

# 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](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**

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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

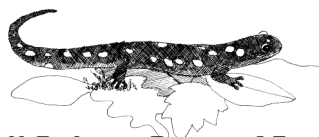
### Caesar Creek State Park

#### 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

**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

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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**

#### **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**

**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.



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## **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](mailto: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 and International Migratory Bird Day**

**Saturday, May 4th, 8:30 am – 5:00 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. Afterward, you can 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. This part is open to the public.

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

## **Pioneer Village**

### **Spring Gathering**

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

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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



### 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 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**

## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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, star-gazing, 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](mailto: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.

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### **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.



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## **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**

**Saturday, 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**

**Friday and Saturday, 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.



## **November**

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

#### **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.

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## **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:

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## **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](mailto:caesarnaturecenter@gmail.com)

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

### **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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