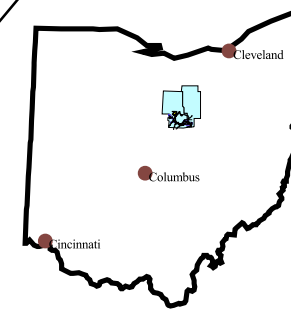


Clear Fork Branch of the Mohican River Brown Trout Fishing Area



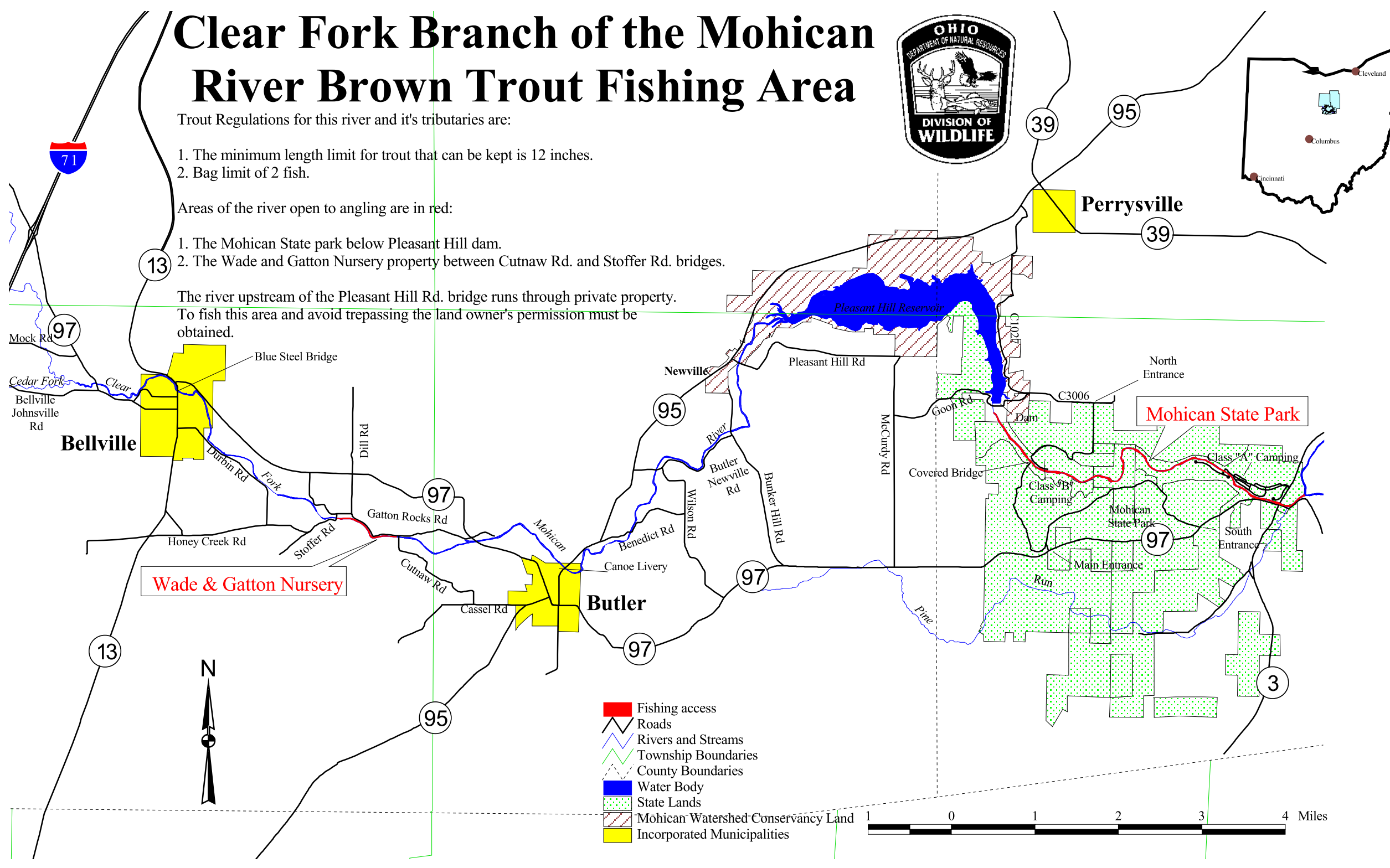
Trout Regulations for this river and it's tributaries are:

1. The minimum length limit for trout that can be kept is 12 inches.
2. Bag limit of 2 fish.

Areas of the river open to angling are in red:

1. The Mohican State park below Pleasant Hill dam.
2. The Wade and Gatton Nursery property between Cutnaw Rd. and Stoffer Rd. bridges.

The river upstream of the Pleasant Hill Rd. bridge runs through private property. To fish this area and avoid trespassing the land owner's permission must be obtained.



Wade & Gatton Nursery

Mohican State Park

- █ Fishing access
- Roads
- Rivers and Streams
- Township Boundaries
- County Boundaries
- Water Body
- State Lands
- Mohican Watershed Conservancy Land
- Incorporated Municipalities



LOCATION

The Clear Fork Branch of the Mohican River is located in Richland and Ashland Counties, approximately 8 miles southwest of Mansfield along State Route 97. It flows east from Clear Fork Reservoir, passes through Pleasant Hill Reservoir and Mohican State Park, and empties into the Mohican River.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

The Clear Fork Branch of the Mohican River was first stocked in 1992 with about 10,000 fingerling brown trout. It has been stocked with a similar number every year since then. Brown trout are stocked in October and average 6-8 inches at stocking.

The Clear Fork Branch of the Mohican River is a low gradient stream with a number of meanders. It is typified by waist to knee-deep water and a gravel bottom. There are a number of holes throughout the stream, so care is needed when wading.

FISHES OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS

The Clear Fork Branch of the Mohican River has a very good brown trout population. It is one of only three Ohio streams stocked with brown trout. The Clear Fork also has populations of largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, white crappie, and bluegill. Saugeyes are also taken (predominantly below Pleasant Hill Lake). There is an excellent run of white bass from Pleasant Hill Lake all the way up to Butler during the spring.

METHODS OF FISHING AND BEST FISHING SITES

Brown trout are taken using wet or dry flies from areas such as undercut banks and around fallen trees and boulders, which occur throughout the stream. Traditional methods include using worms or a minnow under a bobber fished through the runs, holes, and eddies. Bottom fishing with worms can also be productive. Anglers have also been successful using small spinners in natural colors or white, black, and silver, and casting those spinners into the holes, eddies, and riffle areas.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Mohican State Park provides numerous recreational opportunities on and around the Clear Fork Branch of the Mohican River. There is both primitive and improved camping. In addition, there are picnic areas with access to the stream located at the covered bridge. The stream is also open to canoeing during the high water in the spring.

FISH OHIO

Anglers who catch a big fish should enter their prize in the Fish Ohio angler recognition program. A fish qualifies for an award if it meets the minimum size requirement set for the Fish Ohio program. Applications are available from the ODNR Division of Wildlife and from many bait and tackle stores.

FISH MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The ODNR Division of Wildlife's fish management activities have included stocking, conducting creel surveys, and monitoring fish populations with electrofishing gear. These activities are vital in determining the management practices necessary to produce quality fishing. The Clear Fork Branch of the Mohican River is unique in Ohio as one of only three river systems that have a summer temperature cool enough to maintain a trout fishery.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

The ODNR Division of Wildlife maintains a quality fishery in this river by applying special regulations. Restrictive daily bag limits and minimum size limits are in effect. Consult the latest fishing regulations brochure for current laws that are in effect.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The nearest district office is Wildlife District Two, 952-A Lima Ave., Findlay, Ohio 45840; telephone (419) 424-5000. The Division also has a web site for information on fishing regulations, tips, maps, and other wildlife related information (www.dnr.state.oh.us/wildlife). To get other maps or publications call toll free 1-800-WILDLIFE. For more information on Clear Fork Lake facilities, Contact Gary Johnson, Rt. 8, 2678 Grass Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44904; telephone (419) 884-1408.