



**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF PARKS AND WATERCRAFT
ROCKY FORK STATE PARK
DOCK PERMIT APPLICATION**

**Application to construct, or acquire and maintain, a Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path
on or over the lands and waters of the State under the administration of the
Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Watercraft
at Rocky Fork State Park
Ohio Revised Code 1546.32(C)**

Requirements:

1. This Application may only be submitted by Adjacent Property Owners, meaning those who share a property boundary with the State of Ohio at Rocky Fork State Park.
2. This Application must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Watercraft at the Rocky Fork State Park office.
3. If this Application is to acquire and maintain a previously permitted Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path, without replacement, modification, or substantial repair (i.e. repair to the extent that the repair alters the original construction), then the information in section 4 is not required, and the information submitted with the prior approved Permit Application will be used for this Application.
4. If this Application is to construct, replace, modify, or substantially repair a Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path, then the following information must be submitted with this Application:
 - a. An aerial map from the county auditor's web site that shows the proposed location of the Dock and any requested Electricity and/or Access Path;
 - b. All dimensions of the proposed Dock, and any requested Dock Cover on the **Dock Sketch Sheet** attached to this Application;
 - c. Construction drawings providing sufficient detail to evaluate the structural integrity of the proposed Dock and any requested Dock Cover including overall dimensions, structural framework, anchorage, floatation (if applicable), distance of pile location, and a comprehensive materials list;
 - d. All additional information required by the **Rock Fork State Park Private Dock Policy**;
 - e. If this Application requests to install Electricity on the Dock, a \$100.00 fee and the attached **Installation and Restoration Certification** signed by the licensed contractor who will install the electricity and restore the state property;
 - f. If this Application requests to form an Access Path to the Dock, the natural materials proposed for construction of the Access Path and a photo of any motor vehicle weighing 2,500 pounds or less, with a power source of 899cc or less, that the Applicant proposes to use the Access Path; and
 - g. \$100.00 Dock Permit Application fee.
5. All Applicants must read and agree to the attached **Dock Permit Rules and Conditions** contained in this Application.



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APPLICATION

Applicant Name(s)

Adjacent Property Address City/Zip

County/Township Phone Number Email

Mailing Address (if different than Adjacent Property Address) City/Zip

Contractor's Name Mailing Address City/Zip Phone Number Email

Proposed Starting Date: _____ Anticipated Completion Date: _____

Type of Dock:
(specify) _____

Dimensions of Dock (Length and Width): _____

Number of Dock Slips for which an Annual Dock Permit will be required: _____

Additional Requests (check any that apply):

- () Dock Cover
- () Electricity
- () Access Path

I have read and agree to the **Dock Permit Rules and Conditions** contained in this Application. I agree that any construction, replacement, modification or substantial repair (i.e. repair to the extent that the repair alters the original construction) to a Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path requires a Dock Permit, and I will not begin such construction, replacement, modification, or substantial repair until I receive a Dock Permit from the Division.

I explicitly acknowledge that a Dock Permit may be denied. I further acknowledge that the issuance of the Dock Permit does not relieve my duty to continue to obtain an Annual Dock Permit, pay the applicable and outstanding fees, and comply with all other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

The **Dock Permit Rules and Conditions** for a Dock Permit issued pursuant to this Application, and any subsequent Dock Permit and Annual Dock Permit, supersede any previous permit issued for the Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path subject to this Application.

Applicant's Signature

Date



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DOCK PERMIT RULES AND CONDITIONS

DEFINITIONS:

For purposes of this Dock Permit Application, the following definitions apply:

1. “Adjacent Property Owner” means a property owner who shares a property boundary with the State of Ohio at Rocky Fork State Park.
2. “Access Path” means a single path of not more than eight (8) feet in width formed of natural materials that are not permanent in nature for pedestrian or motor vehicle access to a Dock.
3. “Annual Access Path sticker” means a sticker issued by the Chief for any Motor Vehicle approved to use an Access Path to access a Dock for the calendar year,
4. “Annual Dock Permit” means a permit issued by the Chief, allowing the anchoring, mooring, docking, or securing of Watercraft to a Dock for one boating season, as determined by the Chief.
5. “Applicant” means an Adjacent Property Owner who has applied for a Dock Permit.
6. “Division” means the ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft.
7. “Dock” means a floating or rigidly supported, platform-like structure that extends from the shoreline over, on or into the water, used to secure and provide access to one or more Watercraft.
8. “Dock Cover” means a cover for a Dock that consists of a metal roof that is painted green or white.
9. “Dock Permit” means a permit issued by the Chief, allowing the acquiring and maintenance, or the construction, installation, replacement, modification, or substantial repair, of a Dock, , Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path.
10. “Dock Tag” means a metal plate imprinted with a numeric identifier that shall be affixed to the Dock by the Division after construction in compliance with a Dock Permit has been confirmed by the Division.
11. “Chief” means the Chief of the Division.
12. “Electricity” means the installation of electricity on a Dock.
13. “Motor vehicle” means a vehicle weighing not more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) pounds and having a power source of not more than 899cc.
14. “ODNR” means the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
15. “Park Office” means the Rocky Fork State Park Office.
16. “Permittee” means an Applicant to whom a Dock Permit has been issued.
17. “Substantial Repair” means repair to the extent that the repair alters the original construction.

RULES AND CONDITIONS:

1. The Chief may deny the issuance of a Dock Permit if the Application fails to meet the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 1546.32(C) or the **Rocky Fork State Park Private Dock Policy**, if the proposed location falls within a protected shoreline area as described in the **Rocky Fork State Park Shoreline Management Plan**, or as otherwise necessary to protect and maintain the lands and waters of Rocky Fork State Park as required by Ohio Revised Code 1546.02(B).



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2. This Dock Permit authorizes the Permittee to acquire and maintain or construct, replace, modify, and/or substantially repair, the Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path only as set forth in the approved Application.
3. This Dock Permit also requires the Permittee to return any state park property temporarily disturbed during any work authorized by the Dock Permit to its original condition prior to such authorized work, ensuring that the temporarily disturbed areas are filled and level to the surrounding area, seeded, and covered with a material to reduce possible erosion.
4. The Permittee shall pay all costs associated with the acquisition and maintenance or construction, replacement, modification, and/or substantial repair, of the Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path authorized under this Dock Permit. The Permittee shall also pay all costs associated with the required restoration of any temporarily disturbed state park property under this Dock Permit.
5. This Dock Permit is non-transferable and non-assignable.
6. Upon completion of the construction, replacement, modification and/or repair of a Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path the Permittee shall notify the Division at the Park Office. The Division shall conduct an inspection. If the construction, replacement, modification, substantial repair, and/or restoration of any temporarily disturbed state park property is approved by the Division as compliant with the Dock Permit, the Division shall issue a Dock Tag that shall be displayed at a prominent location.
7. The issuance of a Dock Permit shall not permit the docking, mooring or tying-up of Watercraft to a Dock, or the use of a Motor Vehicle on an Access Path.
8. The Permittee must have a valid, current Annual Access Path sticker for each Motor Vehicle approved to use the Access Path. If a Permittee uses a Motor Vehicle that is not approved by the Chief, the Chief shall revoke any Annual Access Path stickers issued to the Permittee and fine the Permittee up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
9. The Permittee must have a valid, current Annual Dock Permit in order to dock, moor or tie-up Watercraft to a Dock. The issuance of an Annual Dock Permit shall be demonstrated by mylar stickers, issued by the Division, one of which shall be placed on the Dock Tag, and one or more other mylar stickers which shall be placed on the Watercraft(s). The Division may require the removal of any Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, or Access Path for which an Annual Dock Permit has not been issued, and if all such items are not removed by the owner, the Division may implement the removal of such items at the owner's expense.
10. The issuance of an Annual Dock Permit shall not authorize the construction, replacement, modification, substantial repair, or removal of any Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path.
11. After the initial Dock Permit is issued and approved as compliant, before any additional construction, replacement, modification or substantial repair of a Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, or Access Path is commenced, a new Application for a new Dock Permit must be approved by the Division. Failure of the Permittee to apply for and obtain the required Dock Permit prior to commencing any construction, replacement, modification, or substantial repair of a Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, or Access Path will result in the Permittee's required removal of the same and restoration of the state property at the Permittee's expense. If the Permittee does not remove the Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, Access Path, and/or Watercraft and restore the state park land within the time required by the Division, the Division may cause that removal and restoration at the Permittee's expense. The Permittee agrees not to seek reimbursement for the cost of removal, for the value of any Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, Access Path, or Watercraft removed, and agrees to reimburse the Division for all costs the Division incurs under this section.



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12. All state lands and waters affected by the Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, Access Path, or Watercraft are public property and shall remain open at all times for use by the public.
13. Other than the Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path authorized by this Dock Permit, no encroachments upon state lands and waters are permissible. Any encroachments not authorized by this Dock Permit, and/or failure to comply with the Division's requests to remove such encroachments, will result in the termination of the Dock Permit and required removal of the Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, Access Path, and/or Watercraft at the sole expense of Permittee.
14. All Docks, Dock Covers, Electricity, Access Paths, and Watercraft must be constructed and maintained by the Permittee as required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Administrative Code, the **Rocky Fork State Park Shoreline Management Plan**, the **Rocky Fork State Park Private Dock Policy**, and these **Dock Permit Rules and Conditions**.
15. In the event a Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, or Access Path is, in the opinion of the Division, in such disrepair as to create a danger to public safety, the Permittee, upon request of the Division, shall either remove the Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, or Access Path, and restore the state property, or submit an application for a Dock Permit to make the appropriate substantial repair or replacement. If the application is denied or if the Permittee fails to take the required action within the time required by the Division, the Division may cause the Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, Access Path, and/or Watercraft to be removed and the state property restored at the Permittee's expense.
16. The Division shall have the right to terminate a Dock Permit by giving the Permittee a 24-hour notice, in writing, prior to such termination. The Permittee shall be entitled to a refund of fees paid; however, no refund shall be made if termination of a Dock Permit is due to the Permittee's violation of any statute, administrative rule, Division policy or practice, or the Dock Permit.
17. The Division reserves the right to raise or lower the pool level of the Lake at any time it deems necessary and to order temporary or permanent removal of the Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, Access Path, and/or Watercraft. The Division is under no obligation to maintain the Lake at a specific level. The Permittee shall not be entitled to any reimbursement for any damage that may result from raising or lowering the water level.
18. Compliance with a Dock Permit issued by the Division does not relieve the Permittee of any other obligation imposed by law.
19. No garbage cans, garbage, refuse, construction materials, sewage, or waste material of any kind shall be thrown, deposited, or permitted to fall onto state park land, into the Lake, or upon the Dock, nor shall state land or the Dock be used by the Permittee as a storage place for any gear or equipment. Signs, placards, and commercial displays are prohibited on state park land, the Dock, or the Dock Cover.
20. The Division may, at all reasonable times and without prior notice, enter into and upon the Permittee's adjacent property and the Dock to determine if the Permittee is complying with the terms of the Dock Permit and any applicable statute, administrative rule, Division policy or practice.
21. The Permittee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Ohio, ODNR, the Division, and their employees and agents against any claim for injury or damage to the person or property of the Permittee and persons present on, or using, the Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, Access Path, Motor Vehicle, or Watercraft at the invitation, request, order or permission of the Permittee.



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22. The Permittee waives any and all claims of reimbursement and compensation for damage or injury arising from any action taken by the State of Ohio, ODNR, Division and their employees and agents pursuant to these **Dock Permit Rules and Conditions**, or any applicable statute, administrative rule, Division policy or practice.
23. The Permittee and their guests, invitees, agents, heirs and assigns hereby voluntarily assume all risks of accidents or injury and releases and forever discharges ODNR, and its employees, officers and agents, from any and all liability for personal injury or property damage of any kind sustained on the state lands and waters at this Park while engaging in any activities authorized or required by the Dock Permit, whether such personal or property damage is caused by the negligence of ODNR, its employees, officers, agents, or otherwise.
24. The Permittee further covenants and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless ODNR, its employees, officers, and agents, from all loss and expense, including, but not limited to damages, legal costs, expenses and attorney fees and other cost of defense, in any manner arising from Permittee's use of state lands and waters.
25. The Permittee has read the foregoing **Dock Permit Rules and Conditions**, understands them, and agrees that the Permittee and all of the Permittee's guests, invitees, agents, heirs and assigns will comply with the same.



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PERMIT

Dock Permit

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

_____ (“Permittee”)
is hereby authorized to:

Acquire and maintain or Construct, replace, modify, or substantially repair the Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path in accordance with the information provided on the attached approved Dock Permit Application dated _____ and the **Dock Permit Rules and Conditions** contained therein.

The permitted Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path will be located as described in the attached approved Dock Permit Application

The permitted construction, replacement, modification, or substantial repair, and the required restoration of any temporarily disturbed state park land will be completed by _____, or this Dock Permit shall become invalid.

The Permittee is subject to all applicable laws, administrative rules, policies, and practices of the State of Ohio and the ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft, including the **Rocky Fork State Park Shoreline Management Plan**, the **Rocky Fork State Park Private Dock Policy**, and the **Dock Permit Rules and Conditions** set forth in the Dock Permit Application.

The requirements of this Dock Permit, and any subsequent Dock Permits, supersede any previous Permit issued for the same Dock, Dock Cover, Electricity, and/or Access Path.

The Dock Tag issued pursuant to this Dock Construction Permit shall be displayed on a prominent location on the Dock, where it shall remain displayed at all times.

Additional Conditions:

Chief, ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft or designee

Date