

Friends of the Little Miami State Park

Trail Signage Policy

On the subject of trail signage, the first thing to remember is that the Little Miami State Park is a state park and is therefore governed by the state of Ohio and its rules and regulations for all Ohio State parks.

Commercial Signage

The following Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 1501:41 paragraph B prohibits the placement of signage on State Park property without the permission of the Chief's office.

1501:41-3-26 Commercial activity prohibited except by permit.

(A) No person shall rent, sell, solicit, offer for sale or have in his possession with the intent to rent or expose for rent or sale any item or service in any area administered by the division except by authority of an approved concession contract or permit issued by the chief. Exempt from this paragraph are the collection of registration fees from participants in fishing tournament events which have been approved by the park manager; the sale of newspapers from vending machines located in areas designated for this purpose by the park manager; the sale of food items by a vendor who has been called to deliver the items into the park by a park visitor; and the sale of towing or repair services by a vendor who has been called to deliver these services to the park by a park visitor.

(B) Except by contract or permit issued as provided by paragraph (A) of this rule, no person shall display, erect, fix, or attach any commercial sign, notice billboard, poster or similar facsimile to any artificial structure or natural object in any area administered by the division. Owners of such signs shall be responsible for their removal at the expiration of the permit or a responsible time thereafter.

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Since the Friends of the Little Miami State Park act as ODNR's agent in maintaining the trail (including signage), any request to place commercial signage on the trail should be directed to president@flmsp.org. This request should include the locations where the signage will be placed and the dates when the signage will be put up and taken down. The president or his duly appointed representative will then forward the request to ODNR for approval. If approved, the approved locations for that commercial signage will be entered into the Adopt-a-Trail Master List. Adopt-a-Trail are authorized to remove any commercial signage not in the Adopt-a-Trail Master List.

Non-commercial Signage

Non-commercial organizations that want to put up signs on the trail (e.g. communities, park districts, non-profits, etc.) should extend professional courtesy to Ohio State Parks and to the Friends of the Little Miami State Park to solicit their comments and concerns before placing temporary signs or erecting permanent signs.

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While this prohibition primarily pertains to commercial activity, professional courtesy should guide neighbouring park districts or communities as they choose/coordinate placement for promotional or directional signage.

Since the Friends of the Little Miami State Park act as ODNR's agent in maintaining the trail (including signage), any request to place non-commercial signage on the trail should be directed to president@flmsp.org. This request should include the locations where the signage will be placed and the dates when the signage will be put up and taken down. The president or his duly appointed representative will then forward the request to ODNR for approval. If approved, the approved locations for that commercial signage will be entered into the Adopt-a-Trail Master List. Adopt-a-Trail Segment Adopters are authorized to remove any non-commercial signage not in the Adopt-a-Trail Master List.