Caesar Creek State Park
Naturalist Programs

September, October and November 2025

All programs are subject to change. Notify the naturalist if special accommodations are needed for your participation. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Some programs require registration, please be registered the Tuesday before the intended program.

**September 2025**

**Monday, September 1 - Labor Day**

Hobie Cat Sailing

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

* • Participants must be on site at 1:00 PM to participate.
* • Learn to sail on the lake with guidance from experienced instructors.
* • Equipment and instruction provided.
* • Weather dependent. Please check our Facebook page on Caesar Creek State Park.
* • Wear shoes and pants that can get wet and bring a dry pair of shoes for the way home.
* • Free and open to the public.
* Equipment is limited. First come, first serve.
* • Meet at the North Pool Boat Ramp Hand Launch.

**Thursday, September 4**

Land Stewardship

9:30 AM–2:30 PM

* • Meet the Naturalist to learn about the importance of native plants.
* • Learn how to remove invasive species.
* • Optional. Bring boots and gloves for a hands-on experience with our stewardship team if you choose. Or, stop by for a walk and talk as we go along.
* • Meet at the Nature Center.

**Friday, September 5**

Wildlife Hike

9:30 AM–11:00 AM

* • Discover local flora and fauna on a one-mile guided hike with the park naturalist.
* • Meet at the campground amphitheater.
* • Free and open to the public.

**Friday, September 5**

Hobie Cat Sailing

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

* • Participants must be on site at 1:00 PM to participate.
* • Learn to sail on the lake with guidance from experienced instructors.
* • Equipment and instruction provided.
* • Weather dependent. Please check our Facebook page on Caesar Creek State Park.
* • Wear shoes and pants that can get wet and bring a dry pair of shoes for the way home.
* • Free and open to the public.
* • Meet at the North Pool Boat Ramp Hand Launch.

**Saturday, September 6**

Birds of Prey

2:00 PM -3:30 PM

* • Meet our live hawk and owl up close.
* • Learn why raptors are important and how we can help.
* • This program is weather dependent. We will be outside until the building reopens due to renovations.
* • Meet at Nature Center picnic area located across the road from Pioneer Village.

**Saturday, September 6**

Stand-Up Paddleboarding (SUP) – Last One

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

* • Participants must be on site by 5:00 PM to participate.
* • Join us for our last stand-up paddleboard program of the season.
* • Equipment and instruction provided.
* • Wear strap-on shoes (no flip-flops), and clothes that can get wet, and bring a dry pair of clothes if needed for the ride home.
* • Free and open to the public.
* • This program is weather-dependent. Please check our park Facebook page for more information — Caesar Creek State Park.
* • Equipment is limited. First come, first serve.
* Meet at the campground boat ramp area – SUP hut

**Saturday, September 6**

Full Moon, Harvest Moon, Canoe and Kayak Excursion – Last Canoe and Kayak Exursion of the Summer

7:00 PM–9:00 PM

* • Watch the full Harvest Moon rise and paddle under the moonlight on a guided canoe and kayak excursion with the Park Naturalist.
* • Participants must be on site by 7:00 PM to participate.
* • Participants must bring a flashlight by law to paddle on the water after sunset. Headlamps that include a red light filter are preferred.
* • Learn why the Harvest Moon is important.
* • Wear shoes and pants that can get wet, and bring bug spray.
* • This program is weather dependent. Check our park Facebook page for details at Caesar Creek State Park.
* • This program is free and open to the public.
* • Equipment is limited. First come, first serve.
* • Meet at the campground boat ramp – Yak Shack area.

**Thursday, September 11**

Land Stewardship

9:30 AM–2:30 PM

* • Meet the Naturalist to learn about the importance of native plants.
* • Learn how to remove invasive species.
* • Optional. Bring boots and gloves for a hands-on experience with our stewardship team if you choose. Or, stop by for a walk and talk as we go along.
* • Meet at the Nature Center.

**Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 12, 13, 14**

Ohio Women’s Outdoor Adventure Event Weekend

* • Programming all-weekend for a special event.
* • See the Ohio Department of Natural Resources website for more information on the Ohio Women’s Outdoor Adventure.
* • Pre-registration is required.

*Vacation leave Sept 18-20*

**Tuesday, September 23**

Canoe and Kayak Paddling Skills Workshop – Last One

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

* Pre-registration required through Warren County Soil and Water
* Meet at the campground boat ramp Yak Shack

**Thursday, September 25**

Land Stewardship

9:30 AM–2:30 PM

* • Meet the Naturalist to learn about the importance of native plants.
* • Learn how to remove invasive species.
* • Optional. Bring boots and gloves for a hands-on experience with our stewardship team if you choose.
* • Meet at the Nature Center.

**Friday, September 26**

Hobie Cat Sailing

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

* • Participants must be on site at 1:00 PM to participate.
* • Learn to sail on the lake with guidance from experienced instructors.
* • Equipment and instruction provided.
* • Weather dependent. Please check our Facebook page on Caesar Creek State Park.
* • Wear shoes and pants that can get wet and bring a dry pair of shoes for the way home.
* • Free and open to the public.
* • Meet at the North Pool Boat Ramp Hand Launch.

**Saturday, September 27**

Hobie Cat Sunset Sail – Last One

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

* Pre-registration required for this sunset sail.
* • Learn to sail on the lake with guidance from experienced instructors.
* • Equipment and instruction provided.
* • Weather dependent.
* • Wear shoes and pants that can get wet and bring a dry pair of shoes for the way home.
* • Free
* • Meet at the North Pool Boat Ramp Hand Launch.

**October 2025**

**Thursday, October 2**

Land Stewardship

9:30 AM–2:30 PM

* • Meet the Naturalist to learn about the importance of native plants.
* • Learn how to remove invasive species.
* • Optional. Bring boots and gloves for a hands-on experience with our stewardship team if you choose. Or, stop by for a walk and talk as we go along.
* • Meet at the Nature Center.

**Friday, October 3**

Wildlife Hike

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

* • Discover local flora and fauna on a one-mile guided hike with the park naturalist.
* • Meet at the campground amphitheater.
* • Free and open to the public.

**Saturday, October 4**

Give Back Day

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

* Join the Ohio Native Wildflower Society for a day of volunteering as we clear invasive plants to allow native wildlife to thrive.
* Learn from experts in the state during this immersive experience.
* Bring boots, gloves, water and lunch.
* Meet at the Nature Center.

Star Gazing and Wonders of the Night

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

* Join the Miami Valley Astronomical Society for their last public stargazing event of this year (see important details on their website).
* Check out our Park Naturalist’s ‘Nature at Night’ wildlife table fun for the whole family.
* Discover why dark nights are important and how we can help reduce light pollution.
* Meet at John Bryan State Park – Day Lodge.

**Thursday, October 9**

Land Stewardship

9:30 AM–2:30 PM

* • Meet the Naturalist to learn about the importance of native plants.
* • Learn how to remove invasive species.
* • Optional. Bring boots and gloves for a hands-on experience with our stewardship team if you choose.
* • Meet at the Nature Center.

**Friday, October 10**

Wildlife Hike

9:30 AM–11:00 AM

* • Discover local flora and fauna on a one-mile guided hike with the park naturalist.
* • Meet at the campground amphitheater.
* • Free and open to the public.

**Saturday, October 11**
Maximum Northern Moonrise Alignment
6:00 PM–11:00 PM

* Join our Park Naturalist for a partnership event hosted at Fort Ancient. Learn about ancient lunar traditions through activities, art and games fun for the whole family. We will arrive early with educational materials. Stay for part, or all of the event.
* Did you know every 18.6 years, the moon completes its cycle and reaches its northern most rising point? This year is the year the cycle reaches its end—come see the Northernmost rising point alignment built into the 2,000-year-olds earthworks her at Fort Ancient, marking end of the current lunar cycle.
* Moonrise will take place about 10:18pm; we expect the moon to break the tree line about 10:30–10:40 p.m.
* This is a family-friendly event with activities inside and outside for all ages. The museum and gift shop will be open until 11:30 p.m.

**Thursday, October 16**

Land Stewardship

9:30 AM–2:30 PM

* • Meet the Naturalist to learn about the importance of native plants.
* • Learn how to remove invasive species.
* • Optional. Bring boots and gloves for a hands-on experience with our stewardship team if you choose. Or, stop by for a walk and talk as we go along.
* • Meet at the Nature Center.

**Friday, October 17**

Wildlife Hike

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

* • Discover local flora and fauna on a one-mile guided hike with the park naturalist.
* • Meet at the campground amphitheater.
* • Free and open to the public.

**Saturday, October 18**

Give Back Days

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

* Join the Ohio Native Wildflower Society for a day of volunteering as we clear invasive plants to allow native wildlife to thrive.
* Learn from experts in the state during this immersive experience.
* Bring boots, gloves, water and lunch.
* Meet at the Nature Center.

**Sunday, October 19**

Perimeter Hike

10:00 AM–5:00 PM

* • Join the Park Naturalist for a 13-mile guided long-distance hike covering the scenic trails around the southwest perimeter loop.
* • Wear sturdy shoes and bring a small pack with lunch and water.
* • Dress for the weather.
* • Meet at the Nature Center located across the road from Pioneer Village.

**Thursday, October 23**

Land Stewardship

9:30 AM–2:30 PM

* • Meet the Naturalist to learn about the importance of native plants.
* • Learn how to remove invasive species.
* • Optional. Bring boots and gloves for a hands-on experience with our stewardship team if you choose. Or, stop by for a walk and talk as we go along.
* • Meet at the Nature Center.

**Friday, October 24**

Blacklight Night Hike (Still being determined based on the Halloween Campout)
7:00 PM–9:00 PM

* Discover the world at night through a different perspective.
* Learn why dark nights are important and how we can help reduce light pollution.
* Optional – bring a blacklight flashlight and a regular flashlight with a red filter, or borrow one of ours.
* Weather dependent.
* Meet at the Nature Center.

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 24, 25, 26**
Halloween Campout
All weekend!

* See separate flyer for details.
* Join us in the campground for a weekend filled with seasonal fun including; costume contests, trick-or-treat, games and crafts fun for the whole family.

**November 2025**

*Thursday November 4 – November 7 - Staff Training Leave – Erin at Alum for LE Canoe Instructor Training*

**Saturday, November 8**
OwlFest!
• All Day – See separate flyer for details

* Join our Park Naturalist and the Corps of Engineers for a unique event celebrating owls and wonders of the night.
* Experience Owls in Flight with the Ohio School of Falconry for an up-close and in person experience with live owls.
* Meet at the Visitor Center, located near the dam.

**Thursday, November 13**

Land Stewardship

9:30 AM–2:30 PM

* • Meet the Naturalist to learn about the importance of native plants.
* • Learn how to remove invasive species.
* • Optional. Bring boots and gloves for a hands-on experience with our stewardship team if you choose. Or, stop by for a walk and talk as we go along.
* • Meet at the Nature Center.

**Friday, November 14**

Wildlife Hike

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

* • Discover local flora and fauna on a one-mile guided hike with the park naturalist.
* • Meet at the campground amphitheater.
* • Free and open to the public.
* Friday, November 14
Vacation Day

**Saturday, November 15**

National Take a Hike Day Program

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

* • Discover local flora and fauna on a three-mile guided hike with the park naturalist.
* • Meet at Pioneer Village
* • Free and open to the public.

**Saturday, November 22**

Cast-Iron Cooking Demo (Date to be confirmed)

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

* Learn historic and modern campfire cooking techniques.
* Optional – pre-registration required for a pot-luck meal cooked over the fire with NCACC.

*Vacation leave for Thanksgiving Nov 25-Nov 29*