



CASTALIA STATE FISH HATCHERY

Castalia State Fish Hatchery encompasses 90 acres in Erie County and is the newest of six state fish hatcheries. The Division of Wildlife purchased the hatchery in 1997 for \$1.3 million using fishing license revenue and excise tax monies on fishing equipment. In 2012, a \$7 million hatchery renovation project was completed to increase steelhead and rainbow trout production. All trout raised here are released into Ohio waterways for public fishing.

WHAT'S RAISED HERE?



RAINBOW TROUT

Rainbow trout are native to western North America, and do not naturally reproduce in Ohio. At state fish hatcheries, they are raised to catchable size and stocked in ponds, lakes, and reservoirs to provide additional fishing opportunities. About 90,000 rainbow trout are raised here every year.

This fish gets its name from the rainbow-colored band found along the middle of each side.



HISTORY OF THE AREA

The Castalia area is known for artesian springs, commonly referred to as blue holes. When settlers arrived, they dug channels and created waterfalls to run grist mills. After realizing that trout would thrive in the newly formed cold-water streams, settlers stocked trout in the late 1800s. As trout fishing gained popularity, several private trout clubs formed, and some still exist today.

Tourists began arriving in the early 1900s to see the famous Castalia Blue Hole, discovered in 1760. The Castalia Blue Hole was closed to the public in 1990 and is located on private property owned by Castalia Trout Club. Although the public can no longer view this one, a similar blue hole can be viewed at Castalia State Fish Hatchery.

Visitors can enjoy the hatchery grounds Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. except holidays.

The Division of Wildlife operates six fish hatcheries that produce more than 30 million fish each year. Many Ohio fishing opportunities would not be available without fish production, stocking, management, and research. Funding is provided by the sales of Ohio fishing licenses and the Sport Fish Restoration Act, a federal aid program supported through excise taxes on select fishing tackle and marine fuel.



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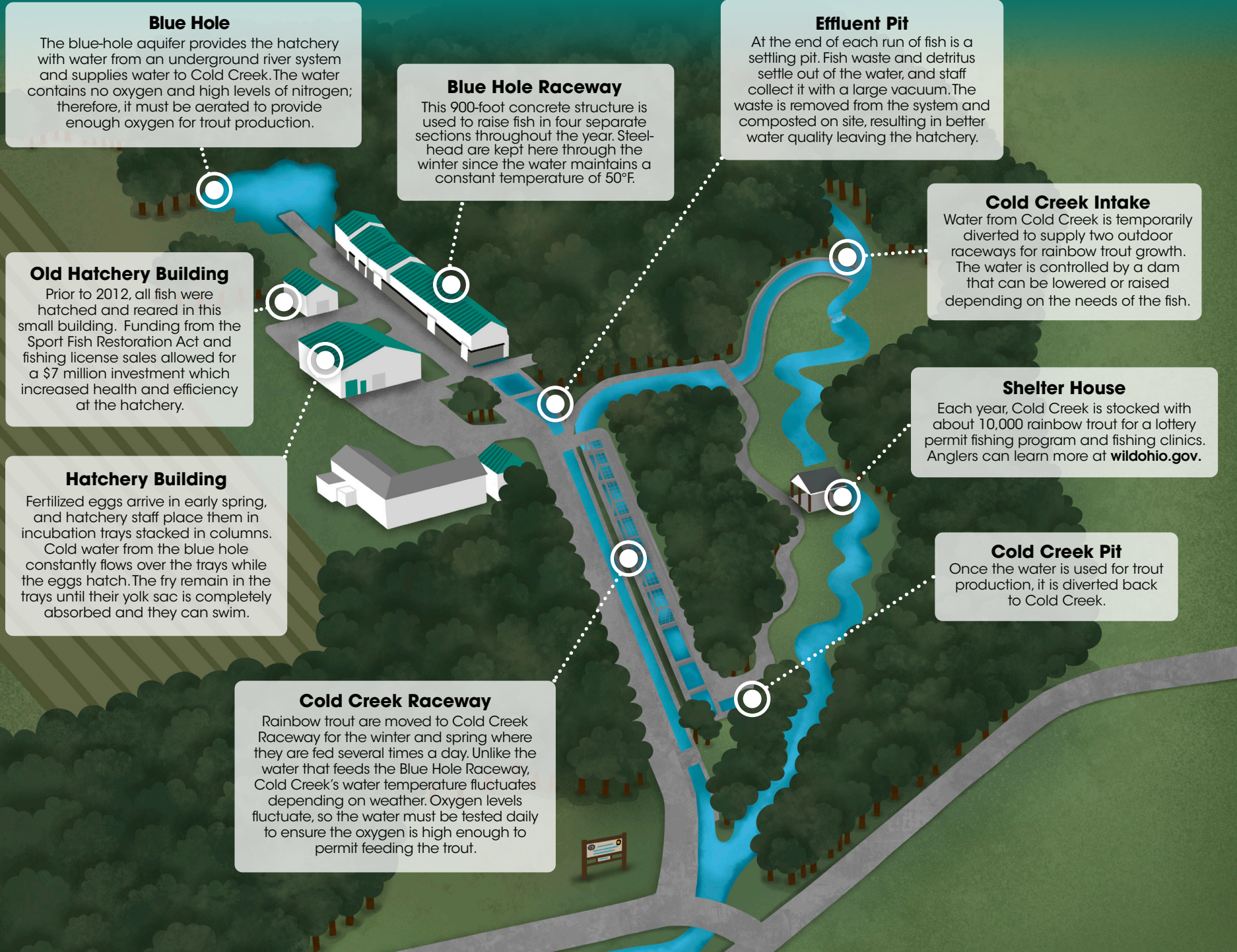


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HATCHERY MAP



WILDLIFE AT CASTALIA

Keep an eye out for a variety of wildlife during your visit! From five-lined skinks zipping around in the summer to dozens of eagles perched in the winter, there is always something to find.



BALD EAGLE



GREAT BLUE HERON
BY NINA HAREFMANN



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MINK
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FIVE-LINED SKINK
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