

DESIGNATED RIVER OTTER CHECK STATIONS:

River otters may be taken to any of the following check stations during established times (M, W, F, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.) or by appointment, or to any Division of Wildlife district office (M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

• **Wildlife District 1**

1500 Dublin Rd., Columbus
(614) 644-3925

1. Delaware Wildlife Area

8589 Horseshoe Rd., Ashley
(740) 747-2919

2. Hebron Fish Hatchery

10517 Canal Rd., SE, Hebron
(740) 928-8092

3. Deer Creek Wildlife Area

12552 Post Rd. Rt. 1, Mount Sterling
(740) 869-2365

• **Wildlife District 2**

952 Lima Ave., Findlay
(419) 424-5000

• **Wildlife District 3**

912 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron
(330) 644-2293

4. Grand River Wildlife Area

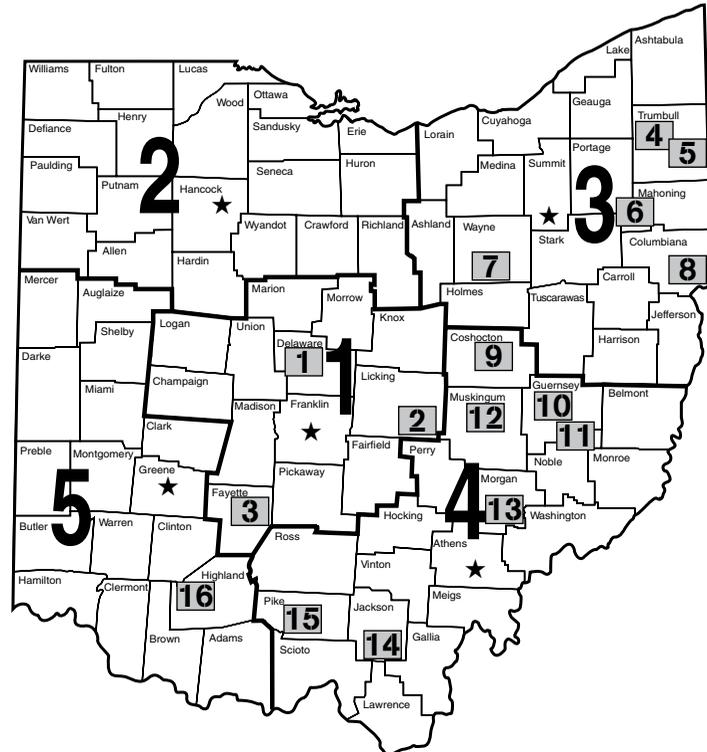
6686 SR 534, Farmington
(330) 889-3280

5. Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area

8303 N. Park Avenue, North Bloomfield
(440) 685-4776

6. Berlin Wildlife Area

1806 Bonner Rd., Deerfield
(330) 654-2392



7. Killbuck Wildlife Area

1691 Centerville Rd., Shreve
(330) 567-3390

8. Highlandtown Wildlife Area

16760 Spring Valley Rd., Salineville
(330) 679-2201

• **Wildlife District 4**

360 E. State St., Athens
(740) 589-9930

9. Woodbury Wildlife Area

23371 SR 60 S., Warsaw
(740) 824-3211

10. Salt Fork Wildlife Area

67656 Salt Fork WL Hq. Rd., Lore City
(740) 489-5021

11. Senecaville Fish Hatchery

57199 Seneca Dam Rd., Senecaville
(740) 685-5541

12. Tri-Valley Wildlife Area

5960 Memory Rd., Zanesville
(740) 454-8296

13. Wolf Creek Wildlife Area

961 S SR 78, SW, Malta
(740) 962-2048

14. Cooper Hollow Wildlife Area

5403 CH & D Rd., Oak Hill
(740) 682-7524

15. Kincaid Fish Hatchery

7487 SR 124, Latham
(740) 493-2717

• **Wildlife District 5**

1076 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia
(937) 372-9261

16. Fallsville Wildlife Area

10221 Careytown Rd. New Vienna
(937) 987-2508

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Ohio River Otter Trapping Regulations



Regulations are in effect for trapping river otters in Ohio, including season dates, zones, bag limits, and check-in requirements.

This pamphlet describes the river otter trapping regulations, and what successful river otter trappers must do after catching a river otter in Ohio.

• **SEASON DATES & BAG LIMITS:**

River otter trapping is permitted in certain areas of Ohio during the open river otter trapping season which is generally December 26 through the last day of February. Trappers should refer to the current Ohio Hunting Regulations booklet for season dates for river otter trapping.

• **ZONES AND BAG LIMITS:**

River otters may only be trapped in certain areas of Ohio, and in limited numbers.

- Zone A** – Closed
- Zone B** – 1 Otter
- Zone C** – 3 Otters

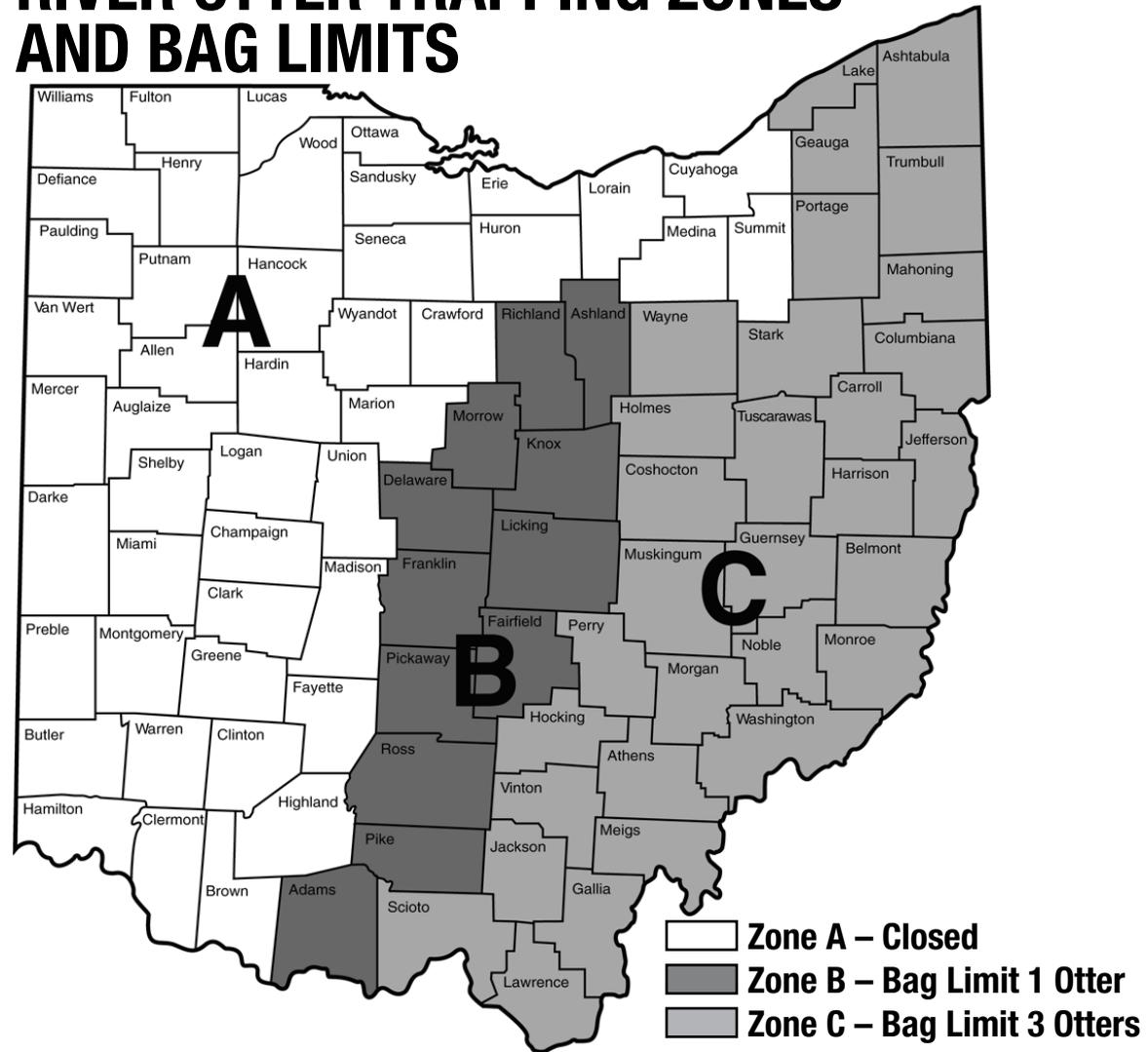
The total season bag limit is 3 river otters, of which no more than 1 river otter may be taken in Zone B.

• **REQUIRED PERMITS:**

Except for landowners and their children trapping on their own property, anyone trapping river otters in Ohio is required to have a valid hunting license and fur taker permit. No additional permits are required for trapping river otters on private lands or Mead Westvaco, B&N Coal and Turkey Run public hunting areas.

Limited river otter trapping opportunity is available on state public hunting areas, including state parks and forests, and is permitted only in areas where beaver populations require active management. A special beaver/river otter trapping permit from the Division of Wildlife is required in addition

RIVER OTTER TRAPPING ZONES AND BAG LIMITS



to a hunting license and fur taker permit by anyone trapping these state public hunting areas, including state parks and forests, in Zone B or Zone C. Contact the Division of Wildlife district office in Akron, Athens, or Columbus for additional information.

Limited river otter trapping is permitted

within American Electric Power's recreation area, known as ReCreation Land, Avondale Wildlife Area, and Conesville Coal Lands, with a special beaver/river otter trapping permit issued from the AEP Land Management office in McConnellsville, Ohio. Interested trappers should contact AEP **PRIOR** to October each year.

CHECKING AND TAGGING REQUIREMENTS:

The pelt of each river otter must be brought to a designated location for pelt tagging within 72 hours of take. River otters may be taken to a designated check station from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (M, W, F), or by appointment. River otters may also be taken to any Division of Wildlife district office, (M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Carcass submission is no longer required.

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Each trapper must personally present their own river otter, and may not present a river otter taken by another person. Trappers must also provide a copy of their Fur Taker Permit at the time of checking, and provide information about the date and location in which the river otter was trapped.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Trappers who have reached their season bag limit are encouraged to implement river otter avoidance techniques while beaver trapping.

If you catch an otter in excess of your season bag limit or in a closed zone and it is still alive, carefully release it without causing injury to yourself or the river otter. If the river otter is dead, leave it in the trap and contact the wildlife officer assigned to that county or the District Office immediately to determine the course of action to follow.