



NEWS RELEASE

GOVERNOR KASICH TO DEDICATE BUCKEYE LAKE

****THURSDAY – 11/8/18 @ 9:30am - North Shore Boat Ramp****

Buckeye Lake State Park - North Shore Boat Ramp
5596 Northshore Landing - Buckeye Lake Village, OH 43008

Jeff Ritter, President of Bike Buckeye Lake Org is thrilled to announce that Gov. Kasich and Director Zehringer, Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources "ODNR" along with several other State and local officials will be dedicating the completed dam project at Buckeye Lake this Thursday at 9:30am at North Shore Ramp. The public is invited to share this great moment.

After nearly 3 years of construction on North Shore & West Bank of Buckeye Lake, the project was designed to strengthen the existing dam over safety concerns for years by engineers with the US Army Corps of Engineers and ODNR. After much political debate, over \$150,000,000 was allocated by Gov. Kasich to fix the problems. ***BUCKEYE LAKE IS BACK !!***

As a contributing benefit of the construction project, a new 4.1 mile recreational trail and a new sidewalk has been now been installed. This 12 foot wide recreational trail and new 4 foot wide sidewalk will provide for a world-class cycling trail on the waterfront of Buckeye Lake.

Buckeye Lake, constructed as a canal feeder lake in 1826, is Ohio's oldest state park. The park has long been a popular vacation spot and today offers endless water-related recreational opportunities including swimming, skiing, boating and fishing. The new dam will now make Buckeye Lake again the "Jewel of Ohio" and more importantly the "Playground of Ohio" as it once was. The new recreational trail "bike path" will provide cyclists all over Ohio and elsewhere a world-class venue for cycling activities. Additionally, it will also provide a wonderful place for walkers, runners, fishermen and all other interested public users a great access for all to enjoy Buckeye Lake.

Bike Buckeye Lake Org, organized in 2015, has been focused on trail development all around Buckeye Lake with the goal of connecting all 3 contiguous counties of Licking, Fairfield & Perry counties with the best bike paths in the USA.

For more information on this dedication and Bike Buckeye Lake Org please contact Jeff Ritter at 740-644-6834 or 614-626-2779. www.bikebuckeyelake.org

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