Wayne National Forest – Volunteer Vacations 2024

September 8th - September 14th
Ironton Ranger Station, 6518 State Route 93, Pedro, Ohio, 45659
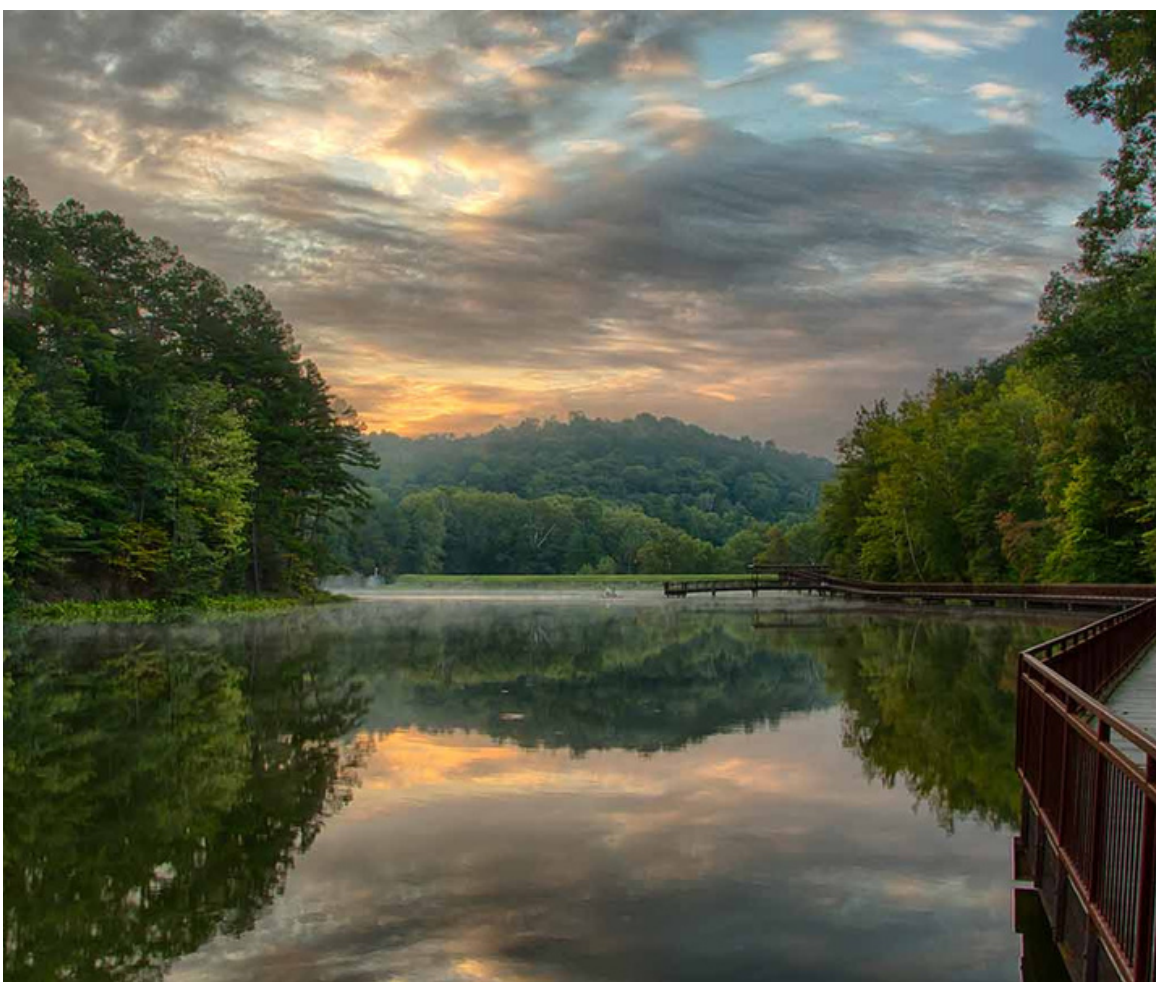
Quick Facts:

- Project Rating: Strenuous
- Group Size: 8-16
- Project Type: Day Hiking
- Accommodations: Car Camping
- Temperature:
  - Average High: 76°
  - Average Low: 54°

Project Description:

- Help repair the Vesuvius Recreation Area hiking trails in Wayne National Forest, Ohio's only national forest! The Lake Vesuvius Recreation Area is the Wayne National Forest's premier developed recreation site and is named after the historic Vesuvius Iron Furnace.
- The rugged hills and out-cropping cliffs provide a scenic backdrop for this historical and beautiful site. It contains a 143-acre lake, two family campgrounds and one group campground, beach and swim area, multiple picnic areas, fishing, boating, hiking, scenic overlook and an archery trail. This recreation area is home to the 46-mile Lake Vesuvius Horse Trail System, open from early spring to winter.
- On this project, trail work will consist of tread repair, brushing, adding signage, and pruning of the Vesuvius Recreation Area hiking trails. Volunteers will be driven to strategic points along the trails and hike into the trail to begin work. On average, Volunteers will be hiking 3 to 8 miles a day through varying elevations and steep terrain.

Area and Attractions:

- The Lake Vesuvius Recreation Area is the Wayne National Forest's premier developed recreation site and is named after the historic Vesuvius Iron Furnace. Fishing enthusiasts can cast their lines into the lake, hoping for a rewarding catch, while boaters can explore the expansive waters, creating memories against the backdrop of the surrounding hills.

Travel Details:

- West Virginia International Yeager Airport in Charleston, West Virginia is the closest major airport. Airport pick up and drop off is available for volunteers and will be arranged upon confirmation of the trip.

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