

ODNR Division of Watercraft Paddlesports Report: A Summary of Revenue and Expenditures 2001 - 2010

The purpose of this report is to list financial contributions of paddlers (canoeists/kayakers) through their registration fees and show expenditures from ODNR Division of Watercraft in support of this user group. Information includes 2001 through 2010. 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, web site maintenance, boating access facility inventory, boat safety inspections, hull ID 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 2001-2010

Part II: Paddlesports Program Expenditures 2001-2010

Part III: Additional Statewide Services Provided Exclusively for Paddlers

Part I: Registration and Numbering Revenue 2001-2010

Over a ten year period, paddlesports generated \$2,953,895.66 in direct revenue through registration fees. This includes fees through traditional 3-year registrations (\$4 per year), Alternative Registrations (\$5.66 per year) and Livery Registrations (\$4 per year).

Beginning with registrations issued for 2010, non-motorized boats were assessed a \$5.00 Waterway Conservation Fee. In 2010, 38,629 vessels registered at \$5.00 each for a total of \$193,145.00.

Paddlesports Revenue Summary: Table 1

Type	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Canoes/Kayaks Registrations	46,514	50,020	52,339	50,335	52,098
Number of Alternative Registrations**	0	784	2,634	4,533	6,428
Number of Livery Registrations	5,282	6,638	5,092	5,123	5,195
TOTAL	51,796	57,442	60,065	59,991	63,721

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	TOTAL	Fee*	Revenue
54,155	59,422	61,064	64,803	67,500	558,250	x \$4.00	\$2,233,000.00
8,239	10,857	14,000	17,867	22,359	87,701	x \$5.66	\$496,387.66
5,486	5,522	5,576	5,771	6,442	56,127	x \$4.00	\$224,508.00
67,880	75,801	80,640	88,441	96,301	702,078		\$2,953,895.66

* Registration fees equals one-third of triennial registration fee; triennial registration fees are \$17 for traditional canoe, kayak and other manually propelled vessel registrations and \$22 for alternative registrations for hand-powered vessels. A \$3.00 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. Over 280 agencies across the state of Ohio sell boat registrations. These

agencies include motor vehicle registrars, marinas, boat dealers, and other private businesses, along with state parks and Division of Watercraft offices.

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; they range from \$33 to \$93 for a triennial registration. “Manually propelled” vessels such as canoes, kayaks, rowboats, pedal boats, rowing shells, etc., costs \$20 per 3-year registration regardless of the length of the boat. Alternative Registrations for manually propelled vessels cost \$25 and are explained below.

**** 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 \$5.00 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 United States 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 2001-2010

Over the same ten year period, over \$3-million dollars 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, and printed publications detailing stream access and paddling opportunities. No expenditures are listed for development of the brochures or staff resources to oversee and administer the statewide grant programs. Only direct payments for services, facilities, and programs are summarized below. See following tables for specific details of this summary.

Paddlesports Expenditure Summary: Table 2

Year Awarded	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Carry-in/Small Boat Access – completed <i>See Table 2.1</i>	\$33,666	\$130,606	\$160,431	\$91,261	339,514
Carry-in/Small Boat Access – in progress <i>See Table 2.2</i>	0	0	0	131,000	0
Paddling Safety Education Programs <i>See Table 2.3</i>	\$84,362	\$104,347	\$184,167	\$178,968	\$213,398
Publications – Streams, Water Trails <i>See Tables 2.4 and 2.5</i>	0	\$8,000	0	\$11,201	\$6,000
Scenic Rivers Program <i>See Tables 2.6</i>	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$118,028	\$242,953	\$344,598	\$412,430	\$558,912

Paddlesports Expenditure Summary: Table 2

Year Awarded	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Carry-in/Small Boat Access – completed <i>See Table 2.1</i>	\$474,798	\$51,425	\$102,500	\$348,080	\$393,825	\$2,126,106
Carry-in/Small Boat Access – in progress <i>See Table 2.2</i>	140,000	0	\$242,752	\$1,032,403	0	\$1,546,155
Paddling Safety Education Programs <i>See Table 2.3</i>	\$207,285	\$248,647	\$243,124	\$225,960	\$230,163	\$1,920,421
Publications – Streams, Water Trails <i>See Tables 2.4 and 2.5</i>	\$20,077	0	\$8,913	17,270	\$11,775	\$83,236
Scenic Rivers Program <i>See Tables 2.6</i>	0	0	0	\$964	0	\$964
Total	\$842,160	\$300,072	\$597,289	\$1,619,395	\$635,763	\$5,676,882

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

Cooperative Boating Facility Grants Projects

Carry-In/Small Boat Access 2000-2010 - Completed (detail): Table 2.1

Agency	County	Project Name	Amount	Year Complete
Village of Vinton	Gallia	Small ramp facility project	33,666.00	2001
City of Logan	Hocking	Hocking River Carry Down Access	46,000.00	2002
Sandusky County Park District	Sandusky	Wofle Creek Park Canoe Launch Restoration	11,676.00	2002
Knox County Commissioners	Knox	Canoe Access Development	72,930.00	2002
Village of Montezuma	Mercer	Replace Village ramp improvements	44,031.00	2003
Hocking Technical College	Athens	Lake Snowden ramp facility improvements	116,400.00	2003
Walhonding Valley Fire District	Coshocton	Walhonding Valley Boat Ramp	91,261.00	2004
Warren County Park District	Warren	Lower Twin Creek Scenic Stream Access Park Small boat Access	72,852.00	2005
Warren County Park District	Warren	Clint Fultz River Access Park Small boat Access	17,000.00	2005
Warren County Park District	Warren	Morrow Park Scenic River Access Small boat Access	34,902.00	2005
Miami Conservancy District	Montgomery	RCIS Three hand carried boat ramps Small boat access Gr. Miami, Stillwater and Twin Crk.	122,200.00	2005
Village of Archbold	Fulton	Reservoir #2 Small Boat Ramp Small boat Access	63,210.00	2005

Agency	County	Project Name	Amount	Year Complete
Darke County Park District	Darke	Alice Bish Park New Canoe Launch Small boat access	29,350.00	2005
City of Upper Sandusky	Wyandot	Upper Sandusky #2 Reservoir New Boat Ramp Small boat Access	84,961.00	2006
Village of Tuscarawas	Tuscarawas	Village of Tuscarawas Boat ramp project	174,491.00	2006
Colerain Township Board of Trustees	Hamilton	Great Miami Southwest Ohio Access Small boat access	79,250.00	2006
Lake Metroparks	Lake	Grand River Landing Small boat Access	136,096.00	2006
Village of Dresden	Muskingum	Village of Dresden New Boat Ramp	51,425.00	2007
City of Findlay	Hancock	Findlay Reservoirs	32,500.00	2008
Rushcreek Conservancy District	Fairfield	Site VI -A Rushcreek Lake	70,000.00	2008
Five Rivers Metro Parks	Montgomery	One Hand-Carried Boat Launch Ramp	65,000.00	2009
Village of Tuscarawas	Tuscarawas	Snyder's Landing Boat Launch	143,080.00	2009
Miami Conservancy District	Butler	Middletown Hand-Carried Boat Ramp	50,000.00	2009
Village of Barnesville	Belmont	Slope Creek Boat Launch Ramp	90,000.00	2009
City of Toledo	Lucas	Ottawa River Small Craft Launch	100,000.00	2010
City of Athens	Athens	West State Street Park Boat Access	27,000.00	2010
Wayne National Forest - Ironton District	Lawrence	Arabia (Symmes) Creek Canoe Launch	162,825.00	2010
City of Defiance	Defiance	Defiance Reservoir Boat Ramp & Facility	104,000.00	2010
		Total Amount Awarded	\$2,126,106	

Cooperative Boating Facility Grants Projects

Carry-in Access 2000-2010 (not completed – now in process): Table 2.2

Agency	County	Project Name	Amount	Grant Year
Div. of Parks & Rec. - Lake Hope State Park	Vinton	Lake Hope State Park Boat Launch Ramp	131,000	2004
Div. of Parks & Rec. - Kiser Lake State Park	Champaign	Dock Facilities for Kiser Lake State Park	80,000	2006

Agency	County	Project Name	Amount	Grant Year
Div. of Parks & Rec. - Lake Alma St. Pk.	Vinton	Lake Alma State Park	60,000	2006
Div. of Parks & Rec. - Harrison Lake State Park	Fulton	Harrison Lake State Park - Public Boat Launch	242,752	2008
City of Piqua	Miami	Goodrich Giles Park Canoe/Kayak Access	101,000	2009
Div. of Parks & Rec. - Alum Creek St. Pk.	Delaware	Howard Road Boarding Docks	125,000	2009
Div. of Parks & Rec. - Hueston Woods State Park	Preble	Hueston Woods Boat Ramp Restroom	100,000	2009
Div. of Parks & Rec. - Portage Lakes St. Pk.	Summit	Nimisila Reservoir Ramp Renovation	175,000	2009
Kent Parks & Recreation	Portage	Kent Cuyahoga River Access	250,000	2009
Lorain County Metropolitan Park District	Lorain	Vermilion-Lorain Water Trail Canoe/Kayak (4) Accesses	65,865	2009
Miami County Park District	Miami	Great Miami River Canoe/Kayak Access	125,700	2009
Village of Gnadenhutten	Tuscarawas	Village Boat Ramp Area Improvement	89,838	2009

Paddlesports Safety and Education Grant Recipients 2001-2010

The programs funded by these grants 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 Division of Watercraft awards approximately \$350,000 in Boating Safety Education Grants per year to non-profit organizations. The highest yearly amount available is \$30,000 and requires a 25% in-kind or cash match.

Boating Safety Education Grant Program Paddlesports Education Grants: Table 2.3

Grantee (county)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
4-H Camp Ohio-Agricultural Extension Camps (Licking)							3,374		2,836	
Adams Co. Soil & Water Conservancy District							11,447			
Akron Area YMCA	16,004									

Grantee (county)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Akron Power Squadron (Summit)									18,732	
Akron Rotary Camp	9,823									
American Canoe Association (Clinton)				12,340						
American Canoe Association-Ohio-Penn						24,850				
American Red Cross (Delaware)	14,079									
American Red Cross (Summit)								12,542		
Ashtabula County Educational Service Center		4,067	6,467	9,930	9,625	11,815	9,207	10,247	12,058	2,651
Baldwin Wallace College										22,110
Barberton Parks & Recreation Commission (Summit)							18,675	10,040	4,454	
Bay Village (Cuyahoga)		6,967								
Bay Village Schools (Cuyahoga)				11,755	7,325	9,000	2,900	1,623	2,475	711
Big Brothers/Big Sisters (Franklin)			10,832							
Big Brothers/Big Sisters (Athens)					14,000			7,190		
Bowling Green State University										11,451
Camp Campbell Gard/YMCA (Butler)			11,739							
Camp Francis Asbury (Gallia)		3,825								
Camp Fire USA, Northwest Ohio Council (Hancock)								18,357		
Canter's Cave 4-H (Jackson)		6,469								
Central Ohio Safe Boating Council (Delaware)			2,145	13,296	13,956	18,950				
Children's Center for Development dba The Oakstone Academy										18,081
Cincinnati Recreation Commission (Hamilton)						19,782		6,543		
City of Broadview Heights (Cuyahoga)			5,416							
City of Gahanna (Franklin)										17,206
City of Mentor (Lake)		10,490	13,675	13,350	6,240	5,680	6,480	4,500	7,910	6,807
Clermont Co. Soil & Water Conservation Dist.					11,160					

Grantee (county)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Cleveland Metro Parks (Cuyahoga)		24,570		23,000	18,200					18,900
Cleveland Treatment Center										4,206
Columbus Out Door Pursuits (Franklin)					13,373		10,415			
Columbus Recreation & Parks (Franklin)					11,450					
CYO Camp Christopher (Summit)				6,918						
Darke County Park District	11,320						14,985			
Diabetes Assoc. of Greater Cleveland-Camp Ho Mita Koda (Geauga)								5,387	3,750	
Direct Instructional Support Systems Inc. (Franklin)			12,800		5,650				20,380	
Erie Metroparks										23,467
Five Rivers Metro Parks (Montgomery)						20,660		27,150		
Girl Scouts, Seal of Ohio Council, Inc. (Franklin)								18,560		
Girl Scouts of Lake Erie Council (Cuyahoga)			19,270							
Great Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America (Summit)							9,900	2,625	3,600	
Greater Dayton YMCA (Montgomery, Warren)						6,404				
Greene Co. Recreation & Parks							7,299			
Hamilton Co. Park District							12,147			14,139
Kent State University (Portage)								14,561	3,923	
Lake County Metro Parks		8,875	17,292	10,800	21,600	14,322	12,508	6,030	11,635	1,856
Leo Yassenoff Jewish Center (Franklin)			17,160							
Lorain County Education Service Center		3,500	6,875		17,750	12,785	5,850	7,500	18,640	5,085
Lorain County Metro Parks				10,195						
Lorain Co. Spirit of America				11,905						
Miami County Park District								10,369		
Miami County YMCA					2,840					
Miami Soil & Water Conservation District										12,490
Mineral City Elementary (Tuscarawas)				1,065	925	1,410				

Grantee (county)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mohican School In The Out-of-Doors (Richland)			24,299	14,300	6,125	7,125	5,611	1,985	2,888	
Muskingum Valley Boy Scouts	5,004									
Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (Richland/Ashland)						7,190	9,633	10,103	10,689	12,534
ODNR-Parks & Rec.– Cowan Lake State Park										13,396
Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum									17,500	
Ohio River Corridor Initiative, Inc.									15,273	
Ohio River Foundation (Brown)								3,300	3,100	
Ohio River Way, Inc. (Hamilton)					6,250	11,767	9,790	9,575		
Ohio University									28,667	
Orange Community Ed & Recreation (Cuyahoga)				16,051						
OSU Foundation/Ohio 4-H Sea Camp (Erie)							8,179			
Rivers Unlimited									13,412	
Salesian Boys and Girls Club	1,540									
Simon Kenton Council, Boy Scouts of America (Franklin)								11,643		
Sojourners (Vinton)							14,556			
Spirit of America Foundation (Lake)		10,020	12,167	24,063	20,750	22,535	12,750	16,117	16,450	3,630
Stark County Parks		25,564							18,164	
The Adaptive Adventure Sports Coalition (Franklin)							19,656			
Toledo Children's Hospital										23,077
USCG Aux, Assoc., Inc. USCG091-16-15										2,350
University of Akron (Summit)							19,890		12,032	
Wellington School (The)										16,016
West Ohio Conference-United Methodist Church (Hocking)						13,010				
Wright State University (Green)	15,000						23,395		15,472	
Young Men's Christian Association (Franklin)					26,179					

Grantee (county)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Youngstown State University (Mahoning)								27,177		
TOTALS - \$1,920,421	84,362	104,347	184,167	178,968	213,398	207,285	248,647	243,124	225,960	230,163

Division of Watercraft Operating Budget Expenditures

Printing Expenditures – Boating on Ohio Streams Brochure Series: Table 2.4

	Quantity	Year	Cost
Main brochure (map; safety tips; river list w/ mileage & class)	100,000	2002	\$8,000
Northeast and Southeast Regions (map; river access & features)	100,000	2004	\$11,201
Western Stream Map	40,000	2006	\$9,640
South Central Stream Map		2010	\$11,775
TOTAL			\$40,616

Printing Expenditures - Water Trails Program: Table 2.5

	Year	Cost
Kokosing River Water Trail	2005	\$6,000.00
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
TOTAL		\$42,619.91

Printing Expenditures – Scenic Rivers Program: Table 2.6

	Year	Cost
Little Miami 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
TOTAL		\$963.76

Part III: Other Statewide Services Provided Exclusively for Paddlers

(Expenditures Not Calculated)

Water Trails

The Division of Watercraft works with local community sponsors to develop water trails. Recently an application for a water trail designation was approved for a project sponsored by the Lorain County Park District. The proposed trail is approximately 27 miles in length and will include areas of the Vermilion River, the Black River and the coastal area of Lake Erie between these rivers.

In August 2010, the Great Miami, Mad and Stillwater rivers together were dedicated as the 5th, 6th and 7th Ohio Water Trails during a special dedication ceremony held in downtown Dayton. Collectively, these three rivers flow over 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 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 southwest newly designated water trails should be available later this year.

Instructional Programs

The Division has ten ACA-certified instructors on staff who teach or assist with certified paddling courses. Here is an illustrative list of many of those hosted by the Division of Watercraft or conducted in partnership with other organizations:

- Paddlers River Rescue course offered 2000-2010 (location varies)
- Two ACA Introduction to Canoeing Workshops (location varies) (2000-2010)
- River Paddling Instructor Certification courses offered (2000-2010)
- Two ACA Kayak Instructor Workshops offered annually (2000-2010)
- ACA Adaptive Paddling Instructor Endorsement Course offered annually (in conjunction with Cleveland Metro Parks or Wright State University (2000 - 2010)
- Ashtabula Canoe School (now held at Punderson State Park) in conjunction with the American Red Cross Greater Cleveland Chapter (2000 – 2004)
- Annual assistance for college-level multi-day courses (University of Akron, OSU Extension Service, Wittenberg University)
- Over 20 paddling skills workshop for Women in the Outdoors events across the state
- Yearly school programs across the state (approximately 60 different schools each year)
- Girl Scout/Boy Scout canoeing safety (approximately 15 each year across the state)
- Canoe safety for clubs and associations (30 to 60 meetings annually 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 (Lake county; 2000-2010)
- Greater Cleveland Safe Boating Council paddling program (2003-2004)
- Canter Cave 4-H Camp Counselor canoeing safety (Jackson County; two days each year) (2000 & 2004)

Special Events

Division of Watercraft staff participate in activities ranging from canoeing (providing canoes, paddles and lifejackets for participants; instructors or support and oversight) to “canoe simulator” and rescue throw bag practice. At the events listed below, depending on the attendance at the event and activities planned, one to five State Watercraft Officers were present each day, sometimes with a corps or volunteers and/or administrators. ODNR Division of Watercraft was integral to some of the event planning.

- Paddle in the Park / Five Rivers Metro Park (1 day/year; Dayton; 2000-2010)
- Muskingum Riverfest (1 day/year; McConnelsville; 2003-2009)
- Paddle Power Demo Day (1 day/year; Chillicothe; 2002-2010)
- Alum Creek Boating and Fishing Fest (2 days/year; 2003-2006)
- Great Ohio River Paddle (3 day/year; Ohio River; 2003-2010)
- Paddlefest (1 day/year; Ohio River/Cincinnati; 2003-2010)
- Mad Hatters Race (1 day/year; Lake County; 2000-2008)
- Earth Days (12 days/year; Rocky Fork State Park; 2003-2008)
- D.A.R.E. (1 day/year; North Canton; 2000-2004)
- North Royalton Fire Department (1 day/year; 2002-2003)
- School Days at Ohio State Parks (various days; 2000-2008)
- Kayak Pond at the Ohio State Fair (2008-2010)
- Vinton County Canoe Float/Raccoon Creek (2006-2008)
- Greater Dayton Rowing Association Five Rivers Fall Regatta/Great Miami River, Dayton (2010)
- Caesar Creek State Park Boating & Fishing Festival (2006-2010)
- The Adventure Summit/Wright State University, Dayton (2007-2009)
- Grand River Canoe & Kayak Race (2000-2010)
- Dillon Family Days (2007- 2009)
- North Central Boating and Fishing Festival (2005-2010)
- Paddlepalooza, Franklin County (2010)
- Great Outdoor Weekend, Hamilton County Park District (2010)
- North Coast Harbor Boating Festival (2010)

Equipment Loan (8-canoe trailer with paddles and life jackets) provided to:

- Girl Scouts (Delaware; 2000-2008)
- River cleanups (Hocking, Licking, Ohio River; 2000-2004)
- Transferred 2 canoe trailers and 16 canoes to the Division of Parks and Recreation 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 on a regular basis throughout the boating season.
- Patrols are also conducted on the Olentangy, Scioto, Licking and Kokosing rivers.
- Safety/Sobriety Saturation Patrol/Checkpoints are conducted throughout the season on rivers with a high volume of boating traffic and at other locations as needed.
- State Watercraft Officers complete 76 livery safety equipment inspections annually.