While you are enjoying AEP’s ReCreation Land, please respect all signs. Areas open to the public are posted as follows:

PUBLIC RECREATION AREA

From time to time, areas will be closed to the public due to maintenance, reclamation, special programming, etc. While this map may not depict these areas, we’ll post them with signs reading:

NO ACCESS AREA

Disclaimer: This drawing is not an actual survey, and is for general information purposes only.

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ReCreation Land

One of American Electric Power’s best known symbols of environmental stewardship is the company’s 58,800-acre reclamation region known as “ReCreation Land”. Since the mid-1940s, this area and several others have been surface-mined for coal. The area has been reclaimed through the planting of more than 60 million trees. Although surface-mining continues, AEP’s ReCreation Land features more than 600 lakes and ponds and more than 350 campsites – all available for public use at no charge. Because our environmental stewardship covers a lot of territory, we also offer for free public use Conesville Coal Lands in Coshocton and Muskingum Counties, Avondale Wildlife Area in Muskingum County, Poston Wildlife Area in Athens County and Gavin Wildlife Area in Gallia and Meigs Counties. For more information about these areas, go to www.aep.com/environment/recland/index.html

THE BUCKEYE TRAIL

The Buckeye Trail is the first and only long-distance hiking trail located entirely within the state of Ohio. The statewide trail runs through over 40 of Ohio’s 88 counties and connects the four corners of the state with a continuous loop of over 1,200 miles of hiking trail. The Buckeye Trail follows old canal towpaths, abandoned railroad right-of-ways, rivers, lake shores and farmlands. It passes through forests, state and local parks, small communities and urban areas. Trail riding with horses or mountain bikes is prohibited on the Buckeye Trail. Section maps and other information are available from the Buckeye Trail Association, P.O. Box 254, Worthington, Ohio 43085. Public use of the Buckeye Trail is made possible through the permission and cooperation of many government agencies and private land owners, including American Electric Power. Please note that camping is permitted only within designated campgrounds and on a first-come, first-served basis.

EQUINE/HORSE USE

An Equine Trail Area has been established in partnership with the Morgan County Chapter of The Ohio Horsemen’s Council. Forty miles of trails have been developed, and a parking lot has been established at the trail head. Trail riding with horses is permitted in the designated equine camping area. In addition to the equine trail areas, horseback riding is permitted on main fishing roads or trails. Trail riding is permitted only during the daylight hours. The areas will be open for use based on weather and road conditions. No off trail use is permitted. Please use this area safely and responsibly so that AEP can continue to enhance and utilize the area for equine use.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations cover ONLY AEP’s Public Recreation Lands under cooperative agreement with ODNR; it does not cover any other AEP lands. Please observe the following rules and regulations while on landowner’s property. Failure to be aware of the rules is no excuse. Violation of rules may result in loss of privileges to use AEP Recreation Areas and/or arrest.

1. The Recreational Users permit must be carried at all times. USER MUST OBTAIN A NEW PERMIT ANNUALLY
   - A Family Permit covers husband, wife and their legal children/grandchildren under the age of 18; all persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/grandparent or legal guardian who has a permit. Individuals over the age of 18 need their own permit. A permit may be obtained at the McConnelsville American Electric Power Office, local convenience stores, or online at http://www.aep.com/environmental/recreation/recland/permit.aspx.
   - An Organization Permit covers groups, clubs or organizations for a one-time use of landowner’s property for a specified event. This permit must be obtained through the McConnelsville American Electric Power Office and does not cover personal use.
2. Respect the rights and signs of the landowners:
   - Entry into areas posted because of active mining operations is prohibited under the Federal Mine, Safety and Health Act of 1969.
   - Obey speed limit signs. Note: Some access roads may be closed due to inclement weather. Gates will be open when damage to roads is minimal.
   - DO NOT trespass upon posted land or drive off road to access fishing areas.
3. Sections of ReCreation Land are under agricultural lease and used for purposes such as cattle and livestock grazing, hay production, crops, etc. Please respect these lease areas and do not damage fences, gates, or crossings. Do not disturb livestock or crops.
4. All areas designated as restricted on the Recreation Lands Map are closed to the public.
5. Wading, bathing, swimming and scuba diving are prohibited.
6. Motorized vehicles:
   - All motorized vehicles must conform to State of Ohio Licensing and Registration Laws.
   - Snowmobiles, trail bikes, three- and four-wheelers, dune buggies and all-terrain vehicles are prohibited. No off road use (e.g. mud running) is permitted.
7. Watercraft:
   - All watercraft must comply with Ohio Division of Watercraft regulations. The use of boat motors over 9.9 horsepower is prohibited.
8. The use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
9. Hunting, trapping and fishing:
   - Valid Ohio Fishing, Hunting or Trapping Licenses and deer and turkey permits are required for those activities.
   - Hunting is prohibited within 250 yards of the campgrounds.
   - The use or shooting of firearms or any hunting implement inside the boundaries of the designated park sites and campgrounds is prohibited.
   - Target shooting or practice is prohibited within all AEP Recreation Areas.
   - Beaver trapping on American Electric Power’s lands is controlled and requires a special Beaver Trapping Permit in addition to this user’s permit. This can be obtained through the McConnelsville American Electric Power Office.
   - Fishing with floats, jugs and trot lines is prohibited.
10. Rappelling, rock climbing and hang gliding are prohibited.
11. The cutting of trees and shrubs is prohibited. Dead wood on the ground may be used for firewood. No cutting of any standing tree.
12. All pets must be CAGED or on a LEASH. Do not tie to trees or shrubs.
13. Litter or trash: The improper disposal of litter or trash is prohibited; collection of aluminum cans from trash barrels is prohibited.
14. Offensive language and excessive noise is prohibited. Quiet time begins at 11:00 P.M.
15. The use or possession of fireworks is prohibited.
16. In addition to the Equine Trail Areas, horseback riding is permitted on main fishing roads or trails. No off trail use is permitted.
17. Dog training is permitted all year only in the posted units; otherwise it is unlawful on public hunting area during May 1 through August 31. Dog training areas may also be used for field trials and other recreational dog activities; however, field trials must be scheduled through the Land Management office in McConnelsville, Ohio.
18. No person shall dig, harvest, or otherwise collect wild ginseng or yellow root from its natural habitat. Ginseng and yellow root collection is prohibited.

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Camping units (tent, trailer, etc.) shall not be left unoccupied overnight. The use of generators is prohibited before 7:00 AM and after 11:00 PM.

Camping duration in any one campground (i.e. Campground D or C, etc.) at any one time is limited to a maximum of TWO weeks.

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