

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
RECREATIONAL USERS PERMIT FOR
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER'S PUBLIC RECREATION LANDS**

American Electric Power hereby grants permission to the individual, family, or organization, as designated below and as defined on the reverse side, to enter American Electric Power's Public Recreation Lands for the purpose of camping, hunting, trapping, fishing, or other recreational use, which are dedicated to public use under cooperative agreement with and supervision by the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife.

This permit conveys **ANNUAL** user privileges, provided the user complies with the rules and regulations set forth on the reverse side hereof. It is subject to revocation at any time at the discretion of authorized personnel of the landowner or the Division of Wildlife or other law enforcement personnel for non-compliance with these terms. **THIS PERMIT IS NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED AND DATED BELOW BY THE PERMIT HOLDER. PERMIT EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2020. USER MUST OBTAIN A NEW PERMIT ANNUALLY.**

In accepting this permit, I (we) acknowledge and understand that:

American Electric Power has granted this permit free of charge; I (we) agree to comply with the rules and regulations for use of the premises; I (we) am/are a recreational user(s) as defined and used in Sections 1533.18 and 1533.181 of the Ohio Revised Code, and/or that I (we) am/are an equine activity participant as defined and used in Section 2305.40, et seq. of the Ohio Revised Code, and American Electric Power is protected by law from liability for personal injuries, including loss of life, or for property damage I (we) may incur as the result of using the premises for recreational or equine activity purposes. Furthermore, I (we) agree to assume the risk of, and I (we) release American Electric Power and the State of Ohio from, any and all liability for personal injuries, property damage, or for loss of life or property resulting from, or in any way connected with my (our) use of American Electric Power's land under this permit, whether or not due in whole or in part to any act, omission, or negligence of American Electric Power, or any of its representatives or employees or agents, or any other user of the premises, whether by permit or otherwise, and I (we) agree to indemnify and save harmless American Electric Power and the State of Ohio, and their officers, directors, employees and affiliates from and against any and all claims for any such injury, damage, or loss, to the extent provided by law.

OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS:

1533.18

As used in sections 1533.18 and 1533.181 of the Revised Code:

- (A) "Premises" means all privately-owned lands, ways, waters, and any buildings and structures thereon, and all state-owned lands, ways, and waters leased to a private person, firm, organization, or corporation, including any building or structures thereon.
- (B) "Recreational user" means a person to whom permission has been granted, without the payment of a fee or consideration to the owner, lessee, or occupant of premises, other than a fee or consideration paid to the state or any agency thereof, to enter upon premises to hunt, fish, trap, camp, hike, or engage in other recreational pursuits.

1533.181

- (A) No owner, lessee, or occupant of premises:
 - (1) Owes any duty to a recreational user to keep the premises safe for entry or use.
 - (2) Extends any assurance to a recreational user, through the act of giving permission, that the premises are safe for entry or use.
 - (3) Assumes responsibility for or incurs liability for any injury to person or property caused by an act of a recreational user.
- (B) Division (A) of this section applies to the owner, lessee, or occupant of privately owned, non-residential premises, whether or not the premises are kept open for public use and whether or not the owner, lessee, or occupant denies entry to certain individuals.

1501:31-9-01

(P) It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute, place, or scatter salt, grain, or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, enticing, or attracting wild birds or deer, on lands owned, controlled, or maintained by the wildlife division including those lands managed by the division by virtue of a lease or an agreement without first obtaining written permission from the wildlife chief.

(Q) It shall be unlawful to hunt or take wild birds or deer by the use of salt, grain, or any other feed whatsoever, capable of luring, enticing, or attracting wild birds or deer on lands owned, controlled, or maintained by the wildlife division including those lands managed by the division by virtue of a lease or an agreement without first obtaining written permission from the wildlife chief.

Z) It shall be unlawful to sit, stand, or be in contact with oil wells, gas wells, transmission wells, pumps, tanks, pipes, and any other equipment which is on a wildlife area.

ISSUED ____/____/____	TO PERMIT HOLDER _____ Name _____	TYPE OF PERMIT: () Individual/Family () Organization (Event Date ____/____/____)
SIGNATURE _____	Address _____	
DATE SIGNED: ____/____/____	City, State Zip _____	

Permit Effective through **December 31, 2020**
RULES AND REGULATIONS

This permit authorizes the permit holder to use **ONLY** AEP's Public Recreation Lands under cooperative agreement with ODNR; **it does not cover any other AEP lands. In accepting this permit, I (we) hereby agree to be bound by and 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 arrest. Regular patrols are conducted by the ReCreation Land Manager, the Morgan County Sheriff's Department and the Ohio Division of Wildlife.**

1. This 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. When an individual is over the age of 18, they need their own permit.
 - An Organization Permit covers groups, clubs or organizations for a one-time use of landowner's property for a specified event. This permit does not cover personal use and must be obtained through the McConnellsville American Electric Power Office.
2. Respect the rights and signs of the landowner:
 - 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.
 - 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 leased areas and do not damage fences, gates, or crossings. Do not disturb livestock or crops.
3. Camping:
 - Permitted only at AEP ReCreation Land and only in designated campgrounds. Some campgrounds may be closed during the winter.
 - 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, etc.) at any one time is limited to a maximum of **TWO** weeks.
 - All RV camping vehicles must have legal license plates.
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.**
 - OAC 1501:31-9-01
 - (D) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or park a vehicle, or any vehicle propelled by human power, or permit such vehicles to be operated or parked on any area under agreement with, and administered by, or under control of the division of wildlife, except: Oil and Gas Personnel and AEP Employees:
 - (1) On designated roads, driveways and parking areas provided for such purpose.
 - (2) For any person who has first obtained written permission from the chief of the division of wildlife for such purposes.
 - (3) For any mobility impaired person who has been issued a permit by the chief of the division of wildlife or their designee, for electric-powered all-purpose vehicle use, to operate in or park on any designated area.
 - (a) Each person issued a permit for electric-powered all-purpose vehicle use will carry such permit on their person while operating in or parked on a designated area, and exhibit such permit to anyone upon request.
 - (b) "Designated Areas" as used in this chapter shall be those areas within one hundred yards of an access lane posted with a sign indicating access for mobility impaired persons possessing an electric-powered all-purpose vehicle permit only.
 - (4) For any mobility impaired person in a wheelchair.
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 parksites and campgrounds is prohibited.
 - Target shooting or practice is prohibited within all AEP Recreation Areas.
 - Beaver trapping on AEP ReCreation Lands is controlled and requires a special Beaver Trapping Permit in addition to this user's permit. This can be obtained through the McConnellsville 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 **LIVE** 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 only on main fishing roads or trails. No off trail use is permitted.
17. Dog Training areas and Field Trail areas are open year-round for these activities only in posted areas. Otherwise, it is unlawful on public hunting areas during May 1st through August 31st.
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.
 - OAC 1501:31-9-01
 - (A) It shall be unlawful for any person to conceal or bury any property or to injure, remove, deface, damage, or destroy any tree, plant, lawn, embankment, decoration, poster, sign, fence, or artifacts valued at less than one thousand dollars on any area under agreement with and administered by or under control of the division of wildlife.

For permits and information call (740) 962-1205
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