

# 2017 Caesar Creek Lake Calendar of Events



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# January



## Caesar Creek State Park

First Day Hike

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1pm

Start the New Year off on the right foot! Meet at the Caesar Creek Nature Center @ 4006 Pioneer Village Rd. Waynesville, Ohio 45068.

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

Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Count

Friday, January 13th, 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

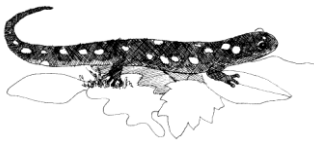
Winter Hike

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 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. 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. 24<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 3<sup>d</sup>, or Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](http://www.greenalliancecc.com).

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

Winter Bird Banding

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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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### **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center**

Trilling Toads and Tiny Treefrogs

*Saturday, March 11th, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Spring into fitness hike

*Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm*

Meet at the Caesar Creek Nature Center @ 4006 Pioneer Village Rd. Waynesville, Ohio 45068. For a 5 mile guided hike.

### **Pioneer Village**

Pancake & Maple Syrup Brunch

*March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Pioneer Village**

Habitat for History

*April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

### **Caesar Creek Nature Center**

Earth Day in the Park – Help a Naturalist with service projects

*Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Call the Nature Center for more info. 513-897-2437*

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

Girl Scout: Flower and Gardening badge

*Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 am - noon,*

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

Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Engineering Badge

*Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - noon,*

Attention Webelos! Have you ever wondered how energy works and how it runs your video games? Do you have a passion to build things and discover how they work?

Then come on out to the Webelos Engineering Badge for a hands-on look at some of the things engineers do to make our everyday lives easier and more fun. Completely free of charge. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the park rangers at 513-897-1050

### **Pioneer Village**

Civil War Union Training Camp

*April 29<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm*

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**

Birding with Bob and

*Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am - 5pm*

### **Pioneer Village**

Vintage Baseball

*Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm – 7 pm*



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

International Migratory Bird Day & Spring Birding Clinic

*Saturday, May 13<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. 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.

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

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### **Pioneer Village & Rifle Frenzy**

Spring Gathering

*May 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>*

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.

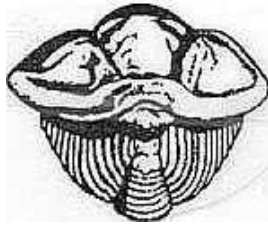
### **Caesar Creek State Park**

Memorial Day Weekend Campout

*May 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>*

Make your reservations early.

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

The Great Fossil Hunt

*Monday, May 29<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.

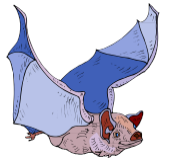
## June

### 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 10<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

Youth Fishing Derby

*June 24<sup>th</sup>, 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. For more info. 513-897-2437.

### Pioneer Village

Open House / Media Day

*June 24<sup>th</sup>, Gates open at 10 am.*

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](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.

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**Caesar Creek State Park**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Campout

July 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup>

Make your reservations early.

**US Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center**

Butterfly Census

Saturday, July 8<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 11<sup>th</sup> -14<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 15<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.



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# August



## Caesar Creek State Park

Perseid Meteor Shower Campout

*August 12th, 4:00-1:00pm*

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.

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

Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Into the Wild

*Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> 10am - noon*

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## Pioneer Village

Cabins and Chrome Car Show

*August 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm – 9 pm.*

513-897-1120

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

Take A Warrior Fishing Event and Ohio Free Fishing Day!

*Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 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

## Caesar Creek State Park

Labor Day Weekend Campout

*September 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup>*

Make your reservations early.

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

Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Earth Rocks!

*Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 am - noon,*

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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.



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

Monarch Butterfly Day

*Saturday, September 9<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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Pioneer Village**

Keeping History Alive Timeline

*Sept 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, Sat. 9am – 9pm, Sun 9am-4pm*

Learn the history of our great country.

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

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

Prairie Seed Collecting

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

9<sup>th</sup> Annual BioBlitz!

*Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 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**

War Between the States

*Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<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

### **Pioneer Village**

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Haunted Village  
September 29<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> 8pm - midnight

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center**  
(National Public Lands Day)  
Saturday September 30th

## 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



### **Pioneer Village**

Haunted Village

*October 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> 8pm – midnight*

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

Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Into the Wild

*Saturday October 7<sup>th</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.



### **Pioneer Village**

Harvest Festival & Gathering

*October 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>*

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 15<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. Meet at the 50 Springs parking lot to join the adventure. Call the nature center at 513-897- 2437 for more information.

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

Little Miami Watershed Festival

*Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 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-

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### **Pioneer Village**

Haunted Village

*October 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> 8pm – midnight*

#### **Trick or Treat**

*October 21st 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.

### **Caesar Creek State Park**

Halloween Campout

**October 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>**

At Caesar Creek lake campgrounds! See a detailed schedule of events at our website ([www.ohiostateparks.org](http://www.ohiostateparks.org)). For more information please call the Nature Center at 513-897-2437.

### **Pioneer Village**

Haunted Village

*October 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> 8pm – midnight*

#### **Trick or Treat**

*October 21st 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<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. **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.



### **Pioneer Village**

Fireside chat

*November 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 9pm*



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

Webelos/AOL Elective Adventure: Forester Badge!

*Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - noon*

Attention Webelos! This is your chance to earn your Forestry 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.

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### Caesar Creek State Park

Cast Iron Cookout

Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 4 - 8pm

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

### Caesar Creek State Park

Holiday Traditions

Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am- noon or 1-3pm.

Create one-of-a-kind Christmas decorations with local materials.

Space is limited so reserve your seat early. Call for more information 513-897-2437 @ Caesar Creek Nature Center: 4006 Pioneer Village Rd. Waynesville, Ohio 45068

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

Audubon Christmas Bird Count

Thursday, December 14<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.



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