



MARINA AT CAESAR CREEK FAQ SHEET

Question: What is the Marina at Caesar Creek?

Answer: The Marina at Caesar Creek will be Ohio's newest public inland marina at Caesar Creek State Park located in Warren County just off State Route 73 near Waynesville and Harveysburg. Among the boat slips that will be provided, some will include water and electric utility connections.

Question: When will marina construction start and be completed?

Answer: Marina construction began in late February, 2015. Phase I project completion will occur in time for the opening of the 2016 boating season.

Question: Who is planning and designing the Marina at Caesar Creek?

Answer: The ODNR Division of Watercraft is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ODNR Division of Parks and Recreation, ODNR Division of Wildlife and other federal, state and local agencies as well as stakeholders to design and develop a facility that will ensure the wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Project design utilizes best management practices in both economic and environmental sustainability.

Question: Why the Marina at Caesar Creek?

Answer: The marina was part of the original master plan of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the 1970's and the ODNR master plan. The Division of Watercraft developed the Boating on Ohio Waterways Plan, which identified the need and demand for a marina in southwest Ohio at Caesar Creek State Park. In response to this ideal opportunity, Watercraft has invested Waterway Safety Funds in the planning and design of Ohio's newest inland public marina.

Question: Are my tax dollars being used to construct the Marina at Caesar Creek?

Answer: No. In fact, the ODNR Division of Watercraft is using funds from the Waterway Safety Fund to build the Phase I development of the marina. The Waterways Safety Fund is comprised of a share of the state motor fuels tax, watercraft registration and titling fees and funding through the U.S. Coast Guard. It is ODNR's intent to seek a qualified private sector project partner to expand the marina amenities.

Question: Will the construction affect water levels at Caesar Creek Lake?

Answer: Lake levels will be allowed to return to normal pool elevation beginning in April, 2015. There should not be any further lake level impacts due to marina construction.

Question: Can we still launch our trailerable boats and use the lake in 2015?

Answer: Yes. There are no impacts to boating, except in the immediate marina construction area. These will be minimal and marked with appropriate signage during construction.

Question: Will waterfowl hunting be impacted in the Fall?

Answer: No, there will be no impact to waterfowl hunting opportunities during the fall/winter waterfowl seasons. Contact the state park office for information on hunting opportunities or for additional park hunting locations visit the ODNR web site at: <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/>

Question: Who is going to operate the Marina at Caesar Creek?

Answer: The long-term plan for the Marina at Caesar Creek calls for ODNR to offer facility operation and management opportunities to the private sector with oversight from ODNR. Any partnership will be accompanied by an agreement allowing the private sector the opportunity to develop a sustainable marina operation on behalf of the recreational user.

Question: Will lake "over-crowding" be a concern once the new marina is complete?

Answer: With the addition of the Marina at Caesar Creek, the recreational boating capacity will not be above normal use parameters for public inland lakes in Ohio. While additional boating occasions will occur, the overall boating experience is expected to make positive impacts to the state park and surrounding communities.

Question: What environmental considerations have been incorporated into the design of the marina?

Answer: The Marina at Caesar Creek will deviate from the use of rubblemound breakwalls commonly found protecting most marinas. Instead, wave attenuators will be used to protect the marina. This new design is less intrusive to the natural environment when compared to massive rubblemound breakwalls. The wave attenuators are anchored by cables and straps and move up and down with the rise and fall of water levels. The attenuators maintain open views to and from the marina and may also provide additional dock space and fishing platforms. Wave attenuators provide a cost advantage compared to rubblemound breakwalls at this site.

Question: Will waterfowl hunting be impacted in the 2015-2016 season?

Answer: No. Contact Caesar Creek State Park for hunting locations and visit the ODNR web site at: <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/>