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Wayne National Forest Offers “Fee-Free” Weekend

Nelsonville, Ohio– The Wayne National Forest is offering a “Fee-Free” Weekend at its developed campgrounds and picnic areas on Saturday, September 27th and Sunday, September 28th.

The special offer is in honor of National Public Lands Day and also to honor new citizens of the United States, as part of the interagency “This Land is Your Land” initiative. Fees will be waived for all visitors, not just for new Americans.

The fee-free offer applies to campsites at Leith Run, Oak Hill, Two Points Group, Iron Ridge, New Stone Church, Burr Oak Cove, and Pine Knob Campgrounds. Free campsites are available on a first come, first serve basis. The fee-free offer does not apply to campsites or group picnic shelters that have been reserved through the national reservation system (<http://www.recreation.gov/>). In addition, all-terrain vehicle, horse, and mountain bike trails are not part of this fee free offer. Hiking is free on all trails.

The National Environmental Education Foundation sponsors Public Lands Day with support of nine federal agencies. The event continues the legacy begun by the Civilian Conservation Corps, which enrolled three million Americans to maintain and improve public lands during the Great Depression.

The Wayne National Forest offers the public several recreation and trail opportunities in southeastern Ohio. The Forest has approximately 74 miles of horse trails, 121 miles of all-terrain vehicle trails, 200 miles of mountain bike trails, and 366 miles of hiking trails. The Wayne also has 47 recreation sites that include campgrounds, picnic sites and shelters, boat launches, and swim sites.

For more information, contact a local Wayne National Forest office in Nelsonville, (740) 753-0101; Pedro, (740) 534-6500; Marietta, (740) 373-9055; For more Wayne National Forest information, visit the Forest Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/wayne/>.

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