

## **Unprecedented Investment in Ohio State Parks Announced**

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By Ohio Ag Connection

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director James Zehringer and Ohio Senate President Keith Faber Wednesday announced in western Ohio that the state will invest more than \$88.5 million in capital improvements at Ohio State Parks over the next two years.

“This unprecedented investment will allow our facilities to match the impressive natural beauty that defines Ohio State Parks,” said Zehringer. “Governor Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly have shown their unequivocal support for strengthening our infrastructure and modernizing our facilities. Ultimately, this money belongs to the taxpayers, and we’re going to make sure Ohioans have a voice as we improve our parks.”

**Article continued here:** <http://www.ohioagconnection.com/story-state.php?id=351&yr=2014>



## **State plans to modernize parks at Grand Lake, Indian Lake**

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By Lance Mihm

St. Marys — State officials announced plans to invest \$88.5 million to upgrade and modernize trails, campgrounds and recreational facilities in Ohio's state parks during the next two years at news conferences Wednesday at Grand Lake St. Marys State Park and Indian Lake State Park.

Locally, Grand Lake will see improvements in the modernization of campsights, improvement of shower facilities and restrooms and a new splash pad for youth. The investment is the largest ever into Ohio natural resources.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources James Zehringer told a large crowd at Grand Lake that it was a chance for residents to see their tax dollars at work.

“Ohio has some of the best natural resources in the country,” Zehringer said. “However, they were built a long time ago when campers were smaller and didn’t require 50 amp hookups. We want to bring back our state parks to something we can be proud of.”

**Article continued here:** <http://www.limaohio.com/news/news/1268664/State-plans-to-modernize-parks-at-Grand-Lake-Indian-Lake>



## **\$88.5M for parks planned by Ohio**

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Associated Press

COLUMBUS — State officials said Wednesday they'll invest \$88.5 million to upgrade and modernize trails, campgrounds, and recreational facilities in Ohio's state parks over the next two years.

The outlay headed to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources through the state capital budget is more than four times average.

James Zehringer, director of the natural resources department, said the money will be shared among Ohio's 74 state parks.

**Article continued here:** <http://www.toledoblade.com/State/2014/04/24/88-5M-for-parks-planned-by-Ohio.html#OC6Fw2jVJsqrErUs.99>



## **State Parks**

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Times Leader

Ohio is a state with boundless beauty. Playing a major role in the Buckeye State splendor are its state parks.

Eastern Ohio is fortunate to lay claim to two of those gems -- Barkcamp in Belmont County and Salt Fork in Guernsey County. They both are recreational jewels.

To their credit, state officials realize the importance of state parks.

That was reinforced this week by a major infusion of cash toward the upgrade and modernization of the venues.

More than \$88 million is targeted for state park projects. All of Ohio's 74 state parks will share in the bonanza, being overseen by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

**Article continued here:**

<http://www.timesleaderonline.com/page/content.detail/id/554186/State-Parks.html?nav=5005>



**Ohio invests \$88.5M in state parks**

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

By WKYC Staff

COLUMBUS -- The State of Ohio is investing more than \$88.5 million in capital improvements at state parks over the next two years.

The investment was announced in western Ohio by Ohio Department of Natural Resources Director James Zehringer and Ohio Senate President Keith Faber today.

The money will be used to improve state park facilities and lodges statewide. Additionally, bathrooms and campsites will be updated or replaced through much of the parks system.

**Article continued here:** <http://www.wkyc.com/story/news/local/ohio/2014/04/23/ohio-state-park-investment/8059141/>



**Officials seek public input on fixing Ohio's state parks**

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By Will Drabold

State officials announced yesterday they will spend more than \$100 million to rehabilitate Ohio state parks over the next two years.

They also said they don't yet know exactly where that money will go.

Jim Zehringer, director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and Ohio Senate President Keith Faber, R-Celina, announced that \$110 million will go to fix dams, latrines, cabins and campgrounds and for other projects in state parks over the next two years. The two men held news conferences at Grand Lake St. Marys and Indian Lake state parks.

Faber said he expects the legislature to continue to provide parks with about \$50 million a year for the next 10 years.

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<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/04/24/state-asks-public-for-input-on-spending-to-repair-parks.html>

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