

2019 Caesar Creek Lake Calendar of Events



For updates throughout the year, visit our

Websites:

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>

Pioneer Village:

<http://caesarscreekpioneervillage.org/>

Friends of Caesar Creek

www.facebook.com/focaesarcreek

Caesar Creek Lake U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

www.facebook.com/USACECaesarCreek

Caesar Creek State Park

www.facebook.com/CaesarCreekStatePark



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The Following Movies Are Shown Upon Request...

- USACE Caesar Creek Lake
- The Day of the Killer Tornado
 - Kids Discover Bats
 - Lewis and Clark
 - Lost in the Woods

January

Caesar Creek State Park

First Day Hike

Tuesday, January 1st, 1:00 pm at the Nature Center

Start the New Year off on the right foot with our Fitness Hike series. See separate flyer for full schedule of guided hikes on our Facebook page 'Caesar Creek State Park'. We start off with slow and work our way up to the 13 mile Perimeter Hike in October. On New Year's Day, meet the Park Naturalist for a 1 mile guided hike near the Nature Center. If you choose, stay for an additional 3 mile hike to Pioneer Village, the Swinging Bridge, Horseshoe Falls and a Rock Gorge.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Count

Saturday, January 12th, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

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

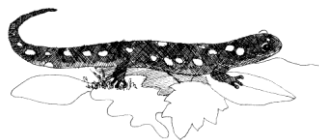
Caesar Creek State Park

Winter Hike

Saturday, February 23rd, 10:00 am to Noon (continuous start times)

Start at the Wellman Meadows Boat Ramp Area for a self-guided scenic hike to Horseshoe Falls, the Swinging Bridge and Flat Fork Gorge. Check our Facebook page for details and updates 'Caesar Creek State Park'. Warm up at the Nature Center with fire baked pizza, bean soup and cornbread! All donations go the Nature Center Association.

March



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Think Spring-Salamander Hike

Schedule subject to change.

ONE of the following dates: Friday, February 22nd, March 1st, or March 8th at 7:00 pm

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, 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! Call the Visitor Center at 513-897-1050 to register!

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Trilling Toads and Tiny Tree frogs

Saturday, March 16th, 7:30 pm to 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 at 513-897-1050.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Girl Scout Water Wonders Badge

Sunday, March 17th, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Hey Girl Scouts! Need to earn your Water Wonders Badge? Please call the Visitor Center to register at 513-897-1050.

Pioneer Village

Maple Syrup and Pancake Brunch

Saturday and Sunday, March 16th and 17th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Try our maple syrup. All syrup collected from trees on location and prepared at our Sugar Shack. Brunch will include pancakes, sausage, our amazing maple syrup and a beverage. Maple syrup, jams and jelly's available for sale while supplies last. Cost: \$7 for adults, \$3 kids 10 and under, kids 3 and under eat free.

April

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Girl Scout: Flower and Gardening Badge

Saturday, April 6th, 10:00 am to Noon

Join Park Rangers as they explore the wonderful world of gardening and native flowers. All requirements for the Girl Scout paths will be met during this program. Please pre-register by calling the Visitor Center at 513-897-1050.

Pioneer Village

Habitat for History

Schedule subject to change.

Saturday, April 13th, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Volunteer to help us get the Village ready for the coming year after the long winter. We will have jobs appropriate for all ages and lunch will be provided.

Caesar Creek State Park and Pioneer Village

Easter Egg Hunt/ Hike

Saturday, April 20th, 1:00 pm

Meet at the Nature Center at 1:00 pm. Hunt begins at Pioneer Village at 2:00 pm.



Caesar Creek Nature Center

Earth Day in the Park

Saturday, April 27th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Help a Naturalist with service projects in celebration of Earth Day. Projects vary depending on groups. Email for more information:

caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Engineering and Geology Badge

Saturday, April 20th, 10:00 am to Noon (Engineering) and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Geology)

Attention Webelos! This year we are doing two badges at two different times. Come on out to the Webelos Engineering and Geology Badge for hands-on activities. Completely free of charge. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the park rangers at 513-897-1050.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Bio Blitz

Friday and Saturday, April 26th and 27th, 6:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Park Rangers, local experts and citizen scientists just like you will be coming together to participate in BioBlitz! BioBlitz is also part of National Public Lands Day. It is an event that partners local experts of all kinds with citizen scientists to find and identify as many species of life around the park as possible within a 24 hour period!

Participants have a chance to get up close and personal with fish, birds, bugs and even fungus as they strive to identify species. Kids have a chance to win prizes as they find species as well. This event is great for all ages and expertise levels! For more information please contact Park Rangers at 513-897-1050.

Pioneer Village

Civil War Training Camp

Saturday and Sunday, April 27th and 28th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Learn about the life of a Union soldier during the Civil War as they went through training before going to battle.

May

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Spring Birding Clinic

Saturday, May 4th, 8:30 am – 12 pm

Meet at the Visitor Center for a day of spring birding! Join the 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. This is a Friends of Caesar Creek program and is \$10/person. Please pre-register for this event by calling the Visitor Center at 513-897-1050.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

World Migratory Bird Day

Saturday, May 11th, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Help us celebrate one of nature's great wonders, the annual spring bird migration! Local bird bander, Rebecca Palmer will be on site from 8:30-11:30 am banding birds. We will have games, fun and movies for the whole family to enjoy at the Visitor Center.

Pioneer Village

Vintage Baseball

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 3rd, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, 4th and 5th, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Teams for the Vintage Baseball Association will meet at the Village for a weekend of games. Games are played according to original rules and the kids will be amazed to see them played without the use of gloves!

Caesar Creek State Park

Cast Iron Cookout

Saturday, May 11th, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Learn how to cook a meal in a Dutch Oven over an open fire at the Nature Center. Pre-registration required. Join us for a pot luck lunch, including fire baked pizza. All equipment, cast iron pot, ingredients and materials are provided. See our Facebook page for details 'Caesar Creek State Park', or send an email to:

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Pioneer Village

Spring Gathering

Saturday and Sunday, May 18th and 19th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Village comes alive as we as represent a typical spring gathering. The gathering was a time for Pioneers to come together after the long winter; a time for relationships to be renewed and news to be shared as they started preparing for the New Year.

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Caesar Creek State Park

Bluebird Box Workshop

Sunday, May 26th, 1:00 pm

Build your own Bluebird Box with us at the Nature Center. All materials provided and ready to build. Pre-registration required. Fun for the entire family! Learn about this special bird, how to attract them to your yard and how to monitor your box. See our Facebook page for details 'Caesar Creek State Park' or email:

caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com

Caesar Creek State Park

Memorial Day Weekend Campout

Friday-Monday, May 24th -27th

Join us in the campground for the official start of our free canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, archery and other Naturalist programs. See separate flyer for details on 'Caesar Creek State Park' Facebook page, or email:

caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

The Great Fossil Hunt

Monday, May 27th, 1:00 to 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 Park Ranger at 513- 897-1050.

June

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Into the Wild and Into the Woods

Saturday, June 8th, 9:00 am to Noon

Attention Webelos! We will be combining two badges in the same day. We'll cover all the requirements for Into the Wild and Into the Woods in a fun-filled program including hikes, tree identification, and animal scat. 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

Village Gathering

Saturday, June 8th, 12:00 am to 8:00 pm

The Village welcomes musicians to bring our grounds alive with the sounds of acoustic music. Multiple musicians will be playing throughout the day on our Main Stage. You are more than welcome to bring your own instrument and pull up some

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space on one of the front porches of our many historic buildings!
Cost: \$5 per person

Caesar Creek State Park

Youth Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 22nd, 8:00 am

Registration at 8:00 am, fishing begins at 9:00 am. Event located at the Youth Fishing Pond near the Marina. Instructors are on hand to help you learn the ins and outs of this lifelong hobby. The Youth Pond is stocked with huge fish for this FREE, special event! Fish, bait, lunch and prizes are provided by the Harveysburg Police Department.

July



Caesar Creek State Park

4th of July Campout (Make your reservations early!!!)

Thursday-Sunday, July 4th – 7th

Celebrate Independence Day in the park. Reserve your campsite today before we're sold out! Join us in the campground for free canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, archery and more. See separate flyer for details. Information available on our Facebook page 'Caesar Creek State Park' or email with questions:

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US Army Corps of Engineers

Visitor Center

Butterfly Census

Saturday, July 6th, 10:00 am – Noon

Do you like butterflies? Would you like to learn more about these winged creatures or share your knowledge? Please join the Caesar Creek Park Rangers for our annual count in conjunction with the North American Butterfly Association. NABA was formed 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

Tuesday-Friday, July 9th -12th, 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. Each day the program is filled with hands-on activities and games to re-enforce the concepts being covered. There is a \$25.00 materials fee, per child, for this program due before July 3rd. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 513-897-1050. Each child will



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receive a Jr. Ranger book, patch, badge, t-shirt and Certificate of Completion.

Pioneer Village

Pioneer Day Camp

Monday-Friday, July 15th – 19th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day

Day Camp is targeted for kids age 8-13. Advanced registration required. Kids will be introduced to aspects of Pioneer Life as they learn and carry out day to day activities. Availability is limited!

Pioneer Village

Timeline Through History...

Saturday, July 27th, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Different aspects of history will be presented throughout the Village representing eras through American History.

August

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Visitor Center

Nature Night!

Saturday, August 3rd, 9:00 pm to Midnight

Join Park Rangers with a fun night of bat working and mothing.

Caesar Creek State Park

Meteor Shower Camp Out

Saturday, August 10th

Watch the peak of the Perseid Meteor Shower on the beach. Fun activities, stargazing, a bonfire and more... Camp on the beach for free that night. Food and drinks available. All funds raised support the Nature Center. See our Facebook page 'Caesar Creek State Park' for details, or email with questions:

caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com

Pioneer Village

Cabins and Chrome

Sunday, August 25th, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Annual Car Show. The winner in each class will receive a trophy original to Pioneer Village.

Cost: \$10 Car registration; Spectators free.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center



Take A Warrior Fishing Event and Ohio Free Fishing Day! Saturday, August 24th, 7:00 am to 2:00 pm

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 BBQ luncheon will also be provided for Veterans and their families. If you would like to volunteer or donate to this event contact a Park Ranger for more information! Bring your kids to

the Visitor Center and borrow a fishing pole, bait your hook and fish at our Kid's Fishing Pond! To register call: 513-897-1050.

September

Caesar Creek State Park

Labor Day Weekend Camp Out

Friday – Monday, August 30th – September 2nd

A fun-filled weekend of activities. Reserve your campsite today before we are sold out. Join us for free canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, archery and more. See separate flyer for details on our Facebook page 'Caesar Creek State Park'.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Naturalist/Fossil Program for Home Schooled Children (Pre-registration is required, call 513-897-1050)

Friday, September 13th, 10:00 am to Noon

Do you home school your children? Would you like to have them experience the same type of program 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!



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Monarch Butterfly Day (Pre-registration is required, call 513-897-1050)

Saturday, September 14th, 11:00 am to 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.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Prairie Seed Collecting

Saturday, September 21st, Noon to 2:00 pm

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.

Pioneer Village

Civil War at the Village

Saturday and Sunday, September 28th and 29th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Civil War returns to Pioneer Village. See mock battles throughout the day and between the battles listen to period authentic bands and watch period authentic activities occurring throughout the Village.

October

Caesar Creek State Park

Guided Perimeter Trail Hike

Sunday, October 20th, 10:00 am

Join us for a guided hike on the 13 mile Perimeter Trail through some of our most scenic areas in the fall. Meet at the Nature Center, located across the road from Pioneer Village. Bring your lunch, water and hiking shoes. Dress for the weather.

Pioneer Village

Harvest Festival

Saturday and Sunday, October 19th and 20th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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 receive \$2 off admission.

Caesar Creek State Park

Halloween Camp Out

Saturday and Sunday, October 26th and 27th

Trick or Treat campsite decorating, costume contest, haunted trail, hay wagon rides and more. See separate flyer for details. Reserve your campsite today before they're sold out!

Pioneer Village

Trick or Treat!

Saturday, October 26th, 3:00, pm to 6:00 pm

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 Hike

Saturday, November 2nd, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

We begin with the story, Owl Moon, which tells of a father and daughter on a winter hike in search of a Great-Horned Owl. After the story we will go in search of Caesar Creek owl species. In November, owls re-establish territories and prepare for nesting. Please dress for the weather and bring a flashlight if you have one. Registration is required. This is a Friends of Caesar Creek Program, \$2 per person. To register, call the Visitor Center at 513-897-1050.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

Banding Day

Saturday, November 9th, 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Join Park Rangers and professional bird banders as they increase research on local avian species. This is your chance to see these magnificent animals up close.

Caesar Creek State Park

Cast Iron Cookout

Saturday, November 9th, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Learn how to cook a meal in a Dutch Oven over an open fire at the Nature Center. Join us for a pot luck lunch, including fire baked pizza. All equipment, cast iron pot, ingredients and materials are provided. Donation go to the Nature Center Association of Caesar Creek. See our Facebook page for details 'Caesar Creek State Park', or send an email to: caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com

December



Pioneer Village

Candlelight Walk

Saturday, December 7th 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

Caesar Creek State Park

Holiday Traditions

Saturday December 14th, 10:00 am- Noon or 1:00 pm -3:00 pm

Pre-register for this workshop to create unique holiday decorations with local, natural materials to take home and share with your loved ones. Space is limited, so reserve your seat early at the Nature Center. See our Facebook page for details 'Caesar Creek State Park', or send an email to: caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com

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Audubon Christmas Bird Count

Thursday, December 19th, 6:00 am to 5:00 pm

Calling all birders! We need your help with our 11th Annual Caesar Creek Lake / Spring Valley Marsh Christmas Bird Count. For early risers we will look and listen for owls at 6:00 am. We will regroup at the Visitor Center at 8:30 am, break into teams and search for waterfowl and songbirds. We will meet at the Visitor Center at 1:00 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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