Tygarts State Forest Information

Directions & Description:
Tygarts State Forest is west of and adjacent to Carter Caves State Resort Park off KY 182. From the south take I-64, then KY 182 (Carter Caves RD) north through Carter Caves State Resort Park. From Wesleyville, take KY 02 to KY 182, to Oakland Ridge RD. Also accessible by a short hike from Carter Caves State Resort Park, access from Maintenance Drive or Cave Branch RD.

Hilly with some gently sloping ridge tops, forested in hardwoods. No developed/marked roads/trails. Lodging and recreational facilities are located at Carter Caves State Resort Park.

Tygarts State Forest is owned by Kentucky Division of Forestry.

Online Resources
Public Hunting Area users must abide by the Kentucky hunting, trapping, and fishing regulations. It is incumbent on persons using Public Hunting Areas to become familiar with these regulations. Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources provides these regulations on our Web site at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

State Forest Overview
Location & Size: Carter County, 939 acres.
Contact: 1-800-866-0052
Elevation: minimum 740, maximum 1120
Entrance GPS coordinates: Latitude N 38.38607, Longitude W -83.15651
Area Habitat: mostly forest: open land 10%, forest 90%, wetland 0%, open water 0%.
Wildlife Management Area Map Notes & Legend

NOTE TO MAP USERS:

For most WMA maps the landscape is depicted using a combination of elevation contours, hillshading and a green tint indicating woodland areas that is derived from satellite imagery. On WMAs that are relatively small or have a history of surface mining aerial photography is used.

WMA Map Legend

- WMA Office
- Information Kiosk
- Check station
- Mobility-impaired Hunting Blind
- Trailhead
- Horseback Trailhead
- Parking Lot
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- Wildlife Viewing Site
- Interpretive Site
- Retriever Training Site
- Gate
- Campground
- Cemetery
- Corps of Engineers Office
- Waterfowl Blind
- Shooting Range
- Established Bank Access
- Fishing Pier
- Carrydown Launch
- Small Boat Ramp
- Large Boat Ramp
- State Park Office

- WMA Boundary
- Aerial photograph
- Other Public Hunting Areas
- Area Off Limits
- No Hunting
- Seasonally Restricted Access
- Mobility Impaired Hunting Area
- Primitive Hunting Only
- Foot Traffic Only
- Open Water
- Wetland
- Woodland

- Populated Place
- Kentucky Boundary
- Interstate Highway
- Kentucky Parkway
- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- Local Road
- Forest Service Road
- Active Railroad
- Abandoned Railroad
- Federal Recreation Trail
- WMA Road
- WMA Foot Trail
- WMA Horse Trail
- Gas Pipeline
- Powerline
- Rivers and Streams
- Dam
- Trout Waters
- Elevation Contour