Wayne National Forest

Picnicking

Athens Ranger District

The Athens Ranger District offers three developed sites for people to picnic. Each picnic area offers tables and a grill along with other amenities. Picnicking is free unless a shelter house is reserved at Leith Run.

In addition, visitors are welcome to picnic along any of our roads or trails though no designated facilities are provided. We only ask that you take your trash away with you. Also in order to curtail the spread of emerald ash borer and other forest pests, we ask that you not bring firewood into the Forest. Come out and enjoy America’s Great Outdoors on the Wayne National Forest (NF)!

Sand Run Picnic Area

This small scenic lake set amidst a tall pine stand is an out-of-the-way place to spend the day. Just off County Road 28 or Dawley Road, six shady picnic sites offer a relaxing atmosphere for gatherings. The area is open year-round and has a restroom.

Bass, bluegill, and catfish are regularly caught from this small lake.

Leith Run Recreation Area

Overlooking the beautiful Ohio River along Route 7 north of Marietta is Leith Run Recreation Area. Two group picnic shelters are available under the shade of the forest canopy and may be reserved through the National Recreation Reservation System. (There is a fee if reserved.) Each shelter has a maximum capacity of 65 people. The area has water fountains/hydrants nearby, electricity, grills, and picnic tables. It also offers a volleyball court, a horseshoe pit, river overlooks, and a playground.

Lamping Homestead Picnic Area

Lamping Homestead includes a group picnic shelter, and several individual table shelters. The area overlooks a peaceful 2-acre lake. Whether you want to fish, hike, play field games, or just watch the fish jump, Lamping Homestead offers many opportunities. To get to Lamping Homestead, follow State Route 26 south from Woodsfield 10 miles, turn right on 537 and follow the signs.

For more information:

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