

# News Release

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## Celebrate National Fishing & Boating Week on Wayne National Forest

**Nelsonville, OH** – (June 3, 2008) All across America people are planning time on the water to celebrate National Fishing & Boating Week June 1-8. This 8th annual celebration promises to be the biggest ever with events planned from coast to coast.

Four warm-water streams flow through the Wayne National Forest boundaries, and the Ohio River borders a part of the Forest. On the Marietta work unit, the Little Muskingum River has four canoe access points with primitive camping sites for those wanting to fish for smallmouth bass, catfish, and panfish.

Also on the Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, the Willow Island Pool of the Ohio River can be accessed from the Leith Run Recreation Area, 18 miles north of Marietta on State Route 7. Facilities at Leith Run include a concrete boat ramp, spacious trailer parking, camping, and shoreline fishing. The recreation area will host the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Fishing and Fun Day on Saturday, June 14 at 9am. Registration starts at 8:30am at the shelter house. The event offers free fishing for children 16 and under. Lunch will be provided.

The Wayne has over 500 acres of ponds and lakes open to public fishing and wildlife viewing. Anglers will find largemouth bass, bluegill, and a variety of panfish. Many of these ponds were created during mining operations in past years. On the Ironton Ranger District, the Hanging Rock area has over 50 ponds varying in size for fishing.

Also on the Ironton Ranger District, the Lake Vesuvius Recreation Area offers fishing opportunities at the beautiful Lake Vesuvius. This 143 acre complex is located 6.5 miles north of Ironton, just off State Route 93. You can fish for largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, and rainbow trout at Timbre Ridge Lake. This beautiful 100 acre lake, also in Lawrence County is the second largest fishing lake on the Forest.

All Ohio fishing regulations apply to the Wayne National Forest waters. Consult the Ohio Fishing Regulations for details on fishing licenses, harvest limits and consumption advisories.

For more info, contact a local Wayne National Forest district office or visit our fishing opportunity website at [http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/wayne/recreation\\_sites/fishing/fish\\_homepage.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/wayne/recreation_sites/fishing/fish_homepage.html).

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