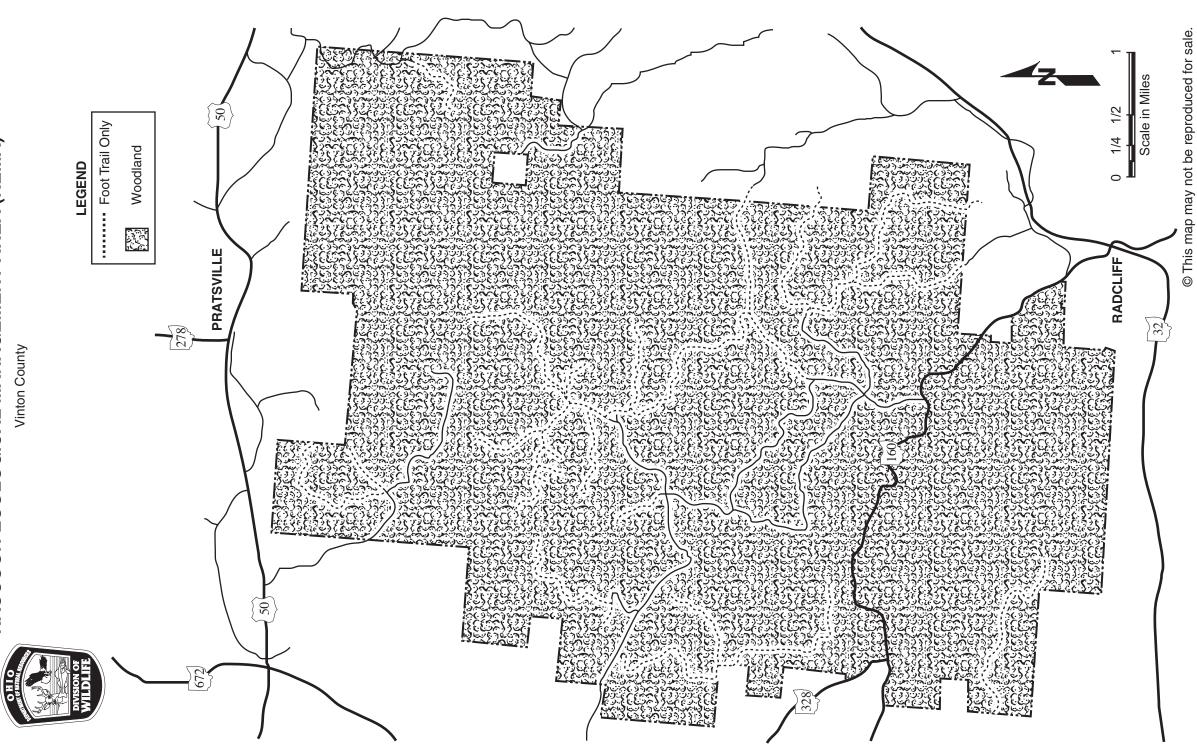
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Public Hunting & Fishing 15,857 Acres

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DISTANCE FROM MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS

18 miles from Jackson20 miles from Athens73 miles from Washington Court House83 miles from Columbus

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Formerly owned by the MeadWestvaco Corporation, this public hunting area consists of 15,857 acres. It is located in Vinton, Clinton, and Madison townships of Vinton County and is situated 3 miles southeast of McArthur.

The topography on the REMA property is hilly for the most part and includes some steep and rocky hillsides. This property has been extensively managed for timber production and provides a diversity of forestland wildlife habitat. Oak, hickory, maple, and yellow poplar dominate the mature forest and the understory consists of greenbrier and shade-tolerant woody shrubs.

Many well established logging roads traverse the area making nearly all portions of the property accessible on foot. Surface mining that occurred on site has resulted in several manmade ponds.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

The wooded hills of southern Ohio are part of the Appalachian Forest, the oldest and most diverse forest system in North America. When healthy, these forests are home to a rich array of flowering and medicinal plants, dozens of tree species, songbirds, game species like ruffed grouse and wild turkey, and other wildlife including bobcat, black bear, bats, salamanders, and snakes.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

The diverse mixture of habitat types, ranging from recent timbering operations to forested ridge tops, provides for a rich variety of both game and non-game species. White-tailed deer, wild turkey, and gray squirrel are the principal abundant game species. The timber management occurring on this property provides habitat for grouse, turkey, white-tailed deer, and cottontail rabbit.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information may be obtained from the Wildlife District Four Office, 360 E. State Street, Athens, Ohio 45701, telephone (740) 589-9930.

TURN IN A POACHER

Ohio's TIP, "Turn In a Poacher," program is helping to curtail poaching throughout the state. TIP is designed to involve the public in reporting wildlife violations. Citizens who observe wildlife violations should call the TIP toll-free hotline, 1-800-POACHER.