



### DIRECTIONS

**From Cleveland, OH:** I-71 South to 61 North. At Marengo, OH, turn west on State Route 229 through Ashley, OH. Del. Dog Training Grounds is located 6.8 miles from Ashley, OH on St. Rt. 229 (on your left).

**From Toledo, OH:** U.S. 199 South to U.S. 23 South to State Route 229. Turn Left (east) on St. Rt. 229 (Norton Rd). Del. Dog Training Grounds is located 1.6 miles on right hand side.

**From Columbus, OH:** I-270 North. Take U.S. Route 23 North. Turn right (east) on State Route 229 (Norton Rd). Del. Dog Training Grounds is located 1.6 miles on right hand side.

**From Richmond, IN:** I-70 East to Columbus, OH. Take I-270 North. Take U.S. Route 23 North. Turn right (east) on State Route 229 (Norton Rd). Del. Dog Training Grounds is located 1.6 miles on right hand side.

**From Wheeling, WV:** I-70 West to Columbus, OH. Take I-270 North. Take U.S. Route 23 North. Turn right (east) on State Route 229 (Norton Rd). Del. Dog Training Grounds is located 1.6 miles on right hand side.

**From Delaware, OH:** U.S. Route 23 North to State Route 229. Turn right (east) on St. Rt. 229 (Norton Rd). Del. Dog Training Grounds is located 1.6 miles on right hand side.

**From Marion, OH:** U.S. Route 23 South to State Route 229. Turn Left (east) on St. Rt. 229 (Norton Rd). Del. Dog Training Grounds is located 1.6 miles on right hand side.

**MID-OHIO NAVHDA TRAINING/TESTING:** Mid-Ohio NAVHDA meets for formal training sessions the first Saturday of every month from March through October at the Delaware Dog Training Grounds, Delaware Wildlife Area. Mid-Ohio NAVHDA also typically sponsors two NAVHDA sanctioned tests in the spring and fall of each year.

**PURPOSE:** The North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) is a legally recognized nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering, improving, promoting, and protecting the versatile hunting dog in North America.

Underlying these aims is the desire to serve the interests of: game conservation by using well trained, reliable hunting dogs before and after the shot; prevention of cruelty to animals by discouraging nonselective and uncontrolled breeding which produces unwanted and uncared for dogs; and the gun dog hunter by helping the hunter to train his dog to work before and after the shot, on land and in water.

Formed in 1969, NAVHDA has helped thousands of owners of versatile hunting dogs to train their own dogs to become useful hunting companions. Furthermore, the NAVHDA Registry is the only registry in North America specializing in the registration of versatile hunting dog breeds. The NAVHDA Test Information Service keeps and provides to breeders, buyers and interested individuals the performance records of all the versatile hunting dogs tested in the NAVHDA system. NAVHDA International is the governing body for the NAVHDA organization and includes approximately 70 local chapters across the U.S. and in Canada.

**TESTS:** NAVHDA established a system of comprehensive tests that truly measure all aspects of work for the versatile hunting dog at various stages of maturity. The NAVHDA system of testing is truly unique in that the dogs do not compete against one another but rather compete against a set standard.



Entrants in a test are judged one at a time by 3 judges with the dog's performance scored against a set standard. The only exception to this is the Invitational Test, in which dogs are braced in the field so each dog can demonstrate his willingness to back and work effectively with another dog. Prizes are awarded on the basis of numerical scores achieved in the test. Each dog that meets or exceeds minimum standards in all areas of work is placed in one of 3 categories: Prize I, Prize II or Prize III, with Prize I being the highest classification. If all dogs entered in a NAVHDA test perform well, all can receive a prize.

NAVHDA TESTS

Natural Ability - evaluates the natural abilities of young dogs (16 mos. of age and younger) and to gain insight into their possible usefulness as versatile gun dogs. It rates 7 abilities: nose, search, tracking, pointing, water, desire and cooperation.

Utility Preparatory - measures the dog's development midway through their training toward the Utility Test.

Utility - evaluates trained dogs in water and field, before and after the shot as finished versatile hunting companions.

Invitational - is the highest level of testing in NAVHDA. Only dogs who have achieved a Prize I in Utility are eligible. This limits the entries to exceptional animals who have demonstrated a high level of training and tests their skills in advanced work.



ACCOMODATIONS

Hotels: Comfort Inn  
265 Jamesway  
Marion, Ohio 43302  
740-389-5552  
(approx. 17 miles from test site)

Travelodge  
1001 U.S. Route 23 North  
Delaware, Ohio 43015  
740-369-4421 or 1-800-255-3050  
(approx. 11 miles from test site)

Super 8 Motel  
1251 Columbus Pike (U.S. Rt. 23)  
Delaware, Ohio 43015  
740-363-8869 or 1-800-800-8000  
(approx. 14 miles from test site)

Campgrounds: Delaware State Park  
5202 U.S. Route 23 North  
Delaware, Ohio 43015  
740-363-4561  
(approx. 6 miles from test site)

Alum Creek State Park  
3615 South Old State Road  
Delaware, Ohio 43015  
740-548-4631  
(approx. 21 miles from test site)

EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE

Grady Memorial Hospital is located at 561 West Central Avenue, Delaware, Ohio approximately 12 miles south of the test site. Dialing 911 or calling 800-432-5402 can reach emergency transportation. Members of the Chapter will be able to help if it is needed at the site.

EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE

Castleton Way Veterinary Hospital  
1857 Castleton Way  
Delaware, Ohio 43015  
740-369-7602

Sunbury Veterinary Clinic  
491 West Cherry Street  
Sunbury, Ohio 43074  
740-965-4577



Pertinent/Dated Information for Mid-Ohio NAVHDA

2009 NAVHDA tests... April 18-19/Oct.-TBA/ lunch provided with \$5 donation

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