



## Department of Natural Resources

For Immediate Release  
July 23, 2025

### **TODAY AT THE NATURAL RESOURCES PARK**

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

*Celebrate the opening of the 2025 Ohio State Fair with ODNR at the Natural Resources Park! Read on to learn about a few of the fun activities occurring throughout the day.*

#### **Ohio State Fair:** Opening Ceremony

Celebrate the start of the 2025 Ohio State Fair by attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Opening Ceremony. The ceremony starts at 10 a.m. at the Cardinal Gate and will welcome visitors to the park for another year of fun and tradition.

#### **The Natural Resources Park:** Paddle Around Free Kayak Pond

Whether you're an advanced kayaker looking for some fun or a newbie eager to learn about paddling, the Kayak Pond at the Natural Resource Park is the perfect place for you to get out on the water—for free! This safe, shallow pond is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day during the fair. Stop by to reserve your time slot and get your paddle on!

#### **The Natural Resources Park:** Check out the Great Lakes Timber Show

The Great Lakes Timber Show stars professional lumberjacks showing off skills, including chainsaw carving, axe throwing, two-man crosscut sawing, log rolling, and more! The talented lumberjacks put on three

shows every day of the fair, with a sign language interpreter present at every show. You can catch today's shows at noon, 2 p.m., or 6 p.m.

ODNR will send out a daily newsletter highlighting events and activities happening during the 2025 Ohio State Fair. You can find more information, including the amphitheater schedule [here](#).

*ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at [ohiodnr.gov](http://ohiodnr.gov).*

**-30-**

**For more information, contact:**

[Karina Cheung](#), ODNR Office of Communications

Media Line: 614-265-6860

Mobile: 614-202-4756