

2016 Caesar Creek Lake Calendar of Events



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USACE: www.lrl.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Recreation/Lakes/CaesarCreekLake.aspx

FOCC: www.friendsofcaesarcreeklake.org

State Park: www.OhioStateParks.org or
<http://caesarcreekstatepark.com>

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January

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Count

Friday, January 8th, 8:30am to 10:30am

Meet at the Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center to participate in a survey of our national symbol! Bring warm clothes, binoculars, and an enthusiasm for bird watching! To register for this event please contact the visitor center at 513-897-1050.



February

Caesar Creek State Park

Sweetheart's Hike

February 13th, 1pm

Grab your sweetheart and join the Naturalists for a guided hike through a winter wonderland. Free and open to the public. Meet at the Caesar Creek Nature Center at 4006 Pioneer Village Rd. Waynesville, Ohio 45068.

Caesar Creek State Park

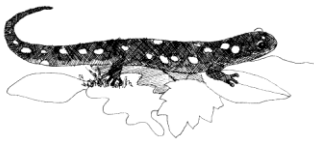
Winter Hike

Saturday, February 27th 10 am to noon (continuous start times)

Meet at the Wellman Meadows Boat Ramp for our annual Winter Hike. Enjoy a well-marked self-guided hike through scenic snowy landscapes. Walk 3 miles, or the full 6 miles to see both waterfalls in our area. Warm up at the Nature Center, which is the half way mark for soup beans, corn bread, hot drinks and more (\$5 for full meal). For more information call the Nature Center, 513-897-2437.



March



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Think Spring-Salamander Hike

Hikes will be on **ONE** of the following dates: Friday - Feb. 26th, Mar. 4th, or Mar. 11th at 7pm at the Caesar Creek Visitor Center.

Nature's timing is unpredictable and in order to make sure we have the best chance to actually see them migrating to their breeding ponds we may hike Friday Feb. 26th, March 4th or, 11th. The actual hike date will be determined on the Wednesday before the hike. Together we will search for salamanders as they awaken from hibernation and move toward their breeding ponds. There is no cost for this event and no experience is necessary. This is an adventure for the entire family. Please dress for the weather - boots and a flashlight are essential. Remember, salamanders prefer to move in the rain, so be prepared for muddy fun! To register for this event please go to the Clinton County Green Alliance's Webpage at www.greenalliancecc.com.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Winter Bird Banding

Saturday, March 5th, 9am - noon

The Ohio Bird Banding Association will be sponsoring a winter bird banding demonstration in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This event is free to the public and will feature bird banding demonstrations using live birds. Various trapping methods will be employed to show how birds are safely removed, data is gathered and the birds are then released unharmed back into the wild. Learn about bird migration, ecology and bird conservation—plus see birds up close! For more information call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050, or contact Bob Thobaben at 937-382-4739.

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Trilling Toads and Tiny Treefrogs

Saturday, March 12th, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Take an evening hike to search for these wondrous amphibians. We'll view frogs and toads up close in their marshy habitat. An adventure for the whole family. Please dress for the weather, boots are required. Bring a flashlight if you have one. This is a Friends of Caesar Creek Program, \$2.00 per person. For more information or to register call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Girl Scouts Water Wonders Badge

Sunday, March 13th, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Hey Girl Scouts! Need to earn your Water Wonders Badge? Come out to Caesar Creek on Sunday, March 13 2016 from 1pm to 3 pm and we can help! Please call the Visitor Center to register at 513-897-1050.

Caesar Creek Nature Center

"Gourds For the Birds"

Sunday, March 13th, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists to create bird houses out of common garden gourds. All Materials and tools furnished. \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Reservations required 512-897-2437.

Pioneer Village

Pancake & Maple Syrup Brunch

March 19th & 20th 9am-2pm

Try Pioneer Village's homemade maple syrup with pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, and hot chocolate with a chance to take a tour of an old maple sugar camp!

April

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Day of the Killer Tornadoes Movie

Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 pm

Every weekend during the spring / summer we will be showing a nature-related movie. This month's feature will be the movie "Day of the Killer Tornado" about the April 3rd, 1974 tornadoes.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Cleanup Day

April 9th 9 am – Noon

Attention all local Scouts, 4-H'ers, and all other groups! Need to work on your service projects? Need to add to your volunteer time? Come out to Caesar Creek Lake and help us clean up around the park. We will be picking up litter, cleaning up trails, and making the park ready for the upcoming season. Please pre-register by calling 513-897-1050

Pioneer Village

Habitat for History

April 16th at Pioneer Village

Help the Pioneer Village work to preserve and restore the village buildings and grounds. There is a job for all ages! Hours 8-5

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

8th Annual BioBlitz!

Friday April 15th - Saturday, April 16th, 6:00pm – 6:00pm

Park rangers, local experts, and citizen scientists just like you will be coming together to participate in BioBlitz! BioBlitz is an event that partners local experts



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of all kinds with citizen scientists to find and identify as many species of life around the park within a 24hr period! Participants have a chance to get up close and personal with fish, birds, bugs, and even fungus as they strive to find as many species as possible. Kids have a chance to win prizes as they find species. This event is great for all ages and expertise levels! Free camping is available upon registration. For more information please contact park rangers at 513-897-1050.

Pioneer Village

Civil War Union Training Camp

April 23rd -24th

Learn about the life of a Union soldier during the Civil War as you take part in the training. Ladies, join the Soldiers' Aid Society while attending the afternoon tea. Enjoy demonstrations and activities for all ages. Stay for the Soldiers' dance @ 4pm on Saturday.

May



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

International Migratory Bird Day & Spring Birding Clinic

Saturday, May 14th, 8:30am - 5pm

Help us celebrate one of nature's great wonders, the annual spring bird migration. Games, fun, and movies for the whole family to enjoy at the Visitor Center.

Continuous bird banding demonstrations will take place. For more information, call 513-897-1050. Join Friends of Caesar Creek and master bird bander, Bob Thobaben for a guided bird walk to discover the many species of migratory birds in the park. Pre-registration is required and limited to the first 15 people. Bob will lead you to areas within the park where you will see between 50-60 species of birds including hawks, warblers and waterfowl.

Caesar Creek State Park

Mother's Day Bluebird Box Workshop

Sunday, May 15th, 2:00-4:00pm

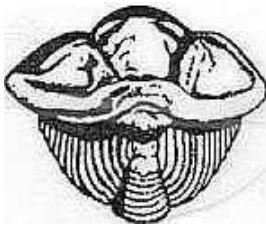
Do you need a fun activity to do with mom on mother's day? Why not bring her to the Caesar Creek Nature Center and build your very own bluebird box! Pre-registration is required. For more information call the Nature Center at 513-897-2437.

Pioneer Village & Rifle Frenzy

Spring Gathering

May 21st - 22nd

Step back in time and join the Village as they welcome the pioneers and traders who have come to trade and replenish supplies for the winter! For more information please contact Art at 937-488-2023.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

The Great Fossil Hunt

Monday, May 30th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (Memorial Day)

The ancient Ordovician Sea has disappeared, but evidence of marine life is abundant in the Caesar Creek Region. Meet at the Visitor Center for a program about these fascinating creatures, including the trilobite. Afterward, go to the Emergency Spillway to identify and study a diversity of fossils. For more information, contact a ranger at 513- 897-1050.

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June

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center Bats!

Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 pm

Explore the world of those night-flying mammals of myths and legends: BATS! This month's video is about these much maligned and misunderstood creatures. Shown every Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 pm at the Visitor Center. Available upon request at other times.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Earth Rocks!

Saturday, June 11th, 10 am - noon,

Attention Webelos! This is your chance to earn your geology badge. We'll cover all the requirements in a fun-filled program that will include a fossil hunting trip. We ask that you pre-register your child or pack. For more information or to register call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050.



Caesar Creek State Park

Youth Fishing Derby

June 18th, 8am-1pm

Join us for this free annual event hosted by ODNR staff and the Harveysburg Police Department. Registration starts at 8am. The Youth pond will be fully stocked and staffed for this event (The Youth Pond is near Caesar Creek Beach). Kids ages 15 and younger are permitted to fish in the Youth Pond. Parents may assist young anglers if needed. Fishing license are not required. Trophies and prizes are awarded for different age groups. Lunch and bait are provided by the Harveysburg Police Department. Call the Nature Center for more info. 513-897-2437.

Pioneer Village

Native American Gathering

June 25th, Gates open at noon.

Learn the history of our great country from the Ancestors of those who were here before us. Visit our website for special guest and times @ www.caesarscreekpioneervillage.com

July



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Water Safety A Family Affair

Saturdays & Sundays, 2:00 pm

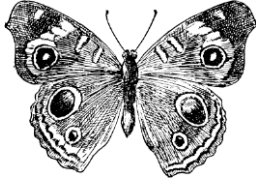
Join us for this month's feature about water safety. Learn tips about being safe in the water just in time for the summer swimming season.

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US Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Butterfly Census

Saturday, July 9th, 10am – noon



Do you like butterflies? Would you like to learn more about these winged creatures or share your knowledge? Please join the Caesar Creek rangers for our annual count in conjunction with the North American Butterfly Association. NABA was formed in order to promote awareness of butterfly conservation and the benefits of butterfly gardening, observation, and education. For more information or to register call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Junior Rangers

July 12th -15th, 10:00am - noon each day

Jr. Rangers is a four day program for children between the ages of 6 and 12 years old. The program is designed to help children gain a better understanding of the environment and the role they play in it. Of course, nature is fun; therefore, each day the program is filled with hands-on activities and games to re-enforce the concepts being covered. There is a \$20.00 materials fee, per child, for this program due before July 4th. Pre-registration is required. After July 4th registration goes up to \$25.00 per child. For more information or to register, call 513-897-1050. Each child will receive a Jr. Ranger book, patch, badge and certificate of completion.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Into the Woods

Saturday, July 16th, 10am-noon

Attention Webelos! This is your chance to earn your forester badge. We'll cover all the requirements in a fun-filled program. We ask that you pre-register your child or pack. For more information or to register call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050.



Pioneer Village

The Village Unplugged*

July 23

Gates open at noon. Enjoy the sweet sounds of artists around the Village. Bring your instrument and sit and jam a spell. A variety of sounds for the music lover in everyone.

August

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Into the Wild

Saturday August 6th 10am - noon

Attention Webelos! This is your chance to earn your naturalist badge. We'll cover all the requirements in a fun-filled program. We ask that you pre-register your child or pack. For more information or to register call the Visitor Center, 513-897-105



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Caesar Creek State Park

Meteor Shower Campout

August 13th, 6:00-1:00pm



Meet ODNR naturalists and Cincinnati Astronomical Society for an out-of-this-world experience! Learn about nocturnal wildlife and discover the stars and planets through family oriented hands-on learning activities! Talk with members from the Cincinnati Astronomical Society and listen to their fascinating presentation. View Stars, planets, and other galaxies through their telescopes or bring your own. Free camping is available at the Caesar Creek beach and food and drinks are provided as a fundraiser for nature center programming. Call the Nature Center at 513-897-2437 for more information.

Pioneer Village

Native American Gathering,

August 20th & 21st Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-4.

Enjoy the beauty of the dancers, flutes and drums as several Nations come together. 513-897-1120

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Lake Shore Clean Up Day

Saturday, August 20th, 10am-2pm

Stop by the Wellman Boat Ramp with your boat, pick up a trash bag from a park ranger and clean up trash along the lake shore of Caesar Creek Lake. For more information call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050.

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Take A Warrior Fishing Event and Ohio Free Fishing Day!

Saturday, August 27th, 8am-4pm

Veterans and their families have the opportunity to join local sportsman through the sport of fishing. Veterans who register for this event will have all fishing gear supplied for them. A barbeque luncheon will also be provided for veterans and their families. If you know of or are a veteran and would be interested in fishing with local sportsman, contact a park ranger at 513-897-1050. If you would like to volunteer or donate to this event contact rangers for more information. And don't forget! Bring your kids to the Visitor Center and borrow a fishing pole, bait your hook and fish at our Kid's Fishing Pond! This is an all day celebration of outdoor fun for the whole family!



September

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Earth Rocks!

Saturday, September 3rd, 10 am - noon,

Attention Webelos! This is your chance to earn your geology badge. We'll cover all the requirements in a fun-filled program that will include a fossil hunting trip. We ask that you pre-register your child or pack. For more information or to register call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050.

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Monarch Butterfly Day

Saturday, September 10th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Take part in an international study that tracks the migration of the Monarch butterfly as it journeys toward Mexico. Help to capture, tag, record and release the butterflies to help scientists understand how these fragile insects make the remarkable journey over 2,000 miles. Please wear long pants and bring butterfly nets if you have them. For more information or to register call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Naturalist/Fossil Program for Home Schooled Children

Friday, September 16th, 10 am - noon

Do you home school your children? Would you like to have them experience the same types of programs that school and other groups do? Well come on out to the Visitor Center and join in to learn about the environment, animals and fossils of Caesar Creek! Pre-registration is required, call 513-897-1050.

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Prairie Seed Collecting

Saturday, September 17th, noon-2pm

Join the park rangers and learn about Ohio's native prairie plants. Come prepared to collect prairie seeds, which will be used to restore other prairies in southwest Ohio. Wear long pants, bug repellent and sunscreen. Bring gloves and small brown paper bags if you have them. For more information call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 24th, 10 am – 2 pm

Come out to the park and help us celebrate National Public Lands Day participate in trail maintenance, litter pick up, and wildflower seed collecting. We will also have information on the fossils found at Caesar Creek and where to go to collect them.

Pioneer Village

War Between the States

Sept 24th & 25th, Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-4

Learn about the life of a soldier during the Civil War. Enjoy watching battles, a ladies tea, demonstrations and children's activities. 513-897-1120

October

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Fall Foliage Tours

Through October, weekdays 8am - 4pm & weekends 8:00 am - 5 pm

Caesar Creek Lake will be ablaze with color as Mother Nature paints the forest orange, red, yellow and bronze. Come out the park and enjoy the color; we have both self-guided driving tours and recommended hikes to help enjoy the season. For more information call the Visitor Center, 513-897- 1050

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Caesar Creek State Park

Indian Summer Campout

October 1st-3rd

Seasonal crafts, games, and family fun at the Caesar Creek lake campgrounds! See a detailed schedule of events at our website (www.ohiostateparks.org). For more information please call the Nature Center at 513-897-2437.

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Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Into the Wild

Saturday October 15th, 10am - noon

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Pioneer Village

Harvest Festival & Gathering

October 15th -16th

Celebrate the harvest as the village is preparing for winter. Take part in the activities of the early 1800s. Bring a bag of individually wrapped Treat candy and get FREE admission for one.

Caesar Creek State Park

Perimeter Trail Hike

Sunday, October 16th, 10:00am to 3:00pm

Join us for the 13 mile guided hike around the southern portion of Caesar Creek Lake. Pack your lunch, water, and camera for this scenic trail through the colorful fall foliage. Meet at the 50 Springs parking lot to join the adventure. Call the nature center at 513-897- 2437 for more information.

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Little Miami Watershed Festival

Saturday, October 22nd, 11 am - 4 pm

Fun, family-oriented days in natural surroundings that help promote the beauty and value of the Little Miami River watershed. More than 20 exhibitors, representing watershed interests and conservation groups will be presenting educational displays, hands-on activities and large-group events for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. Children will have an opportunity to earn water safety T-shirts for visiting displays and participating in events. For more information call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050.



Pioneer Village

Pioneer Trick or Treat

October 22nd from 3pm-6pm

Children may treat around the village and families can enjoy a treat in the Bullskin Inn. Admission is Free for this event.



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November

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Owl Moon

Saturday, November 5th and 19th, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Join us for a moonlit owl hike. We'll begin with a story, the Owl Moon story which tells the tale of a father and daughter on a winter hike in search of a Great-Horned Owl. November is when owls re-establish territories and prepare for nesting that begins in the heart of winter, an adventure for the whole family. Please dress for the weather, bring a flashlight if you have one. **Registration is required and space is limited.** This is a Friends of Caesar Creek Program, \$2 per person. For more information or to register call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050.



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Caesar Creek State Park

Cast Iron Cookout

November 13th, 11am- 1pm

Bring your family and learn how to cook a meal over an open fire. All equipment and instruction will be provided. Pre-Register for \$15. Located at the Caesar Creek Nature Center: 4006 Pioneer Village Rd. Waynesville, Ohio 45068

December



Pioneer Village

Candlelight Walk

December 3rd 4—8pm

Celebrate with us Ohio's first Christmas in 1803. Dress warm!

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Audubon Christmas Bird Count

Thursday, December 15th, 6 am - 5 pm

Calling all birders! We need your help with our 9th Annual Caesar Creek Lake / Spring Valley Marsh Christmas Bird Count. For early risers we will look and listen for owls at 6 am. We'll regroup at the Visitor Center at 8:30 am, break into teams and search for waterfowl and songbirds. We'll meet at the Visitor Center at 1 pm for a hot lunch sponsored by the Friends of Caesar Creek. Experts and beginners are encouraged to attend. Come out for all or part of the day. For more information or to register call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050.



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