

# Yellowwood State Forest

# Property Overview

- 25,000+ acres
- 12 miles of hiking trails (not including 42 mile Tecumseh trail)
- 21 miles of horse trails
- 18 miles of off road cycling trails
- 3 lakes
- 80 primitive family campsites
- 10 primitive equestrian campsites
- Row boat rentals
- Kayak rental
- Public firewood cutting areas



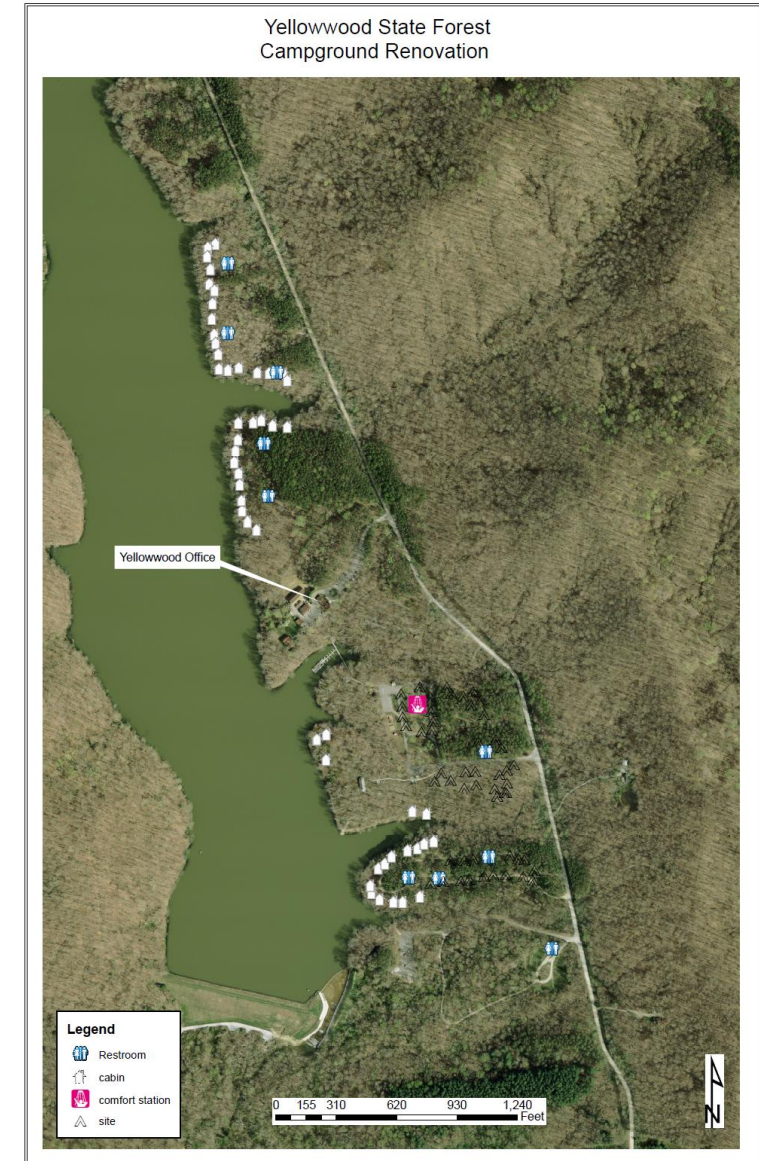
# Completed Projects

- Kayak launch/dock
- Pine Ridge Road access road and parking area
- 4 new accessible precast concrete primitive style restrooms



# In progress Projects

- Campground upgrades and improvements. This project will add rent a camp cabins providing Yellowwood customers another camping option.
- The conversion of a former property residence to a recreational rental cabin.



# Upcoming Projects

- Bridge House
  - retaining wall improvements
  - Gutter replacement
  - Storm drain improvements
- Public parking improvements
  - Polecat Ridge Road
  - Crooked Creek Road
  - Bruce Lane
  - Helms Road



Bridge House

# Morgan-Monroe State Forest

# Property Overview

- More than 25,000 acres
- Located in Morgan and Monroe Counties
- Approximately 24 miles of hiking trails
- Start of the Tecumseh Trail
- 2 Lakes – Cherry and Bryant's Creek
- 4 Shelter Houses
- 30 Primitive Campsites
- 6 Group Campsites
- Public Firewood Cutting Areas



# Completed Projects

- Electrical improvements to the south property residence
- New trailside shelter in the Backcountry
- Painted Cherry Lake Lodge





# In progress Projects

Dozer shed  
improvements

Installation of 4 new  
precast concrete  
primitive restrooms at  
Mason Ridge, Oak  
Ridge, and Cherry Lake



Installation of a precast  
concrete restroom at  
Morgan Monroe

## Landscaping

Cherry Lake Lodge will have existing landscaping removed, area reshaped, and plants native to Indiana planted.



## Fire Tower Repairs

Due to vandalism, the floor of the observation deck needs to be repaired. Along with the replacement of wooden boards on the steps of the tower.



## Fire lane rehab in Backcountry

- Rehabilitation of existing forest access road. The improvement will give access to approximately 1,000 acres of state forest property. This will allow better access for emergencies and management. This will include clearing debris, mitigating erosion, improving drainage, stabilizing two stream crossings with concrete cables, and stabilizing the roadbed with stone. The entire length of the road is 1.75 Miles.



## Construction

A new 7-Bay garage will be constructed in the service area at Morgan-Monroe State Forest.



Existing 7 –bay garage at Morgan Monroe

## Oak-Hickory Forest Restoration

You may have noticed in multiple places throughout Yellowwood and Morgan-Monroe State Forest where the understory of the forest has been “opened up”. Oak-hickory forests are facing drastic changes from the herbaceous plant layer all the way to the top of the canopy. This is due to other species, mainly beech and maple, encroaching into oak forests. This shades out oak and hickory regeneration, beneficial native shrubs, and a large diversity of herbaceous plants. Prescribed fire and mechanical cutting/spraying are two methods for restoring these extremely important ecosystems. More of this work is planned in 2021.



Oak Restoration Work Along Mason Ridge Hiking Trail