



MARINA AT CAESAR CREEK Questions and Answers

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: It is hoped that marina construction can start by the end of 2014 with the excavation of the marina basin. Construction will start after ODNR has secured the required permits for the project.

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 1970s 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 one development of the marina. The Waterways Safety Fund is composed 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: Yes, but only during those times when water levels are needed to be lowered for completing an archeological investigation January-March 2014 and at a later time to allow for marina basin excavation.

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 2014-2015 season?

Answer: It is possible that duck blind opportunities may not be available at Caesar Creek State Park for the 2014-2015 fall/winter waterfowl hunting season. This could occur when a second lake drawdown is required to begin marina construction. For additional park hunting locations visit the ODNR web site at: <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/>