

WHAT IS PADDLE THE LAKES?

Hosted by Summit Soil and Water Conservation District (SSWCD), **Paddle the Lakes** is a challenge that highlights the water based recreational uses of the Portage Lakes.

Participants will be able to experience the aquatic awe of nature by exploring at least five of the many unique waterbodies within the Portage Lakes!

By exploring the lakes, we hope to inspire people to cultivate a stronger connection to nature and a commitment to protecting these precious resources for future generations!



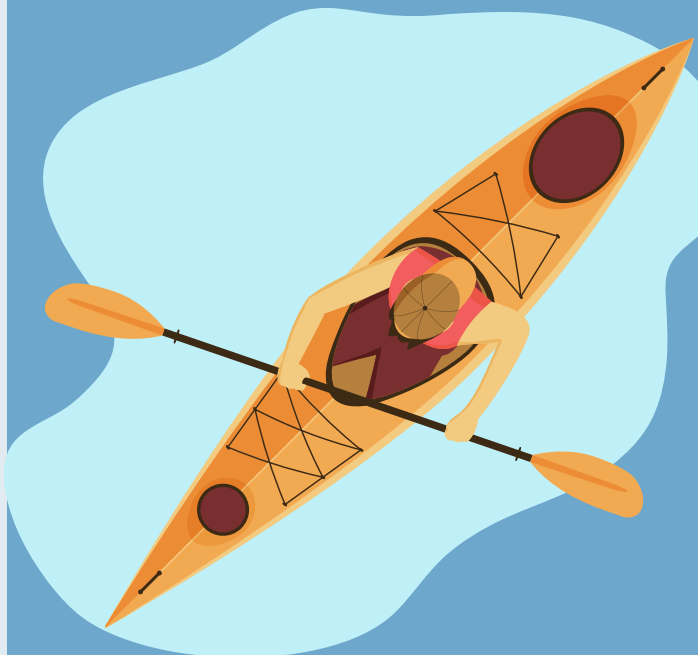
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An estimated 300,000 people visit the Portage Lakes each year, YOU should join them! Complete the **Paddle the Lakes** Challenge to explore these lakes and see all the wonderful things they have to offer!

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PORTAGE LAKES CHALLENGE

WHAT ARE THE PORTAGE LAKES?

The Portage Lakes are a collection of lakes and reservoirs in Summit County, Ohio. Many of these lakes were made from glaciers passing through the area (also known as kettle lakes).

These waterbodies got their name from the Portage Path that Native Americans used for travel, trade, and settling.

The Portage Lakes are divided into many waterbodies including:

- Lake Nesmith
- Long Lake
- North Reservoir
- Hower Lake
- West Reservoir
- East Reservoir
- Cottage Grove Lake
- Miller Lake
- Turkeyfoot Lake
- Rex Lake
- Mud Lake
- Nimisila Reservoir
- Other streams & smaller lakes

HOW DO I "PADDLE THE LAKES"?



WHICH LAKE SHOULD I GO TO?

Swimming:

- Turkeyfoot Lake, East Reservoir
- **Boat swimming:** Rex Lake & Cottage Grove Lake

Fishing Access:

- Lake Nesmith, North Reservoir (Wheelchair access), Long Lake, West Reservoir, Rex Lake, Turkeyfoot Lake, Nimisila Reservoir, Hower Lake

Boating:

- **All lakes are no wake zones EXCEPT some areas of:**
 - Turkeyfoot Lake & East Reservoir
- **All lakes have a 400-HP limit EXCPET:**
 - Nimisila Reservoir (Only electric motors allowed)

Kayaking & canoeing & paddle boarding:

- All lakes are great for these activities!

Areas with boat launch:

- Rex Lake, West Reservoir, North Reservoir, Long Lake, Nimisila Reservoir, Hower Lake