

# 2020 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](http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Recreation/Lakes/CaesarCreekLake.aspx)

**FOCC:**

[www.friendsofcaesarcreeklake.org](http://www.friendsofcaesarcreeklake.org)

**State Park:**

[www.OhioStateParks.org](http://www.OhioStateParks.org)

OR

<http://caesarcreekstatepark.com>

**Pioneer Village:**

<http://caesarscreekpioneervillage.org/>

**Friends of Caesar Creek**

[www.facebook.com/focaesarcreek](http://www.facebook.com/focaesarcreek)

**Caesar Creek Lake U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

[www.facebook.com/USACECaesarCreek](http://www.facebook.com/USACECaesarCreek)

**Caesar Creek State Park**

[www.facebook.com/CaesarCreekStatePark](http://www.facebook.com/CaesarCreekStatePark)



**CFC Number 27825**

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## The Following Movies Are Shown Upon Request...

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

## January

### Caesar Creek State Park

#### First Day Hike

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 slow and work our way up to the 13 mile Perimeter Hike in October. However you can choose to hike a shorter distance on any hike. 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am - 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 Blues Hike

**Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 am - Noon (continuous start times)**

Look for signs of spring! The Blue birds will be returning soon! This is a self-guided scenic hike to Horseshoe Falls, the Swinging Bridge and Flat Fork Gorge. Warm up at the Nature Center with fire baked pizza, bean soup, cornbread, and snacks! All donations go the Nature Center Association to support the Nature Center. Check our Facebook page 'Caesar Creek State Park' for details and updates.

### Caesar Creek State Park

#### Blue Bird Box Workshop

**Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 pm**

Fun for the entire family! Build your own Bluebird Box. All materials are provided and the kit is ready to build. Pre-registration is required. Come learn about this special bird, how to attract them to your yard, and how to monitor your box. See our Facebook page 'Caesar Creek State Park' for details, or email: [caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com)

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## March



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

#### **Think Spring-Salamander Hike**

**ONE of the following dates: Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup>, or March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Nature's timing is unpredictable and in order to make sure we have the best chance to observe 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 for registration details!

### **Pioneer Village**

#### **Maple Syrup and Pancake Brunch**

**Saturday and Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 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.

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

#### **Trilling Toads and Tiny Tree frogs**

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

Take an evening hike to search for these wondrous amphibians. We will view frogs and toads up close in their marshy habitat. An adventure for the whole family. Please dress for the weather - boots and a flashlight are essential. 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.

## April

### **Caesar Creek State Park and Pioneer Village**

#### **Easter Egg Hunt/ Hike**

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm**

Join us for a short hike then an egg hunt. The hunt begins at Pioneer Village at 1:30 pm. Check our Facebook page 'Caesar Creek State Park' for details and updates.



### **Caesar Creek State Park**

#### **Earth Day in the Park**

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, various locations**

Help a Naturalist with service projects in celebration of Earth Day. Projects vary depending on groups. See our Facebook page 'Caesar Creek State Park' for details, or email for more information: caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com

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## **Pioneer Village**

### **Habitat for History**

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am - 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.

## **May**

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

#### **Spring Birding Clinic**

**Saturday, May 2<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am – Noon**

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 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 4:00 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. Please pre-register for this event by calling the Visitor Center at 513-897-1050.

## **Pioneer Village**

### **Vintage Baseball**

**Saturday and Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 am - 6:00 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 play without the use of gloves!

## **Caesar Creek State Park**

### **Cast Iron Cookout**

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am - 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: [caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com)

## **Pioneer Village**

### **Spring Gathering**

**Saturday and Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

The Village comes alive as we 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.

## **Caesar Creek State Park**

### **Memorial Day Weekend Campout**

**Friday-Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**

Join us at the campground for the official start of our free canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, archery, and other Naturalist programs. Remember to make your reservations early. See separate flyer for details on our Facebook page 'Caesar Creek State Park', or email: [caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com)



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

### **The Great Fossil Hunt**

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm- 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. Please pre-register for this event by calling the Visitor Center 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 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.

## **Caesar Creek State Park**

### **Youth Fishing Derby**

**Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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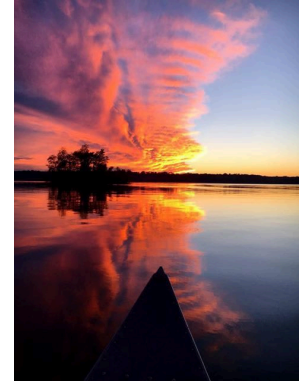
## July

### Caesar Creek State Park

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

Friday-Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

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: [caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com)



### US Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center

#### Butterfly Census

Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Pioneer Village

#### Pioneer Day Camp

Monday-Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 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!

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

#### Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Engineering and Geology Badge

Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - Noon (Engineering) and 1:00 pm - 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.

## August

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

#### Nature Night!

Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 pm - Midnight

Join Park Rangers for a fun night of bat working and mothing. Please pre-register for this event by calling the Visitor Center at 513-897-1050.



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## Caesar Creek State Park

### Meteor Shower Camp Out

Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

Watch the peak of the Perseid Meteor Shower on the beach. Enjoy star-gazing, games, a bonfire, and more! Camp this one night on the beach for free. Food and drinks available. All funds raised support the Nature Center through the Nature Center Association. See our Facebook page 'Caesar Creek State Park' for details, or email with questions: [caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com)



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

### Take a Warrior Fishing Event

Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am - 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.

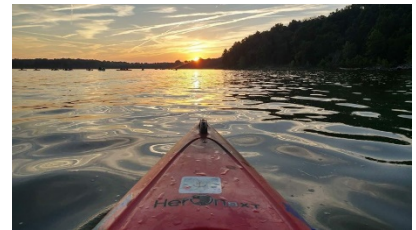
## September

## Caesar Creek State Park

### Labor Day Weekend Camp Out

Friday – Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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, and release the butterflies to help scientists understand how these fragile insects make the remarkable journey over 2,000 miles. Wear long pants and bring butterfly nets if you have them. Please pre-register for this event by calling the Visitor Center at 513-897-1050.

## Pioneer Village

### Vintage Base Ball

Saturday and Sunday, September 12<sup>nd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Teams from the Vintage Base Ball Association will meet at the Village for a weekend full of games. These games are all played according to the original rules and the kids will be amazed to see them playing without gloves.

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## **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 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 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! Please pre-register for this event by calling the Visitor Center at 513-897-1050.

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

### **Prairie Seed Collecting and Girl Scout: Flower and Gardening Badge**

**Saturday, September 26<sup>st</sup>, Noon - 2:00 pm**

Join the Park Rangers and learn about Ohio's native prairie plants and explore the wonderful world of gardening. All requirements for the Girl Scout paths will be met during this program. 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. Please pre-register for this event by calling the Visitor Center at 513-897-1050.

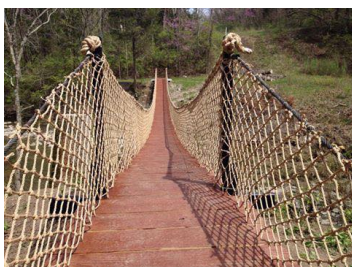
## **Pioneer Village**

### **Civil War at the Village**

**Saturday and Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 5:00 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 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**

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!



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## **Pioneer Village**

### **Trick or Treat!**

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

Come trick or treat at the Pioneer Village. All of our cabins will have someone at the cabin so your little trick or treater can go door to door at the Village. Admission is free for this event.



## **Pioneer Village**

### **Public Paranormal – Halloween Edition**

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 pm - 2:00 am**

Spirits are a fact of life, and we know they are out there engaging us on a daily basis and during our Public Paranormal Investigations, we will see who is around the Pioneer Village and wanting to interact with us. This is an advance purchase only event and a ticket link will be provided once the event gets closer (sorry, no refunds if change your mind after purchasing). The event also includes a meal prepared by one of our amazing chefs at the Village. Admission is \$40.

## **November**

### **Caesar Creek State Park and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center**

#### **Owl Fest and Owl Moon Program**

**Friday and Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

On Friday night join avian researchers and Park Naturalists for guided hikes, owl activities, and observation of the Saw Whet Owl banding station. The fun continues Saturday night as 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 for Owl fest, to register call the Visitor Center at 513-897-1050. Registration is required for Owl Moon and is a Friends of Caesar Creek Program, \$2 per person. To register, call the Visitor Center at 513-897-1050.



### **Caesar Creek State Park**

#### **Cast Iron Cookout**

**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am - 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. Donations 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](mailto:caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com)

# December



## Pioneer Village

### Candlelight Walk

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Celebrate Christmas time at the Village as we have the Village lit up by candle and lamp light. This is one of the few opportunities to see the Village at night, and it is truly amazing seeing all the buildings lit by candles.

## Caesar Creek State Park

### Holiday Traditions

**Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – Noon or 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

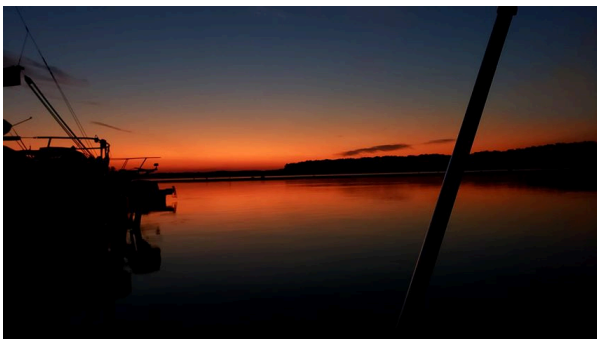
Pre-register for this workshop to create unique holiday decorations with local, natural materials to take home and share with your loved ones. Space is limited, so reserve your seat early at the Nature Center. See our Facebook page 'Caesar Creek State Park' for details, or send an email to: [caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com)

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

### Audubon Christmas Bird Count

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

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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