



# Buckeye Trail Association's Ballinger Preserve

## BTA Ballinger Preserve Established March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005

### Status

- Trail Type: Planned
- Buckeye Trail Miles: 0.3 miles
- Acreage: 21
- County: Adams
- Preservation Tool: Land Donation
- BT Section: Shawnee

### Natural and Cultural Resources

- Tributary of the South Fork of Scioto Brush Creek

### Significance

- Permanent protection of the trail corridor
- Key campsite location between Davis Memorial State Memorial and Shawnee State Forest
- Concurrent North Country National Scenic Trail and American Discovery Trail

In 2004, Franchot and Henrietta Ballinger approached the Buckeye Trail Association on the advice of The Nature Conservancy for a possible land donation along a portion of the Buckeye Trail. In 2005, the BTA received the Ballinger Preserve property from Franchot and Henrietta Ballinger.

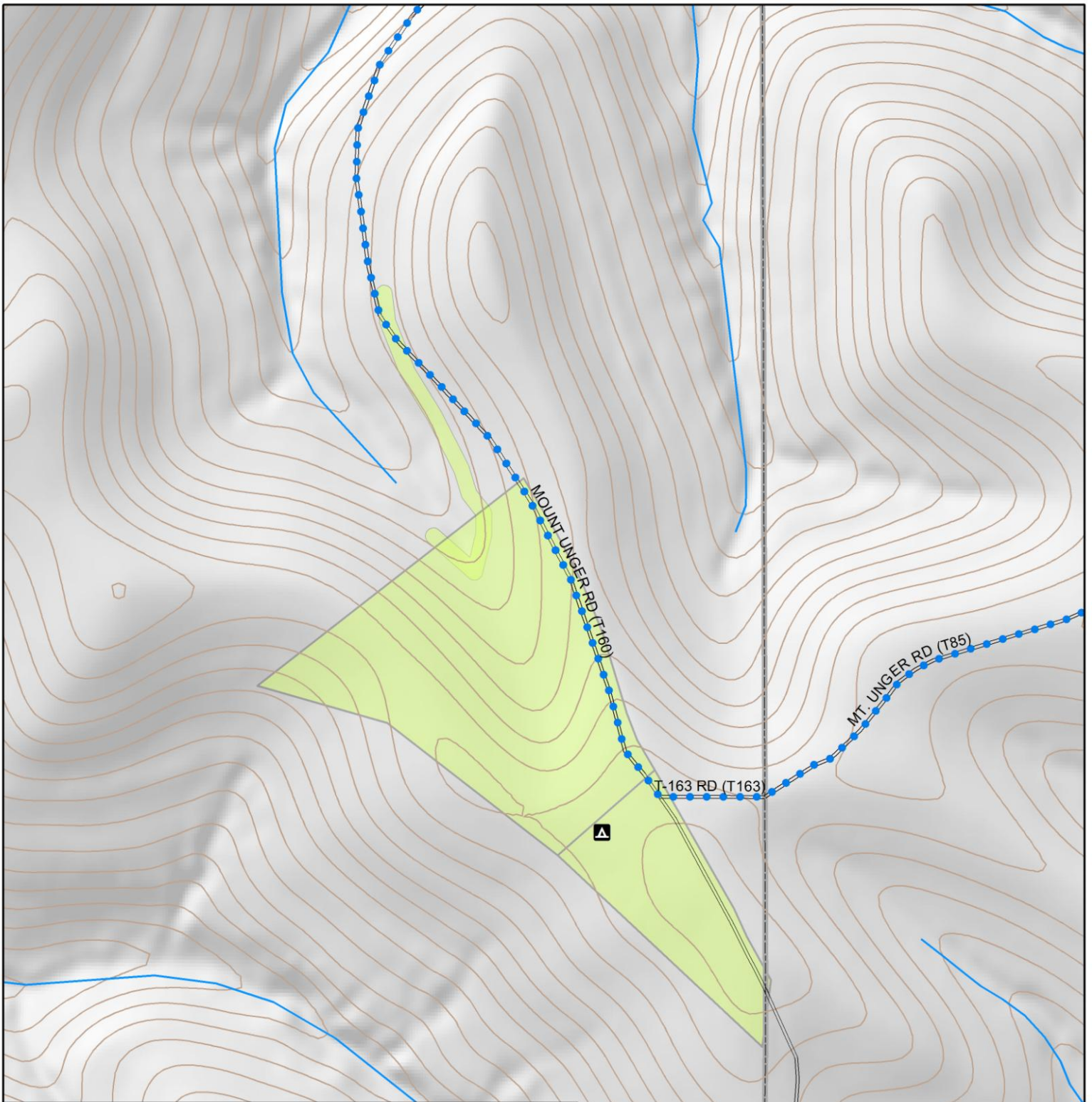
Members of the Buckeye Trail Crew visited the site after working nearby on the Buckeye Trail. The Crew made the determination after meeting with the owners at the site that the property would make a good location for a BT campsite. While walking the property together, all thought it was a good idea to accept the donation of property to the BTA. Both of the owners had memories of seeing deer in the morning and being able to commune with nature. They realized as they were getting older, that they weren't able to visit the property as much as before.

The property includes two parcels totaling 20.7 acres (15.5 and 5.2 acres), with a lean-to shed used as a shelter, a field for hikers to camp in, and a composting toilet. The property itself is located at the top of a hill in eastern Adams County and is adjacent to the Adams/Scioto county line close to the Shawnee State Forest. Future plans include rerouting the trail onto the property and an adjacent right-of-way for the property that leads out to Mount Unger Road, which heads north towards the small community of Wamsley. The property has easement restrictions that preserve its natural character.

Looking for a rustic campground? This is the place. One of the unique features of the property is that it is a really great site for stargazing at night because of its open area on a hilltop, and its location remote from cities. The views of the night sky are amazing!



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## Legend

- ● ● Buckeye Trail (On Road)
- — — Buckeye Trail (Off Road)
- BTA Protected Area
- Other Protected Land



Map Location

0 1:5,000 0.1 Miles

