346. Information is also posted on the Wayne National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r9/wayne.