

# Caesar Creek Lake Regional Calendar of Events

2015



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Schedule subject to change.

# 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.

# May

## Spring Birding Clinic

*Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7am – 11 am*

Join Friends of Caesar Creek and master bird bander, Bob Thobaben, Operations Manager, Steve Lee and Park Ranger Rebecca Palmer 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. This is a Friends of Caesar Creek program, \$10 per person. Call the Visitor Center to register, 513-897-1050.



## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

International Migratory Bird Day

*Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 at the Visitor Center. For more information, call the Visitor Center at 513-897-1050.

## Caesar Creek State Park

Camping is for the Birds – Mother's Day Weekend at Caesar Creek Campgrounds

*May 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>*

Experience International Migratory Bird Day at the Visitor Center and join the Park Naturalist in the Caesar Creek Campgrounds in the evening for special programming on birds. See live raptors up-close and personal with our 'Birds of Prey' program. Join us for guided birding hikes and our 'Build your Own Bluebird Box' Workshop. See separate flyer for program details on our website - <http://caesarcreekstatepark.com>. Call the Nature Center for more info 513-897-2437 and like us on Facebook. Caesar Creek State Park

## Caesar Creek State Park

Mother's Day Bluebird Box Workshop

*Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Caesar Creek State Park/Cincinnati Wildflower Preservation Society

*Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>*

Saturday Give Back Day: Garlic Mustard Pull

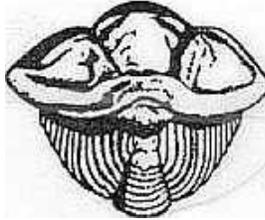
Come out to the park and help remove one of the invasive plants affecting our park, garlic mustard! This event is sponsored by the Cincinnati Wildflower Preservation Society. To register or for more information, contact Christine Hadley at [christinehadley@earthlink.net](mailto:christinehadley@earthlink.net)

## **Pioneer Village**

Spring Gathering

May 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

Step back in time and join the Village as they welcome the pioneers and traders who have come to trade and replenish supplies from 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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

## **Caesar Creek State Park**

Memorial Day Weekend Campout at Caesar Creek Campgrounds

May 22-25<sup>th</sup>

Join us in the campgrounds for a fun filled weekend of Naturalist's programs, such as free canoeing, kayaking, guided hikes, birds of prey, archery fishing and more. See separate flyer for details on our website - <http://caesarcreekstatepark.com>. Call the Nature Center for more information. 513-897-2437 or like us on Facebook 'Caesar Creek State Park'.

# 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**

Sustainable Life: Trash into Treasure

All ages / limit first 60 to sign up

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am - Noon

Have you ever wondered if there was something more you could do with that 2 Liter soda bottle? Wondered if there was a better use for the toilet paper tube, or paper towel tube? Drink a lot of coffee and need something to do with the grounds? Well we have the answers! Stop in for our Trash into Treasure program and we will teach you what you can do with those items, like making a miniature greenhouse, or a self watering flower pot. Be sure to bring plastic grocery bags, soda bottles, toilet paper tubes, and empty gallon milk jugs! We will have a guest speaker about leave no trace. You will learn how to interact with nature, and leaving it a better place when you leave! Please register for this event by calling the Visitor Center at 513-897-1050

### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center



Webelos Earth Rocks! Badge

*Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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

Father's Day Campout, First Day of Summer and Youth Fishing Derby Weekend

*June 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>*

Join the Park Naturalist for- fishing, free canoeing, kayaking, archery guided hikes, wildlife tours and more. See separate program flyer for details on our website - <http://caesarcreekstatepark.com>. Call the Nature Center at 513-897-2437 for more information or like us on Facebook 'Caesar Creek State Park'.



### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

15th annual Ohio Native Reptile and Amphibian Exhibit

*Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>*

Stop by the Visitor Center to get an up close look at a variety of Ohio's native reptiles and amphibians. Herpetological enthusiasts will be available to share their knowledge and answer questions. Stay for all or part of the day. For more information or to register call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050

### Pioneer Village

Bluegrass on the Village Green

*June 27<sup>th</sup>, Gates open at noon.*

Visit our website for special guests and times @ [www.caesarscreekpioneervillage.com](http://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.

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Butterfly Census

Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



## August



### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

**Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Into the Wild**

Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 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, 513-897-1050.

### Caesar Creek State Park

Meteor Shower Campout  
August 8th, 4pm-9am



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. See separate program flyer for details on our website - <http://caesarcreekstatepark.com>. Call the Nature Center at 513-897-2437 for more information or like us on Facebook 'Caesar Creek State Park'.

### Pioneer Village

#### Native American Gathering,

Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 10-5, Sun 10-4.

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

### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Lake Shore Clean Up Day  
Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

## September



### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Into the Wild

Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - noon,

Attention Webelos! This is your chance to earn your Naturalist badge. We'll cover all the requirements in a fun-filled program that will include a pond study and nature hike. 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

Labor Day Weekend Campout  
Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.

Join the Park Naturalist in the campgrounds for free canoeing, kayaking, archery, guided hikes, mountain biking, birds of prey, meet the animals and more. See separate flyer for details on our website - <http://caesarcreekstatepark.com>. For more info, call the Nature Center and like us on Facebook 'Caesar Creek State Park'.



### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Monarch Butterfly Day  
Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am-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.

### **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center**

Take A Warrior Fishing Event and Ohio Free Fishing Day!

*Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 8am-4pm*

To honor our local veterans, the Army Corps of Engineers and Friends of Caesar Creek have partnered together with local organizations and businesses to put on our first Take A Warrior Fishing event. Veterans and their families have the opportunity to join local sportsman out on the lake or in the creek enjoying nature through the sport of fishing. Veterans who register for this event will have all fishing gear supplied for them along with an after program barbeque for them and their families. If you know of or are a veteran who was wounded in the line of duty and would be interested in fishing with local sportsman, please contact park rangers at 513-897-1050. If you would like to volunteer or donate to this event please contact rangers for more information at 513-897-1050. 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!



### **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center**

National Public Lands Day

*September 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 2 pm*

Come out to the park and help us celebrate National Public Lands Day doing some 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**

Civil War Encampment

*Sept 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center**

Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Into the Woods

*Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - noon*

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



**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center**

Little Miami Watershed Festival

*Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 11 am - 4 pm*

*Fun, family-oriented day* 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.

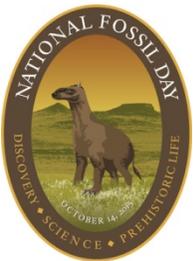
**Caesar Creek State Park**

Perimeter Trail Hike

*Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 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. Call the nature center at 513-897-2437 for more information.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center**



National Fossil Day at Caesar Creek

*Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm – 5 pm*

Wade into the Ordovician Sea! Join Park Rangers and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists as we celebrate National Fossil Day! OCVN's from Caesar Creek State Park will join with the US Army Corps of Engineers to present fun facts about our fossils, help you identify fossils as you search for your own, and discuss certain aspects of our unique landforms in Southwest Ohio!

**Caesar Creek State Park**

Halloween Campout at Caesar Creek Campgrounds

*Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>*

Join us for a Halloween themed campout including our Creepy Critters program with live animals, Trick or Treat, campsite judging, costume contest and more! See separate program flyer for details on our website -<http://caesarcreekstatepark.com>. Call the Nature Center 513-897-2437 or like us on Facebook 'Caesar Creek State Park'.



**Pioneer Village**

Pioneer Trick or Treat

*October 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

# November

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Owl Moon

*Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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. This is a Friends of Caesar Creek Program, \$2 per person. For more information or to register call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050.



## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Webelos Earth Rocks! Badge

*Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, followed by a trip out to collect your own fossils. We ask that you pre-register your child or pack. For more information or to register call the Visitor Center, 513-897-1050.



# December

## Caesar Creek State Park

Holiday Traditions

*Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 10am and 1pm sessions*

Make your own wreath, swag, centerpiece or holiday decorations by using natural material provided by the Park Naturalist. Call to pre-register. \$15. 513-897-2437 or like us on Facebook 'Caesar Creek State Park'.

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Audubon Christmas Bird Count

*Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

