Application to construct a dock, or place associated equipment, on or over the waters of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Watercraft on the Buckeye Lake Dam
Ohio Administrative Rules 1501:46-2-06; 1501:46-12-12; 1501:46-2-31

**Instructions:**

1. Submit all information in dark ink.

2. This application must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Watercraft (the “Division”) at the Buckeye Lake State Park office (the “Park Office”).

3. A detailed map indicating exact location of the Dock must be attached to the application.

4. For all new construction, replacement, modification, or repair that alters the basic construction of the Dock and/or Associated Equipment along the dam, please refer to the Buckeye Lake Dam-Front Dock Policy guidelines that are available online and at the Park Office.

5. Applicant must submit for review and approval, along with the application, a copy of construction drawings providing sufficient detail to evaluate the structural integrity of the proposed Dock and/or Associated Equipment, including overall dimensions, structural framework, anchorage, floatation (if applicable) and a comprehensive materials list. Repairs that do not alter the basic construction of the Dock or Associated Equipment do not require the submission of such construction drawings.

6. Read the attached **Definitions, and Rules and Conditions** contained in this application.

7. An application fee of $25.00 is payable to the Division at the time application is submitted per Ohio Administrative Rule 1501:46-2-31

8. Upon completion of construction, the Park Office should be contacted to arrange for an inspection by Division personnel.
APPLICATION

Applicant Name | Mailing Address | City/Zip

County/Township | Phone Number | Email

Contractor’s Name | Mailing Address | City/Zip | Phone Number | Email

Proposed Starting Date: ___________________________  Anticipated Completion Date: ___________________________

Dock Pad Number:_____________________________________

Type of Dock and Associated Equipment:  ( ) Dock  ( ) Associated Equipment
(specify)_______________________________________________

Dimensions of Dock:_____________________________________

Number of Watercraft for which an Annual Dock License will be required:________________________

I have read the attached Rules and Conditions contained in the Dock Construction Permit Application form and agree to these Rules. I agree that any construction, replacement, modification or repair to a Dock and/or Associated Equipment whether following the standard plans and specifications of the Division or other plans and specifications must be approved in writing and I will not begin construction, replacement, modification or repair until I receive the Dock Construction Permit from the Division.

If a Dock Construction Permit is not issued and construction, replacement, modification or repair that will alter the basic construction of the Dock and/or Associated Equipment has begun, I will remove, at my expense, the Dock, Associated Equipment and/or Watercraft within the time specified by the Division. If I fail to remove the Dock, Associated Equipment and/or Watercraft, I will reimburse the Division for any and all expenses incurred by the Division for their removal and I waive any and all claims for reimbursement from the State of Ohio, ODNR, and the Division and their employees, contractors and agents for such removal and any alleged resulting damage or injury.

I explicitly acknowledge that a Dock Construction Permit may be denied. Issuance of the Dock Construction Permit does not relieve my duty to continue to obtain an Annual Dock License, pay the applicable and outstanding fees and comply with all other applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Rules and Conditions for a Dock Construction Permit issued pursuant to this application and any subsequent Dock Construction Permit and Annual Dock License supersede any previous permit or permit issued for the Dock and/or Associated Equipment subject to this application.

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Applicant’s Signature  Date

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DEFINITIONS:

For purposes of this Dock Construction Permit Application, the following definitions apply:
1. “Division” means the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Watercraft.
2. “Chief” means the chief of the Division.
3. “Owner” means a person who has applied for a Dock Construction Permit or to whom a Dock Construction Permit has been issued.
4. “Dam” means the Buckeye Lake dam.
5. “Dock” means a floating or rigidly supported, platform-like structure that extends from the shoreline over, on or into the waters of Buckeye Lake, used to secure and provide access to one or more Watercraft.
6. “Associated Equipment” means equipment or fixture attached to, affixed or used in conjunction with a Dock for the docking, mooring, lifting, lowering or covering of a Watercraft, including gangplanks.
7. “Dock Construction Permit” or “Permit” means a permit issued by the Division, allowing the construction, installation, replacement, modification, or repair of a Dock and/or Associated Equipment.
8. “Dock Tag” means a metal plate imprinted with a numeric identifier that shall be affixed to the Dock by the Division once construction, installation, replacement, modification or repair of the Dock and/or Associated Equipment has been completed and approved by the Division.
9. “Annual Dock License” means a license issued, permitting the anchoring, mooring, docking or securing of Watercraft to a Dock for one boating season, as declared by the Division.

RULES AND CONDITIONS:

1. The Division shall have the right to terminate a Dock Construction Permit by giving the Owner a 24 hour notice, in writing, prior to such termination. The Owner shall be entitled to a refund of fees paid; however, no refund shall be made if termination of a Dock Construction Permit is due to the Owner’s violation of any statute, administrative rule, Division policy or practice or the Rules and Conditions of the Dock Construction Permit.
2. The termination of a Dock Construction Permit and/or removal of the Dock, Associated Equipment and/or Watercraft may be necessitated by repairs to, or maintenance of, the Dam or related facilities. In the event the Chief requires removal of the Dock, Associated Equipment and/or Watercraft, the Owner shall cause removal to occur within the time required. If the Owner does not remove such items as required, the Division may cause the removal of such items at the Owner’s expense.
3. All construction of the Dock and/or Associated Equipment must be performed from the lake side of the Dam. There shall be no access on or over the Dam for purposes of constructing, replacing, modifying, or repairing Docks or Associated Equipment.
4. The Division reserves the right to raise or lower the pool level of Buckeye Lake (the “Lake”) at any time it deems necessary and to order temporary or permanent removal of the Dock, Associated Equipment and/or Watercraft. The Division is under no obligation to maintain Buckeye Lake at a specific level. The Owner shall not be entitled to any reimbursement for any damage that may result from raising or lowering the water level.
5. Compliance with a permit issued by the Division does not relieve the Owner of any other obligation imposed by law.
6. No garbage cans, garbage, refuse, construction materials, sewage, or waste material of any kind shall be thrown, deposited, or permitted to fall into Buckeye Lake or upon the Dock, piers, gang planks, walkways, shore or other areas on or in proximity to the Dock, nor shall the Dock and/or Associated Equipment be used by the Owner as a storage place for any gear or equipment. Signs, placards, and commercial displays are prohibited on the Dock and Associated Equipment. Absolutely no garbage, refuse or personal property of any kind shall be placed on the Dam.

7. All lumber used in the construction of Dock must be designed for minimum live load of 85 psf (pounds per square foot). If a floating dock is to be constructed, the live load can be reduced to 30 psf. No oil drums will be permitted as floatation. Only factory-built cylinders with styrofoam fill will be allowed. The use of creosote or (Penta) treated lumber is prohibited.

8. The Owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), the Division and their employees and agents against any claim for injury or damage to the person or property of the Owner and persons present on, or using, the Dock, Associated Equipment and/or Watercraft at the invitation, request, order or permission of the Owner.

9. The Owner waives any and all claims of reimbursement and compensation for damage or injury arising from any action taken by the State of Ohio, ODNR, Division and their employees and agents pursuant to these Rules and the statutes and regulations governing docks and Ohio’s dam safety laws.

10. The Owner shall reimburse and compensate the State of Ohio, ODNR and the Division and their employees and agents for any damages or injury incurred as the result of the Owner’s failure to comply with the terms of the Dock Construction Permit.

11. The issuance of an Annual Dock License shall not authorize the construction, replacement, modification repair or removal of any Dock and/or Associated Equipment. The Division may require the removal of any Dock and or Associated Equipment for which a Dock Construction Permit has not been issued, and if all such items are not removed by the Owner, the Division cause the removal of such items at the Owner’s expense.

12. The issuance of a Dock Construction Permit shall not permit the docking, mooring or tying-up of Watercraft to a Dock. An Owner must have a valid, current Annual Dock License in order to dock, moor or tie-up Watercraft to a Dock. The issuance of an Annual Dock License shall be demonstrated by mylar stickers, issued by the Division, one of which shall be placed on the Dock Tag, and one or more other mylar stickers which shall be placed on the Watercraft(s).

13. The Division may, at all reasonable times and without prior notice, enter into and upon the Dock and/or Associated Equipment to determine if the Owner is complying with the terms of the Dock Construction Permit and the Ohio statutes and regulations governing docks and dam safety laws.

14. No Dock, Associated Equipment or Watercraft may be anchored into, structurally connected to, or require or result in modifications to, any part of the Dam, its embankment, crest, abutments, drains, spillways, or steel sheet piling. Use of the Dam for the mounting of davits, mooring cleats, or other Watercraft docking devices is prohibited. In the event of a violation of this provision the Division may immediately revoke a Dock Construction Permit and/or Annual Dock License and/or remove the Dock, Associated Equipment and Watercraft. Any repairs for damage to the Dam, its embankment, crest, abutments, drains, spillways or steel sheet piling caused by Owner shall be performed at the Owner’s expense. No electrical cord, conduit, utilities, connections, pipes, tubing or other obstructions may be placed over the Dam, the Dam embankment or anywhere on the Division’s property.

15. All Docks, Associated Equipment and Watercraft must be maintained by the Owner as required by Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Administrative Code and rules of Buckeye Lake State Park and the Rules and Conditions of this Dock Construction Permit application. Docks and/or Associated Equipment requiring replacement shall be replaced, repaired or reconstructed according to Division specifications. In the event a Dock or Associated Equipment, in the
opinion of the Division, is in such disrepair as to create a danger to public safety, the Owner, upon request of the Division, shall either remove the Dock and/or Associated Equipment or submit an application for a Dock Construction Permit to make the appropriate repair or replacement. If the application is denied or if the Owner fails to take the required action within the time required by the Division, the Division may cause the Dock, Associated Equipment and/or Watercraft be removed at the Owner’s expense.

16. Upon completion of the construction, replacement, modification and/or repair of a Dock and/or Associated Equipment the Owner shall notify the Division at the Park Office. The Division shall conduct an inspection of the completed Dock and/or Associated Equipment. If the construction, replacement, modification or repair of the Dock and/or Associated Equipment is approved by the Division, the Division shall issue a Dock Tag that shall be displayed at a prominent location.

17. After the initial Dock Construction Permit is issued, before any additional construction, replacement, modification or repair of a Dock or Associated Equipment that modifies the basic structure of the Dock is commenced, an application for a new Dock Construction Permit must be approved by the Division. If an Owner fails to obtain the required Dock Construction Permit prior to commencing any construction, replacement, modification or repair of a Dock will result in Applicant’s required removal of the Dock, Associated Equipment and/or Watercraft, at Owner’s expense. If the Owner does not remove the Dock, Associated Equipment and/or Watercraft within the time required by the Division, the Division may have the Dock, Associated Equipment and/or Watercraft removed and disposed. Owner agrees not to seek reimbursement for the cost of removal, for the value of any Dock, Associated Equipment or Watercraft removed due to noncompliance and agrees to reimburse the Division for all costs the Division incurs insuring compliance.
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF PARKS AND WATERCRAFT
DOCK CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATION

PERMIT FORM

Dock Construction Permit

( ) APPROVED  ( ) DISAPPROVED

_____________________________ is hereby authorized to construct, replace, modify or repair the subject Dock and/or Associated Equipment in accordance with the information provided on the submitted application dated __________________ and the Rules and Conditions of the Dock Construction Permit application.

This Dock Construction Permit is valid for the period beginning on __________________ and ending on __________________.

This Dock and/or Associated Equipment is located at ____________________________ in ____________________________.

Construction, replacement, modification repair or removal, if applicable, will be completed by ____________________________, or this permit shall become invalid. The Owner is subject to all applicable laws, administrative rules, policies and practices of the State of Ohio and the Division of Parks and Watercraft and to the Rules and Conditions set forth in the Dock Construction Permit application. The requirements of this Dock Construction Permit and any subsequent Dock Construction Permits supersede any previous Dock Construction Permit issued for the same Dock and/or Associated Equipment.

The Dock Tag issued pursuant to this Dock Construction Permit shall be displayed on a prominent location on the Dock, where it shall remain displayed at all times.

Additional Conditions:

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Chief, Division of Parks and Watercraft or designee Date