



Dear leaders, parents, and Girl Scouts,

We are so excited to host you at an upcoming Girl Scouts Love Ohio State Parks event! This annual tradition for the last eight years has been an important partnership between Girl Scouts and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Our team at the Division of Parks & Watercraft is excited to see girls out exploring our parks and participating in a variety of programs from hiking to archery to nature crafts – and so much more!



Here are some tips to ensure your program experience is smooth:

- Review the included PDF for details about your program(s). Please see your Council's registration confirmation(s) to verify which exact program(s) you signed up for.
- Our parks are often large, with multiple points of entry. Program meeting locations may be within the park's campground, at a shelter or nature center, etc. Each program listed has a link for "Meeting Location" that will take you to an exact meeting location in Google Maps.
- Coordinate driving directions and meeting locations, in advance. Cell phone service is limited in some areas of our parks, and you may not be successful in pulling up directions via GPS or making phone calls once you are in or near the park.
- Need help on the day of your program? Contact the park naturalist at the listed phone number or call me at (220) 238-8004 and I will do my best to assist.
- **NEW! Ohio State Parks is excited to partner with Great Ohio Lodges for Remember: Lights in the Sky Drone Shows and other activities on Saturday, September 12. These events will honor the 250th anniversary of the founding of the USA and will take place around the state, including at the following parks that are hosting Girl Scout activities: [Hueston Woods](#), [Mohican](#) & [Punderson](#).**
 - Parking is limited at the lodges; please arrive early.
 - The lodges are offering a unique service opportunity for older Girl Scouts who are interested in assisting with drone clean-up after the event. Please contact the lodge manager directly for more details: Hueston Woods: (937) 733-8572; Mohican: (419) 565-2419; Punderson: (440) 313-5045.

- There is so much more to do in our parks. Check the park's [website](#) or review our [2026 Girl Scouts Love State Parks Activity Guide](#) for more recommended activities and make a full day of experiences!

Important Notes:

- **Activity Waivers:** As noted in the program booklet and registration descriptions, outdoor recreation waivers are required for any participants in archery or paddling activities. An online version of the form is accessible [here](#). Please have parents/legal guardians complete this information and bring it with you to your program.

Please also note that ODNR general policies for outdoor recreation activities (including age restrictions) do differ from GSUSA Safety Activity checkpoints. We have made efforts to align program offerings with SACs (for example, registration for archery activities is limited to Girl Scout Brownies & older), but please know that it is ultimately the responsibility of the chaperone to determine if a scout is eligible to participate in any activity.

- **Photography:** Photographs may be taken during programs and are subject to use in ODNR reports and on social media accounts. Our naturalists are asked to take photographs during programs but are encouraged to first ask permission. If you do not wish for photographs to be taken of your scout(s), please inform staff at the program. *We'd love to see photos of your experiences! Participants are encouraged to tag us on Facebook @Ohio State Parks or Instagram @ohstateparks.*
- **Attendance:** Please do not exceed the number of participants for which you have registered, unless given advanced permission by me or the hosting naturalist (day-of substitutions are OK!). While some programs may be flexible to accommodate additional participants, others may have strict instructor-to-participant ratios or limited space.
- **Patches:** GSUSA offers a fun patch for Girl Scouts Love State Parks, which are available through GSUSA's online store or your Council's local resource store. ODNR does not sell or distribute patches.

Questions? Please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email, text, or phone call.

Enjoy your visit to Ohio State Parks!

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