

Friends Caring for Cowan Lake

SEASONAL NEWSLETTER



Sailing kayak fun—photo courtesy of Judy Hearn

The Joy of Sailing

Sailing challenges the mind and spirit as well as the body, providing skills and knowledge that will last a lifetime. The summer of 2018 was once again a busy season for Cowan Lake Sailing Association. For the adults, 22 novices attended the regularly scheduled Introduction to Sailing class held each May and 15 participated in the advanced sailing course in July. Other training courses included a CPR class, power boat training and capsized drills.

40 young sailors (age 9-18) attended an all-volunteer camp in June, with the emphasis on youth, in a controlled, fun and educational environment. They were divided into five groups to accommodate all ages and skill levels, both on the water and on shore training provided by adults and teen mentors.

In order to promote the club and encourage membership, several Open Houses were held, in which skippers took guests on the water for a day of sailing and entertained with dinner in the evening.

In the month of August, in lieu of the regular Sunday club races, again guests were encouraged to attend and try their hand (on the tiller) during informal races.

Sailing continues through the month of October and more information is available at CLSA.clubexpress.com or by contacting Judy Hearn happythistle@aol.com.

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Exciting Beginnings



We are excited to welcome our new park Naturalist to Cowan Lake State Park. Her name is Mandy Wolski and she comes to us packed full of knowledge, a sense of fun and a genuine interest in making our park GREAT! Please say hello if you see her around and make her feel welcome!





Lake Fest - Photos courtesy of Ed Wolski

The NEW Flight Enclosure

Behind the Cowan Lake Naturalist Cabin construction has begun on a new raptor house. This structure will include 3 open air enclosures in the front with a storage/work area to the rear. Once completed it will be the new home to Bartholomew, our barred owl. Cali our American Kestrel will reside there at least in the warmer months as well. These birds, as with all the animals kept at the Cabin, are unable to be released back into the wild for a number of reasons such as injury or been in captivity too long. They are used for educational purposes by our park naturalists who also oversee their care and feeding which is done by our dedicated volunteers.

This project is being funded partially by Friends Caring for Cowan Lake State Park's first private grant. Lowes (Wilmington) has provided generous discounts on materials. Between Wade Hall from FCC and Roxanne Luff at Lowes, the supplies have arrived without delay. Thanks also to the volunteers at the Park they always show up ready to go. Thanks to Mandy for keeping it all together and positive. Finally none of this would have happened without former Park Naturalist Sarah Blair's vision and enthusiasm, or without Architect/Construction Supervisor Doug Fisher's generosity with time, muscle, equipment, and knowledge.
- Bob Rudy

Fall Camp Out Weekend Oct 19—20

Friday evening- enjoy meeting some area wildlife and campsite decorating.
Saturday- enjoy the craft and vendor show, wildlife workshops, jail and bail, contests, bean soup and cornbread, and many other activities.

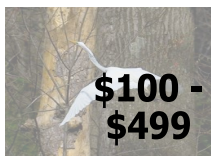
Volunteer Opportunities

If you want a chance to give back to the parks we have several opportunities. Not all of them occur during the weekends and times depending on the activity of course vary.

- Trail maintenance team
- Assisting with paddling and/or archery programs
- Assisting with park events

If you are interested in any of these, please contact amanda.wolski@dnr.state.oh.us

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Upcoming Events

Cast Iron Cookout Oct 27th 11:00am-2:00pm

Bring your family and learn how to cook a meal over an open fire at the Naturalist Cabin. All equipment and instruction will be provided.

Cost \$20. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

