

# Ohio Power Trip Information

(Held at American Electric Power's ReCreation Lands)

The annual Ohio Power trip is typically (not always) the weekend after Memorial Day. The club usually camps at Campsite C. The infamous pot-luck style fish fry is normally Saturday night rain or shine. Attendees are generally encouraged to please bring something to share. There is always plenty of great food in addition to the tasty fish. Generally, we stop fishing around 4 PM Saturday afternoon to clean fish for dinner. Don't forget your fillet knife. Once the fish are ready for the fryer, dinner will be served in or near the shelter house at Campsite C. Don't run off after dinner; plan to sit around the fire for more fish stories and great company.

Two items you MUST bring with you are a current Ohio fishing license and an American Electric Power (AEP) ReCreation Land Permit. The AEP permit is required for camping, fishing, or hunting on the AEP ReCreation Land. There is no fee for the permit. The permit is now an ANNUAL requirement – they now expire at the end of the calendar year (they were lifetime permits some years back).

Get an AEP ReCreation Permit at - <https://www.dochub.com/fillable-form/70520-aep-permit> or contact ODNR Division 5 Office at 1076 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia, Ohio, (937) 372-9216. The permit will have all the rules for use of the land.

The AEP ReCreation ground has nearly 380 campsites and more than 350 lakes and ponds. The campsites are primitive with only a well (hand pump) for water nearby as well as pit toilets for bathrooms. Some of the larger lakes have unimproved boat ramps but a 9 hp limit applies to all boat motors. The lakes are plentiful with mostly bluegill and bass. You might also see carp and beavers.

Bank fishing is rather limited, but can be done, especially if you know how to roll cast. Swimming and wading are strictly prohibited. Your best bet is to bring a belly boat, canoe, kayak, pontoon boat, john boat, or drift boat. If you don't have a boat, come any way – someone is usually looking for a paddle partner for their canoe. Remember to get that boat license before you come. Just about every kind of boat requires a valid license – yes that includes the pontoon boats! Belly boats are about the only one that does not yet require a license. Make sure you have your safety gear on the boat so that you won't get a ticket from the Division of Watercraft. At a minimum, you will need one life jacket per person on the boat. For more information consult the [Ohio DNR Division of Watercraft](#).

Questions?

Contact Board members to find out who is running the outing for the current year.

Directions: I-70 to Zanesville, go south on Route 60 to Gaysport, go east on 376 to just across the Morgan County Line, go left on C-91 (you will come to a fork in about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile – take the fork to the left to stay on C-91), go right on C-11 for 2.2 miles (C-91 will end at C-11 or Cloud Hollow Rd), then go left on T-944. You will cross 284 and the entrance to Campsite C will be on your left.