



**Department of
Natural Resources**

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TODAY AT THE NATURAL RESOURCES PARK

Friday, July 25, 2025

Ohio State Fair: Ohio Proud General Store

Support fellow Ohioans by shopping for local products like honey, salsa and dip mixes from Ohio Proud vendors. Each day of the fair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., there will be vendors selling items grown and made in our great state. Located in the Taste of Ohio Pavilion & Beer Garden, there will be a rotating selection of great products every day!

The Natural Resources Park: Smokey Bear

For the last 80 years, Smokey Bear has served as a symbol of wildfire prevention and forest conservation efforts. Every day, he tells us how we can prevent wildfires. Meet our very own 14-foot-tall Smokey Bear starting at 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day. It's a tradition for many families to be greeted by name by the iconic Smokey Bear, so be sure to stop by and say hello!

The Natural Resources Park: Check out Ohio's Backyard Animals

Learn more about the wildlife in your own backyard at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Natural Resources Park Amphitheater. Ohio Nature Education will dispel some myths about common animals across Ohio. Meet a variety of species and walk away an expert for the next time you have a backyard visitor!

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.

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