

Broken Timbers Outdoor Recreation Area
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The Broken timber Outdoor Education Center is located in Monroe County, Ohio. The center borders the Ohio River at the AGI Complex on State Route 7 near Hannibal, Ohio.

Located on the site there are various rooms for the public to view and get an understanding of trapping, fishing, and hunting. As you walk in the front door the foyer will have mounts of wildlife as they would be living in their habitat. One room has the Ohio State Trappers Association booth set up for the public to view along with the magazines and literature on trapping to explain the fur industry and how it started along with today's methods of trapping. In another room my wife, Tina, designed a background for water sets and land sets with mounts to explain various types of sets for both.

We are blessed to have some fine trappers who are certified as trapper's education instructors to volunteer to hold trapper education classes every year at the site. This year a trapper education class was held at the advanced trappers workshop at both Salt Fork and Broken Timber's Outdoor Education Center.

We were recently in need of sample booths to help show the students the equipment and various sizes of traps. Thanks to the generosity of Victor Traps and Rich Butera, we were provided with two trap displays with 17 traps in each. This was a tremendous help in teaching students the proper size trap to use when targeting different furbearers.

As we studied the Ohio trappers manual and learned about equipment we found ourselves in need of even more equipment. Thanks to several Ohio trapping supply companies we were given what we needed. We would like to give a special thanks to: PDK Snares, Sullivan's Scents and Supplies, J.R. & Sons, Scott Welch, Carroll and JoAnne Black, Keith Winkler of Sterling Fur, and Ed Molnar of Northern Sport company for all the premium trapping supplies they have donated to be put into an equipment display booth for educational purposes for different classes. Arlington cape donated various furs to show students at Broken timber as well. The OSTA has a television and DVD set up at Broken Timber and is playing "Destroying the Myth" as people tour. We thank all for your donations and concern for the future trappers.

We would also like to say thank you to the Ohio Division of Wildlife for their great support they have given to the programs and education at Broken Timber. Along with the support of the Ohio State Trappers Association staff, regional directors, district directors, county organizers, and members who work so hard to keep the public informed and to help protect our rights to trap.

We want to thank all the instructors and volunteers who sacrifice time and money to help teach the history and future of trapping. It's a team effort and all of you who give so much of your time and share your love for trapping are to be commended. It's up to us as trappers to tap a friend on the shoulder and invite him or her to a trapping course, regional meet, state or national convention or to a trip with you on your trap line. This helps keep the sport alive. Let's do something to educate the public on how great it is to be a member of the trapping industry.

May all of you have a great season and may 2011 be a great year for trappers! Be positive, work hard and may God bless all of you. He gave us this privilege to enjoy so let's manage it wisely so we don't ever let him down. ### Keith and Tina Jones, 42184 State Route 78, Woodsfield, Ohio 43793