

ODNR Division of Watercraft

Paddlesports Report A Summary of Revenue and Expenditures 2006 – 2015

The purpose of this report is to list the financial contributions of paddlers (canoeists/kayakers) through their watercraft registration fees, and to show ODNR Division of Watercraft expenditures supporting this user group. Information in this report covers 2006 through 2015. Common services not specific to paddlers, such as homeland security, accident investigation, general law enforcement services, general publication printing and development, boater safety education courses, website maintenance, boating access facilities, boat safety inspections, hull identification inspections, registration records management, as well as administrative services and payroll, are not detailed in this report.

The report is presented in three sections:

Part I: Registration and Numbering Revenue 2006-2015

Part II: Paddlesports Program Expenditures 2006-2015

Part III: Additional Statewide Services Provided Exclusively for Paddlers

The following tables provide an explanation to each part listed above:

Part I: Registration and Numbering Revenue 2006-2015

Over a 10-year period, paddlesports generated more than \$4 million in direct revenue through registration fees. This includes fees collected through traditional 3-year registrations, alternative registrations and livery registrations:

Paddlesports Revenue Summary: Table 1

2006 - 2009 Revenue

Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	TOTAL	Fee*	Revenue
Number of Canoes/Kayaks Registrations	54,155	59,422	61,064	64,803	239,444	x \$4.00	\$957,776.00
Number of Alternative Registrations***	8,239	10,857	14,000	17,867	50,963	x \$5.66	\$288,450.58
Number of Livery Registrations	5,486	5,522	5,576	5,771	22,355	x \$4.00	\$89,420.00
TOTAL	67,880	75,801	80,640	88,441	312,762		\$1,335,646.58

2010 - 2015 Revenue

Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of Canoes/Kayaks Registrations	67,500	71,724	75,760	80,936	87,854	84,059
Number of Alternative Registrations***	22,359	25,969	31,911	38,184	44,754	69,032
Number of Livery Registrations	6,275	6,296	6,730	7,384	7,826	9,499
TOTAL	96,134	103,989	114,401	126,504	140,434	162,590

Type	TOTAL	Fee**	Revenue
Number of Canoes/Kayaks Registrations	467,833	x \$5.66	\$2,647,934.70
Number of Alternative Registrations***	232,209	x \$7.34	\$1,704,414.00
Number of Livery Registrations	44,010	x \$5.50	\$242,055.00
TOTAL	744,052		\$4,594,403.70

*** Explanation of the Registration Fee**

Registration fees shown equal one-third of the triennial registration fee; triennial registration fees are \$12 for traditional canoe, kayak and other hand-powered vessel registrations and \$17 for alternative registrations for hand-powered vessels. A \$3 writing fee is charged on all registrations in addition to the registration fee, however, this fee is retained by the registration agent and is not included in the revenue amounts above. Nearly 200 agencies across the state of Ohio sell boat registrations. These agencies include clerk of courts, motor vehicle registrars, marinas, boat dealers and other private businesses, in addition to the ODNR Division of Watercraft offices.

Motorized boat registrations are valid for three years, and the fee amounts are based on boat propulsion and/or boat length. Motorboat and sailboat registration fees increase as the boat length increases, and they range from \$33 to \$93 for a triennial registration.

**** Explanation of the Waterway Conservation Fee**

Beginning with registrations issued in 2010, all non-motorized boats (canoes, kayaks, rowboats and sail-powered) were assessed an additional \$5 Waterway Conservation Fee resulting in registration fees of \$17 for traditional canoe, kayak and other manually propelled vessel registrations and \$22 for alternative registration for hand-powered vessels over the triennial registration period.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Number of Vessels Paying the Waterway Conservation Fee	38,760	40,887	45,633	49,229	54,327	63,437	292,273

***** Explanation of Alternative Registration for Hand-Powered Vessels**

The Alternative Registration Decal was implemented in 2002 in response to paddlers and rowers who did not wish to place 3-inch block "OH numbers" on their vessels. The additional \$5 charge for this option is to replace lost federal revenues. The state boating program is reimbursed from the Federal Boat Safety Account of the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. Reimbursement to Ohio is calculated on a three-part federal formula, which includes financial support

based on the number of registered vessels which display the full, federally defined number (such as "OH 1234 AB").

Part II: Combined Paddlesport Expenditures 2006-2015

Over the same 10-year period, more than \$6 million was returned directly to the paddlesport community through community grant programs and publications. Grant support provided carry-in and small boat access, hands-on skill development through local education and recreation programs, as well as printed publications detailing stream access and paddling opportunities. Expenditures are not listed for development of the publications or use of staff resources to oversee and administer the statewide grant programs. Only direct payments for services, facilities and programs are summarized below.

See the following tables for specific details of this summary:

Paddlesports Expenditure Summary: Table 2

Year Awarded	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Carry-in/Small Boat Access – completed - <i>See Table 2.1</i>	\$474,798	\$51,425	\$102,500	\$348,080	\$393,825	\$1,115,155
Carry-in/Small Boat Access – in progress - <i>See Table 2.2</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paddlesports Safety Education Programs - <i>See Table 2.3</i>	\$207,285	\$248,647	\$243,124	\$264,040	\$230,163	\$193,454
Publications – Streams, Water Trails - <i>See Tables 2.4 and 2.5</i>	\$20,077	0	\$8,913	\$17,270	\$11,775	\$16,854
Scenic Rivers Program - <i>See Tables 2.6</i>	0	0	0	\$964	0	\$9,057
Total	\$702,160	\$300,072	\$354,537	\$630,354	\$635,763	\$1,334,520

Paddlesports Expenditure Summary: Table 2 - Continued

Year Awarded	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Carry-in/Small Boat Access – completed - <i>See Table 2.1</i>	\$330,000	0	\$347,011	\$364,915	\$3,527,709
Carry-in/Small Boat Access – in progress - <i>See Table 2.2</i>	0	0	\$795,274	0	\$795,274
Paddlesports Safety Education Programs - <i>See Table 2.3</i>	\$320,034	\$172,648	\$232,125	\$292,406	\$2,403,926
Publications – Streams, Water Trails - <i>See Tables 2.4 and 2.5</i>	\$58,466	\$8,500	\$7,952	\$8,413	\$158,220
3134866 Scenic Rivers Program <i>See Table 2.6</i>	\$206	0	\$4,705	0	\$14,932
Watercraft Paddling Access <i>See Table 2.7</i>			\$196,927	\$57,990	\$254,917
Total	\$708,706	\$181,148	\$1,583,994	\$723,724	\$7,154,978

The following tables provide details on expenditures listed in Table 2:

COOPERATIVE BOATING FACILITY GRANTS PROJECTS

Carry-In/Small Boat Access 2006-2015 - Completed (Detail): Table 2.1

Agency	County	Project Name	Amount	Year Complete
City of Upper Sandusky	Wyandot	Upper Sandusky No. 2 Reservoir New Boat Ramp Small Boat Access	\$84,961	2006
Village of Tuscarawas	Tuscarawas	Village of Tuscarawas Boat Ramp Project	\$174,491	2006
Colerain Township Board of Trustees	Hamilton	Great Miami Southwest Ohio Access Small Boat Access	\$79,250	2006
Lake Metroparks	Lake	Grand River Landing Small Boat Access	\$136,096	2006
Village of Dresden	Muskingum	Village of Dresden New Boat Ramp	\$51,425	2007
City of Findlay	Hancock	Findlay Reservoirs	\$32,500	2008
Rush Creek Conservancy District	Fairfield	Site Vi-A Rushcreek Lake	\$70,000	2008
Five Rivers MetroParks	Montgomery	One Hand-Carried Boat Launch Ramp	\$65,000	2009
Village of Tuscarawas	Tuscarawas	Snyder's Landing Boat Launch	\$143,080	2009
Miami Conservancy District	Butler	Middletown Hand-Carried Boat Ramp	\$50,000	2009
Village of Barnesville	Belmont	Slope Creek Boat Launch Ramp	\$90,000	2009
City of Toledo	Lucas	Ottawa River Small Craft Launch	\$100,000	2010
City of Athens	Athens	W. State Street Park Boat Access	\$27,000	2010
Wayne National Forest - Ironton District	Lawrence	Arabia (Symmes) Creek Canoe Launch	\$162,825	2010
City of Defiance	Defiance	Defiance Reservoir Boat Ramp and Facility	\$104,000	2010
Div. of Parks & Rec. Lake Alma State Park	Vinton	Lake Alma State Park	\$60,000	2011
Village of Gnadenhutten	Tuscarawas	Village Boat Ramp Area Improvements	\$89,838	2011
Lorain County Metropolitan Park District	Lorain	Vermilion-Lorain Water Trail Canoe/Kayak (4) Accesses	\$65,865	2011
Miami County Park District	Miami	Great Miami River Canoe/Kayak Access	\$125,700	2011
Div. of Parks & Rec. Lake Hope State Park	Vinton	Lake Hope State Park Boat Launch Ramp	\$131,000	2011
Div. of Parks & Rec. Harrison Lake State Park	Fulton	Harrison Lake State Park - Public Boat Launch	\$242,752	2011
Div. of Parks & Rec. Alum Creek State Park	Delaware	Howard Road Boarding Docks	\$125,000	2011

Agency	County	Project Name	Amount	Year Complete
Div. of Parks & Rec. Portage Lakes State Park	Summit	Nimisila Reservoir Ramp Renovation	\$175,000	2011
Hueston Woods	Preble	Hueston Woods Boat Ramp Restroom	\$100,000	2011
Kent Parks & Recreation	Portage	Cuyahoga River Access	\$250,000	2012
Div. of Parks & Rec. Kiser Lake State Park	Champaign	Dock Facilities for Kiser	\$80,000	2012
Trumbull County MetroParks	Trumbull	Mahoning River Water Trails Access Upgrades	\$50,000	2014
City of Troy	Miami	Treasure Island Restrooms	\$85,000	2014
Portage County Park Dist.	Portage	Red Fox Trailhead	\$80,000	2014
Findley State Park	Lorain	ADA Canoe/Kayak Access	\$75,506	2014
Indian Lake State Park	Logan	Moundwood Ramp ADA Canoe/Kayak Access	\$56,505	2014
Preservation Park	Delaware	River Run Preserve Hand-Powered	\$43,400	2015
Div. of Parks & Recreation	Clermont	Main Beach Hand-Powered Launch Docks	\$134,720	2015
Div. of Parks & Recreation	Delaware	ADA Canoe/Kayak Launch Dock & Restroom	\$186,795	2015
There were no small ramp projects completed in 2013.				
Total Amount Awarded			\$3,527,709	

In 2014, the ODNR Division of Watercraft received 26 applications for new projects to be funded through the Cooperative Boating Facility Grant Program. The applications were reviewed and scored, and 16 projects were awarded funding. Of these 16 projects, 10 will help support the state's fastest growing boating opportunities by improving access for non-motorized boats, such as kayaks and canoes.

Carry-In Access 2006-2015 (In Process - Not Completed): Table 2.2

Agency	County	Project Name	Amount	Grant Year
City of Piqua	Miami	Goodrich Giles Park Canoe/Kayak Access (\$101,000) (CITY OF PIQUA CANCELED THIS PROJECT)	0	2009
Great Parks of Hamilton County	Hamilton	Miami Whitewater Forest Canoe/Kayak Launch	\$30,000	2014
Cleveland Metroparks	Cuyahoga	Rocky River Canoe and Kayak Access	\$38,000	2014
Miami Conservancy District	Montgomery	W. Carrollton-Moraine Canoe/Kayak Access	\$54,130	2014
Miami Township	Hamilton	Miami Township West Canoe/Kayak Access	\$63,628	2014

City of Girard	Trumbull	Mahoning River Flats Canoe/Kayak Launch Ramp	\$68,855	2014
Hancock County Park District	Hancock	Blanchard River Liberty and Blanchard Landings Canoe/Kayak Access	\$76,808	2014
City of Cuyahoga Falls	Summit	Cuyahoga River Riverfront Canoe/Kayak	\$116,203	2014
City of Delaware	Delaware	Mingo Park and Cherry Street Canoe/Kayak Access	\$152,900	2014
City of Riverside	Montgomery	Great Miami River Canoe/Kayak Access	\$194,750	2014
Not offered in 2015				
Total Amount Awarded			\$795,274	

PADDLESPTS SAFETY AND EDUCATION GRANT RECIPIENTS 2006-2015

The ODNR Division of Watercraft awards Boating Safety Education Grants every year to nonprofit organizations. The programs funded by this grant range from ACA QuickStart paddling instruction to advanced instructor-level courses. Grant monies can be used for equipment, training aids, advertising, etc. Only programs which are paddling specific are listed below. Other programs, such as those focused on powerboat instruction, are not included. The highest yearly amount available per agency/organization is \$30,000 and requires a 25 percent in-kind or cash match.

BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Paddlesports Safety Education Grants: Table 2.3

Grantee (county)	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
4-H Camp Ohio-Agricultural Extension Camps (Licking)		\$3,374		\$2,836						
Adams Co. Soil & Water Conservancy District		\$11,447								
Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio (Wayne)										\$14,131
Akron Power Squadron (Summit)				\$18,732		\$29,818		\$19,635		\$12,699
Akron YMCA (Summit)										\$13,462
American Canoe Association-Ohio-Penn	\$24,850									

Grantee (county)	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
American Red Cross (Summit)			\$12,542							
Ashtabula County Educational Service Center	\$11,815	\$9,207	\$10,247	\$12,058	\$2,651	\$3,422	\$22,054	\$5,208		
Ashtabula YMCA (Ashtabula)										\$5,042
Baldwin Wallace College (Cuyahoga)					\$22,110					\$13,874
Barberton Parks & Recreation Commission (Summit)		\$18,675	\$10,040	\$4,454				\$11,393	\$5,718	\$7,797
Bay Village Schools (Cuyahoga)	\$9,000	\$2,900	\$1,623	\$2,475	\$711	\$1,100	\$2,239	\$1,480	\$900	\$1,177
Big Brothers/Big Sisters (Franklin)							\$13,542			
Big Brothers/Big Sisters (Athens)			\$7,190							
Bowling Green State University (Wood)					\$11,451					
Camp Fire USA, Northwest Ohio Council (Hancock)			\$18,357							
Central Ohio Safe Boating Council (Delaware)	\$18,950									
Children's Center for Developmental Enrichment, The Oakstone Academy (Franklin)					\$18,081					
Cincinnati Recreation Commission (Hamilton)	\$19,782		\$6,543			\$9,790		\$7,532		
City of Gahanna (Franklin)					\$17,206					
City of Canton (Stark)										\$24,184
City of Mentor (Lake)	\$5,680	\$6,480	\$4,500	\$7,910	\$6,807	\$5,088	\$17,135	\$9,820	\$5,680	\$2,990
City of Westerville Parks & Rec. Dep. (Franklin)							\$10,434			
Cleveland Metroparks (Cuyahoga)					\$18,900	\$28,424	\$13,999		\$26,130	\$15,444
Cleveland Power Squadron (Cuyahoga)										\$14,358
Cleveland State University (Cuyahoga)								\$25,116		
Cleveland Treatment Center (Cuyahoga)					\$4,206			\$3,382		
Columbus Outdoor Pursuits (Franklin)		\$10,415								

Grantee (county)	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Darke County Park District		\$14,985					\$5,942			
Diabetes Assoc. of Greater Cleveland-Camp Ho Mita Koda (Geauga)			\$5,387	\$3,750		\$7,282			\$3,942	
Direct Instructional Support Systems Inc. (Franklin)				\$20,380						
Disability Resource Network (Franklin)							\$23,023	\$13,052		\$4,731
Eastern OSU Extension Camps (Belmont)								\$10,476		\$6,154
Erie MetroParks					\$23,467					
Five Rivers MetroParks (Montgomery)	\$20,660		\$27,150				\$17,575		\$24,891	
Flying Horse Farms (Morrow)							\$15,218			
Girl Scouts, Seal of Ohio Council Inc. (Franklin)			\$18,560							
Granville Recreation District (Licking)							\$7,554			
Great Miami Rowing Center						\$9,305			\$12,704	
Great Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America (Summit)		\$9,900	\$2,625	\$3,600		\$2,236				\$2,416
Greater Dayton YMCA (Montgomery, Warren)	\$6,404									
Greene County Rec. & Parks		\$7,299							\$9,419	\$10,407
Green Umbrella (Hamilton)									\$6,000	\$8,107
Hamilton County Park District		\$12,147			\$14,139					
Hero USA (Franklin)									\$28,587	\$11,277
Kent State University (Portage)			\$14,561	\$3,923			\$11,386		\$16,900	
Lake County MetroParks	\$14,322	\$12,508	\$6,030	\$11,635	\$1,856	\$8,169	\$8,290	\$6,589	\$4,828	\$4,378
Licking County MetroParks (Licking)										\$25,429
Licking SWCD							\$19,856			
Lorain County Education Service Center	\$12,785	\$5,850	\$7,500	\$18,640	\$5,085	\$3,566	\$14,676	\$4,100		
Malone University (Stark)							\$12,954			
Maritime Academy of Toledo (Lucas)								\$12,100		
Metroparks of Toledo (Lucas)										\$20,661

Grantee (county)	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Miami County Park District			\$10,369							
Miami Soil & Water Conservation District					\$12,490					
Miami University						\$13,867				
Mineral City Elementary (Tuscarawas)	\$1,410									
Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors (Richland)	\$7,125	\$5,611	\$1,985	\$2,888		\$1,593	\$6,952	\$2,864	\$1,339	
Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (Richland/Ashland)	\$7,190	\$9,633	\$10,103	\$10,689	\$12,534	\$650				
National Whitetail Deer Education Foundation (Guernsey)									\$21,934	\$6,635
N. Central Ohio Safe Boating Council (Richland)								\$5,625	\$3,081	
ODNR Parks & Rec. – Cowan Lake State Park (Clinton)					\$13,396					
ODNR Parks & Rec. SW Ohio Regional District (Clinton)							\$9,585			\$30,000
Ohio Conference of United Church of Christ, Templed Hills (Richland)								\$9,405		
Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum				\$17,500						
Ohio River Corridor Initiative				\$15,273						
Ohio River Foundation (Brown)			\$3,300	\$3,100						
Ohio River Way Inc. (Hamilton)	\$11,767	\$9,790	\$9,575			\$14,000	\$12,669			
Ohio University (Athens)				\$28,667		\$25,802				
OSU Foundation Ohio 4-H Sea Camp (Erie)		\$8,179								
Perry County Soil & Water (Perry)										\$16,780
Raccoon Creek Partnership (Athens)								\$3,740		\$1575
Regional Greenspace Initiative (Hamilton)								\$7,100		
Rivers Unlimited (Hamilton)				\$13,412						
Rotary Camp (Summit)										\$6,613
Simon Kenton Council, Boy Scouts of America (Franklin)			\$11,643			\$9,211			\$17,301	\$12,085

Grantee (county)	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sojourners (Vinton)		\$14,556								
Spirit of America Foundation (Lake)	\$22,535	\$12,750	\$16,117	\$16,450	\$3,630	\$7,826	\$19,600			
Stark County Parks				\$18,164						
Team River Runner (Hamilton)							\$9,759			
The Adaptive Adventure Sports Coalition (Franklin)		\$19,656								
Toledo Children's Hospital					\$23,077					
USCG Aux. 76 09ER (Lake)							\$4,870			
USCG Aux. Assoc. USCG 091-16-15 (Lucas)					\$2,350					
University of Akron (Summit)		\$19,890		\$12,032						
Wellington School (Franklin)					\$16,016					
West Ohio Conference-United Methodist Church (Hocking)	\$13,010								\$30,000	
Wright State University (Green)		\$23,395		\$15,472			\$18,495			
Xavier University (Hamilton)								\$14,031		
YMCA of Van Wert County							\$15,474			
YMCA of Central Ohio – Camp Wilson (Franklin)							\$6,753			
YMCA of Central Ohio (Logan County)									\$12,767	
Young Men's Christian Association (Franklin)						\$12,305				
Youngstown State University (Mahoning)			\$27,177							
TOTAL AWARDED \$2,403,926	\$207,285	\$248,647	\$243,124	\$264,040	\$230,163	\$193,454	\$320,034	\$172,648	\$232,125	\$292,406

Funding in the amount of \$25,000 is provided to the ODNR Park Naturalist Program for boating and safety education, including primarily paddling programs.

ODNR DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES

PRINTING EXPENDITURES

Boating On Ohio Streams Brochure Series: Table 2.4	Quantity	Year	Cost
Northwest and Southwest Regions (map; river access and features)	40,000	2006	\$9,640
South-Central Stream Map	75,000	2010	\$11,775
Ohio Boating areas (map; lake access and features)	140,000	2012	\$22,400
Ohio Streams Maps (eastern and western Ohio) all updated in 2013; individual maps available for print on demand from website. Maps printed for events and area offices.	10,200	2013	\$1,900
Ohio Streams Maps (eastern and western Ohio)	5,200	2014	\$1,352
Ohio Streams Maps (eastern and western Ohio) all updated in 2013; individual maps available for print on demand from website. Maps printed for events and area offices.	3,400	2015	\$1,812.50
TOTAL			\$48,879.50

Water Trails Program: Table 2.5	Year	Cost
Muskingum River Water Trail	2006	\$10,437.00
East Sandusky Bay Water Trail	2008	\$7,909.00
East Sandusky Bay Water Trail	2008	\$1,003.91
Vermilion Lorain Water Trail	2009	\$16,488.00
Vermilion Lorain Water Trail	2009	\$782.00
Kokosing River Water Trail brochure (reprint)	2011	\$1,854.30
Great Miami River Water Trail brochure	2011	\$11,000.00
Signage for Great Miami, Stillwater and Mad River Water Trails	2011	\$4,000.00
Update and reprinting of the Mad River Water Trail publication	2012	\$6,000.00
Signage for the Great Miami, Stillwater and Mad River Water Trails	2012	\$600.00
Development and printing of the Mahoning River Water Trail publication	2012	\$7,723.00
Signage for the Mahoning River Water Trail	2012	\$3,879.00
Development and printing of the Mohican River Water Trail publication	2012	\$17,704.00
Signage for the Mohican River Water Trail	2012	\$160.00
Update and reprinting of the Stillwater River Water Trail publication	2013	\$6,000.00
Signage for the Great Miami, Stillwater and Mad River Water Trails	2013	\$600.00
Update and reprinting of the Great Miami, Stillwater and Mad River publications	2014	\$6,000.00
Signage for the Great Miami, Stillwater and Mad River Water Trails	2014	\$600.00
Update and reprint of the Great Miami, Stillwater and Mad River publications	2015	\$6,000.00
Signage for the Great Miami, Stillwater and Mad River Water Trails	2015	\$600.00
TOTAL		\$109,340.21

Scenic Rivers Program: Table 2.6	Year	Cost
Little Miami Stream Quality Monitoring (SQM) Report	2009	\$28.00
Stillwater SQM Report	2009	\$28.00
Mad River Strategic Plan	2009	\$107.76
Scenic Rivers Brochure	2009	\$270.00
Scenic River Informational Brochure	2009	\$530.00
Little Miami Scenic River Map	2011	\$9,056.67
Ohio's SQM Project	2012	\$103.60
Ohio's Scenic River Program	2012	\$102.40
Scenic Rivers Brochure	2014	\$1,920.00
Scenic River Paddle Ohio Items	2014	\$2,785.32
TOTAL		\$14,931.75

Part III: Other Statewide Services Provided Exclusively for Paddlers (Expenditures Not Calculated)

Public Information:

In April 2014, the ODNR Division of Watercraft placed a Boat Access Interactive Map (BAIM) on the website. This application works on both desktop computers and mobile devices with internet connectivity and is a useful tool for planning a boating trip. The BAIM provides information about public motorized and non-motorized access locations (ramps, docks, etc.), paddling hazard locations (such as lowhead dams), facility contact information, available amenities and motorized facility photos for the entire state of Ohio. To utilize this application or for more information, visit: gis.ohiodnr.gov/boatAccessMap.

Scenic Rivers Program

In 2014, \$200,000 was budgeted to improve paddling access sites on Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers statewide. By the end of 2014, a prioritized list of needed improvements was submitted to the Controlling Board for approval. Proposed improvements to access sites were as follows:

Paddling Access on Wild, Scenic & Recreational Rivers: Table 2.7

Site	River	County	Project Description	Year	Project Cost
Caesar Creek Access	Little Miami River	Warren	Rehabilitate existing access, grade, fill potholes, add gravel, signage.	2014	\$49,708.38
Carl Rahe Access	Little Miami River	Warren	Rehabilitate existing access, repair picnic shelter, improve access to river and repair potholes in/around parking lot.	2014	\$17,272.71
Halls Creek Access	Little Miami River	Warren	Reopen closed access, remove vegetation, grade, add gravel, signage, improve access to river.	2014	\$59,606.01
St. John's Access	Sandusky River	Seneca	Rehabilitate access to river, remove broken asphalt and replace with gravel, improve access to river, signage.	2014	\$36,182.32
Bend Access	Maumee River	Defiance	Improve access to river - reslope bank, build staircase to river, minor parking lot repair.	2014	\$19,162.26
Keefus Road Access	Conneaut Creek	Ashtabula	Improve access to river - reslope bank, build staircase to river, minor parking lot repair.	2014	\$3,283.81
Center Road Access	Conneaut Creek	Ashtabula	Improve access to river - reslope bank, build staircase to river, minor parking lot repair.	2014	\$11,061.61
Ft. Ancient Access	Little Miami River	Warren	Remove stumps from dead ash trees that were felled for safety reasons.	2014	\$650.00
Little Miami River Access Sites	Little Miami River	Warren	Purchase of native vegetation for planting at access sites.	2015	\$2,008.25
Ft. Ancient Access	Little Miami River	Warren	Replacement of the deteriorated asphalt ramp leading to the Little Miami River with a more pervious articulated concrete mat and gravel surface.	2015	\$55,982.08
Total					\$254,917.43

Special Events

In 2014, the Scenic Rivers Program partnered with the Ohio Water Trails Program to introduce Paddle Ohio across the state.

Paddle Ohio is a new program where individuals are invited to paddle four different segments of any of the state-designated Wild, Scenic or Recreational Rivers or Water Trails and submit information regarding their trips to receive a free Paddle Ohio Pin. In an effort to introduce Paddle Ohio, the Scenic Rivers Program and the Water Trails Program worked together to schedule a Paddle Ohio Day and a series of paddling events on Scenic Rivers and Water Trails across the state.

ODNR Director James Zehringer kicked off Paddle Ohio with an event held at the Battelle Darby Metro Park at the Alkire Road access on the Big Darby Creek State and National Scenic River on Friday, June 20, 2014. Many local officials, conservation partners and news media were in attendance that day. However, high water prohibited anyone from paddling the Big Darby at that time.

Paddle Ohio Day was scheduled for Sunday, June 22, 2014, with events on the Grand Wild and Scenic River, Kokosing Scenic River and Water Trail, Sandusky Scenic River and Stillwater Scenic River and Water Trail. However, only the Grand River and the Sandusky River events occurred that day due to high water. The Kokosing event was rescheduled for a later date.

Participation for 2014 Paddle Ohio Events was as follows:

Central Ohio, Kokosing State Scenic River and Water Trail	45 participants
Northwest Ohio, Sandusky State Scenic River	38 participants
Northeast Ohio, Grand Wild and Scenic River	65 participants

Thirty-six individuals submitted information regarding their floats and requests for Paddle Ohio Pins with a total of 14 meeting all the necessary criteria.

In 2015, there were no Paddle Ohio events recorded for either Southwest Ohio or Central Ohio.

Participation for 2015 Paddle Ohio Events was as follows:

Northeast Ohio Events:

Paddle Ohio on Bass Lake in Geauga County	20 participants
Beaver Creek State Forest Canoe Float on Little Beaver Creek Wild and Scenic River	17 participants

Northwest Ohio Events:

Paddle Ohio, Maumee River with Wood County Park District	10 participants
Maumee River with Defiance SWCD and City of Defiance	14 participants
Maumee River with Defiance SWCD and City of Defiance	17 participants
Paddle Ohio, Maumee River with Wood County Park District	16 participants

In 2015, 44 individuals submitted information regarding their floats and requests for Paddle Ohio Pins with a total of 18 meeting the criteria to qualify to receive a 4-Rivers pin and four meeting the criteria to qualify for an 8-Rivers pin.

Water Trails

ODNR also has the opportunity to work with local community sponsors to develop water trails.

In 2010, the Great Miami, Mad and Stillwater rivers were designated as the fifth, sixth and seventh Ohio Water Trails. Collectively, these three rivers flow more than 265 miles through 11 southwest Ohio counties, making this trail network the largest of its kind in the state. The Miami Conservancy District, Rivers Unlimited and the ODNR Division of Watercraft helped provide leadership among a larger group of 32 local and regional partners across the region to showcase the importance of the region's waterways as a means to attract paddlers and encourage economic development and tourism.

Brochures for the Great Miami River Water Trail were printed and distributed; signage for all three rivers was produced and placed at access points in 2011.

In 2012, 28 miles of the Mohican River and 23 miles of the Mahoning River were designated and dedicated as the eighth and ninth water trails in the state. ODNR entered into agreements with Knox County Park District and Trumbull County MetroParks and funded production and printing of brochures as well as the manufacturing and installation of signage.

Additionally, in 2012, the ODNR Division of Watercraft partnered with the Miami Conservancy District to fund updating and reprinting the Mad River Water Trail brochure as well as manufacturing additional signage for the Great Miami, Stillwater and Mad River Water Trails.

In 2013, 2014 and 2015, the Water Trails Program provided funding for updating and printing maps and brochures, as well as the purchase of signage for the Great Miami River, Mad River and Stillwater River Water Trails. It was a coordinated effort between ODNR, Miami Conservancy District and several other local partners. The Water Trails Program partners with local sponsors to establish a network of waterway trails to improve access as well as increase safety, awareness and participation in paddlesports.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:

ODNR has American Canoe Association (ACA) certified canoe, kayak and stand-up paddleboard instructors on staff that teach or assist with certified paddling courses. The following is an illustrative list of many of those events/courses hosted by ODNR or conducted in partnership with other organizations:

- ACA Paddlers River Rescue course offered 2006-2010
- ACA Level 1 Canoeing Instructor Workshops 2006-2015
- ACA Level 2 Paddling Instructor Workshops offered 2006-2012
- ACA Level 1 Kayak Instructor Workshops 2006-2015
- ACA Adaptive Paddling Instructor Endorsement Course 2006-2013
- Annual assistance for college-level multi-day courses at University of Akron
- Paddling workshops for Women in the Outdoors events across the state
- Annual school programs across the state
- Annual Girl Scout/Boy Scout canoeing safety across the state
- Annual paddling safety for clubs and associations across the state
- Spirit of America paddling programs (Lake, Lorain, Cuyahoga, Mohican and Ashtabula counties; at least two days each year)
- Metro Parks paddling programs including stand-up paddleboard courses (Five Rivers, Cleveland and Lake) 2006-2015
- ACA SmartStart Kayak instruction to more than 3,500 participants each year at the ODNR Kayak Pond at the Ohio State Fair 2008-2015
- Flat-water canoe, stand-up paddleboard and kayak courses annually offered by instructors on staff.

The division is currently writing its own lesson plans for canoe, kayak and stand-up paddleboard with the intention of steering away from ACA membership/instructor certification. This will give us more flexibility to offer more courses and certify more staff and partners as instructors. The new lesson plans will be based upon nationally recognized standards. ODNR will train park naturalists, partners and other staff starting in spring 2016. The new curriculum will be utilized statewide during the summer 2016.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

ODNR staff participates in numerous paddling activities statewide. ODNR is often requested to provide boats and gear, instructors or other assistance; a "canoe simulator;" a display booth and publications/information; and rescue throw bags and targets. State watercraft officers and volunteers often attended, assisted in the planning and participated in these events.

- Ohio Women's Outdoor Adventures (three day event/year; location varies; 85 participants) in 2014-2015.
- Paddle in the Park (1 day/year; Five Rivers MetroParks; Dayton) 2006-2011
- Muskingum Riverfest (1 day/year; McConnelsville) 2006-2009
- Paddle Power Demo Day (1 day/year; Chillicothe) 2006-2010
- Alum Creek Boating and Fishing Fest (two days/year; Delaware) 2006
- Great Ohio River Paddle (three days/year; Ohio River) 2006-2015
- Paddlefest (1 day/year; Ohio River/Cincinnati) 2006-2015
- Mad Hatters Race (1 day/year; Lake County) 2006-2008
- Earth Days (12 days/year; Rocky Fork State Park) 2006-2008
- School Days at Ohio State Parks (statewide) 2006-2008
- Vinton County Canoe Float/Raccoon Creek 2006-2008
- Greater Dayton Rowing Association (Five Rivers Fall Regatta/Great Miami River) 2010
- Caesar Creek State Park Boating and Fishing Festival 2006-2010
- The Adventure Summit or Adventure Speaker Series (Five Rivers MetroParks and Wright State University; Dayton) 2009-2015
- Midwest Outdoor Experience (Five Rivers MetroParks; Dayton) 2008-2015
- Grand River Canoe and Kayak Race 2004-2015
- Dillon Family Days 2007-2009
- North Central Boating and Fishing Festival (Pleasant Hill Lake) 2005-2015
- Paddlepalooza (Columbus) 2010-2011
- Great Outdoor Weekend, Hamilton County Park District 2010-2015
- North Coast Harbor Boating and Fish Festival 2010-2015
- PaddlePalooza (on-water demo day at Alum Creek, West Branch and Maumee Bay) 2014-2015
- Westlake Recreation Center Quick Start (Cuyahoga Co.) 2015
- Paddle and Pedal Fest (Lake Erie/Lorain Co.) 2015
- Paddle Ohio Quick Start (Bass Lake/Geauga Co.) 2015
- Free paddle event at Shawnee State Park 2015

EQUIPMENT LOAN:

(Two eight-canoe trailer with paddles and life jackets; 15 sit-on top kayaks with trailer, six decked kayaks with trailer; paddles and lifejackets) provided to:

- Girl Scouts (Delaware) 2006-2008.
- River cleanups (various locations such as Hocking, Licking, Little Miami and Ohio River) 2006-2015.
- Numerous equipment loans to several other organizations statewide each year.
- Transferred two canoe trailers and 16 canoes to Ohio State Parks for their canoe safety and bird watching trips 2006-2007.

LAW ENFORCEMENT / SAFETY PATROLS:

- State watercraft officers patrol the Little Miami River, Mohican River and Mad River.
- Patrols are also conducted on the Olentangy, Scioto, Licking, Kokosing, Big Darby and other rivers.
- Safety, litter and sobriety saturation patrol/checkpoints are conducted throughout the season on rivers with a high volume of boating traffic.
- State Watercraft officers complete more than 50 livery safety equipment inspections annually.
- Safety/Security Zone: Burning River Fest (Cuyahoga River/Cuyahoga Co.) 2015
- Safety/Security Zone: Great Lake Erie Boat Float (Lake Erie/Cuyahoga Co.) 2015
- Safety/Security Zone: Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival (Lake Erie/Cuyahoga Co.) 2015
- Safety/Security Zone: Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta (Cuyahoga River/Cuyahoga Co.) 2015