

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

Ohio Power Company/Columbus Southern Power Company, d/b/a "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 **lifetime** 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.**

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.

ISSUED / /

TO PERMIT
HOLDER

Name

Address

City, State Zip

TYPE OF PERMIT:

() Individual/Family

() Organization

(Event Date / /)

SIGNATURE _____

DATE SIGNED: / /

RULES AND REGULATIONS

This permit authorizes the permit holder to use **ONLY** Ohio Power Company's and Columbus Southern Power Company's Recreation Lands ; **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, to wit:

1. The **lifetime** permit must be carried at all times.
 - An individual over the age of 18 must obtain an Individual Permit, unless covered under a Family Permit or an Organization Permit.
 - 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.
 - 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.
2. Respect the rights and signs of the landowner:
 - Obey speed limit signs. Note: Some access roads may be closed due to inclement weather.
 - Do not trespass upon posted land.
 - Entry into areas posted because of active mining operations is prohibited under the Federal Mine, Safety and Health Act of 1969.
3. Camping:
 - Permitted only at Ohio Power Company's 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 10:00 PM.
 - Camping duration in any one campground (i.e. Campground D or C, etc.) at any one time is limited to a maximum of three 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.
 - Motor vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails or other areas that have been posted to restrict vehicle access.
 - 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 horse power 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.
 - Groundhog hunting is prohibited.
 - 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 Ohio Power Company and Columbus Southern Power Company lands is controlled and requires a special Beaver Trapping Permit from the landowner, in addition to this user's permit.
 - Fishing with floats, jugs and trot lines is prohibited.
10. Rappelling, rock climbing and hang gliding are prohibited.
11. The cutting or damaging of **live** trees or shrubs is prohibited. Dead wood on the ground may be used for firewood.
12. All pets must be caged or on a leash.
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. Camping with horses is no longer permitted at Campground A. Camping is now permitted at the Equine Trail Area located just off State Route 78 within Recreation land. Horseback riding is permitted only on the trails of the Equine Trail Area and the immediate road within the area. No off trail riding is permitted and violators will be subject to ticketing.
17. Equine horse use is permitted on designated equine trails and any non-posted road or trail. No off trail use is permitted.