

Clermont County Welcomes the

# 2020 ACA SPRINT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CELEBRATING OLYMPIC GAMES PAST  
AND PRESENT



**CLERMONT COUNTY**  
CONVENTION &  
VISITORS BUREAU



Sprint Canoe Women's World  
Champion, Nevin Harrison





# Welcome from Clermont County

Over the course of decades, the Clermont County Convention and Visitors Bureau has made world class water sports a reality. East Fork State Park is a unique venue with a long history of hosting championship level rowing events including Cincinnati Invitational, Midwest Junior Rowing Championship and most recently, USRowing National Championships for four out of the last five years. Our 7 lanes and 2,000-meter course as well as continuous venue improvements has proven to compete with the best of the venues in the United States.

The Clermont County Convention and Visitors Bureau is looking forward to the opportunity to expand our current venue offerings to facilitate the 2020 ACA Sprint National Championships. We will be working alongside top vendors to enhance the current rowing course to a 1,000-meter 10 lane course as well as diversify the venue itself to ensure the best layout to accommodate canoe and kayaking.

The Clermont County community has proven its commitment to water sport competitions through the excessive number of volunteers, local sponsors and media coverage while national competitions are in town. We have established a great working relationship with our local community to help facilitate these events. Together, we have demonstrated to be great partners when hosting events. Our local organizing committee and working staff is strong with experienced event management and has provided world-class service to championships in previous years.

We are fortunate to have one of a handful of sites in the United States identified as having all-natural attributes that make up our premier water sports facility. Specifically, our racecourse is situated in the perfect location, allowing little to no wind current, which creates a fair and fun race environment.

We are privileged to serve in a vibrant and family friendly destination with a host of exceptional outdoor recreational activities, local dining, retail and entertainment to please the whole family. The Clermont County Convention and Visitors Bureau appreciates the opportunity to bid on the ACA Sprint National Championships. We look forward to continuing our partnership for many years to come.



Sincerely,

**Jeffrey R. Blom**  
*President*

Clermont County Convention and Visitors Bureau





# Host Information

## Clermont County Area and Lodging Information

Clermont County is a vibrant and fun region known for its exceptional outdoor recreational activities just east of Cincinnati Ohio. We welcome you to explore Clermont County Ohio!



The closest airport is Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport- CVG.

**For more information on all that is offered in Clermont County please visit our website:**  
[www.DiscoverClermont.com](http://www.DiscoverClermont.com)

**For Lodging Information and additional Event Information please visit:**  
[www.discoverclermont.com/aca2020/](http://www.discoverclermont.com/aca2020/)

# Location & Traffic Patterns

## Location, Climate, Course

The regatta course is located on Harsha Lake at East Fork State Park near Bethel, Ohio, on the east side of Cincinnati, Ohio.

**August Climate:** Average high of 85 degrees & average low of 64 degrees

**Winds:** Generally around 5 mph from the south or west

**Sunrise:** 6:38 am; Sunset 8:49 pm

**Elevation:** 728 above sea level

**Current:** Negligible, given normal wind conditions



## Traffic Patterns, Warm-Up and Cool-Down Areas

Traffic patterns on Harsha Lake have been provided for race competition, which have been reviewed and approved by ACA Event Staff and Competition Council.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Jim Terrell, former Olympic Athlete, is from Milford in Clermont County, Ohio. Terrell grew up racing marathon canoes in the Midwest, and eventually paddled canoes at the 1988, 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games. Between 1983-99 he competed at eight World Championships. Terrell was inducted into the Clermont County Hall of Fame in 1994 and has a local park named after him honoring his accomplishments.





# Race Course



# CLERMONT

COUNTY, OH

## LOGGING MAP

Clermont County is proud to feature 13 lodging options and 1,300 rooms for athletes and spectators.

### 1 Best Western Clermont

4004 Williams Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45255

### 2 Comfort Inn & Suites

4421 Aicholtz Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45245

### 3 Days Inn- Batavia

2188 Winemiller Ln. Batavia, OH 45103

### 4 Days Inn Cincinnati East

4056 Mt Carmel Tobasco Rd.  
Cincinnati, OH 45255

### East Fork State Park Campgrounds

3294 Ellick Rd. Tate Township, OH 45106

### 5 Fairfield Inn & Suites Eastgate

4521 Eastgate Blvd. Cincinnati, OH 45245

### 6 Hampton Inn & Suites

858 Eastgate N Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45245

### 7 Hilton Garden Inn Loveland

6288 Tri Ridge Blvd. Loveland, OH 45140

### 8 Hilton Home2 Suites

Eastgate Blvd N Dr.  
Cincinnati, OH 45245- Opening Fall 2019

### 9 Holiday Inn Express Milford

301 Old Bank Rd Milford, OH 45150

### 10 Holiday Inn & Suites Eastgate

4501 Eastgate Blvd. Cincinnati, OH 45245

### 11 Homewood Suites Milford

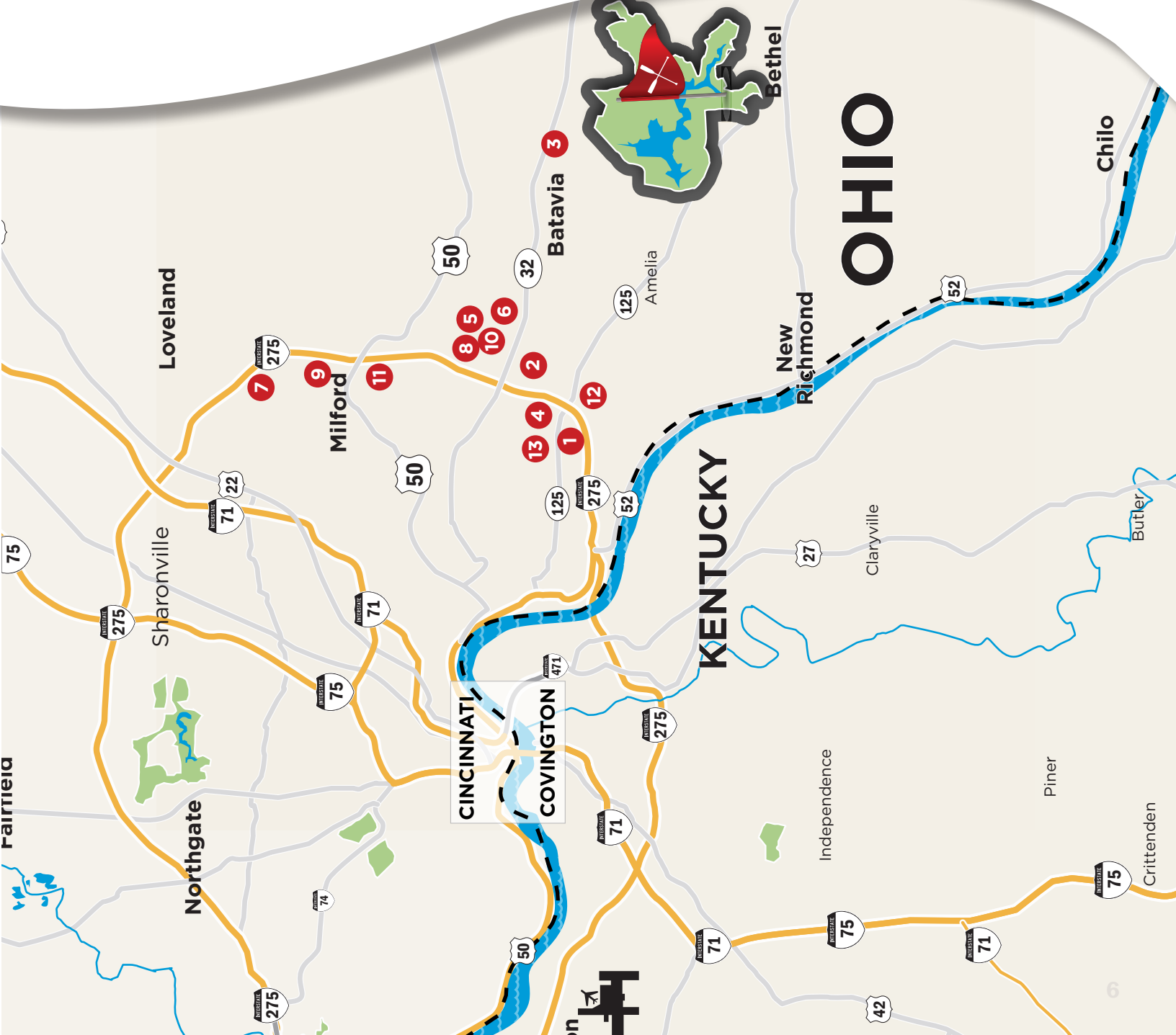
600 Chamber Dr. Milford, OH 45150

### 12 Motel Beechmont

3960 Nine Mile Tobasco Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45255

### 13 Red Roof Inn Cincinnati East

4035 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45255





# Food and Group Dining

## Local Food and Dining Options

### **Butterbee's American Grille**

4022 Mt Carmel Tobasco Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45255

### **Chick-fil-A**

874 Eastgate N Dr  
Cincinnati, OH 45245

### **City BBQ**

878 Eastgate N Dr  
Cincinnati, OH 45245

### **Gold Star Chili**

1706 OH-125  
Amelia, OH 45102

### **Golden Rule Catering**

38 E Main St. Amelia, OH 45102

### **Grammas Pizza**

1727 Ohio Pike  
Amelia, OH 45102

### **Jersey Mike's**

4530 Eastgate Blvd  
Cincinnati, OH 45245

### **LaRosa's Pizza**

4450 Eastgate Blvd  
Cincinnati, OH 45245

### **Miami Market**

1296 OH-131  
Milford, OH 45150

### **Panera**

876 Eastgate N Dr,  
Cincinnati, OH 45245

### **Penn Station East Coast Subs**

8270 Beechmont Ave  
Cincinnati, OH 45255

### **Scene 75 Entertainment Center**

876 OH-28  
Milford, OH 45150

### **Skyline Chili**

1097 Ohio Pike  
Amelia, OH 45102

### **Subway**

1226 Ohio Pike  
Amelia, OH 45102

### **Everything Bagels**

792 Eastgate S Dr.  
Cincinnati, OH 45245

\*For additional dining options please visit:  
<https://www.visitclermontohio.com/dining/>



\*Skyline Chili is a local restaurant famous to the Cincinnati region.

# Facilities and Additional Information

**Course Equipment** - In 2019 we purchased a new starters platform, a 30 foot long pontoon with 12 foot aluminum viewing deck that sits 5 meters off the water. The course is installed by Precision Racing and can facilitate nine (9) lanes. The finish area will feature a 10'x20' tent for place judges to operate in, along with worktables from which HereNow operates. We will provide a three-tiered bleacher or elevation system for spotters and timekeepers.

**Restroom Facilities** - East Fork's beach house has bathroom facilities and showers, which are supplemented with portable restrooms.

**Cool Down Area and Water** - For past events we have sourced a large cooling station trailer which is air conditioned and used as an athlete cool down area through the Salvation Army. In the case that this station is unavailable we will provide a cooling tent with multiple fans and water for athletes.

The CVB has recently invested in a 125 gallon WaterMonster Stand and Tank System. This system features six spigots for athletes to fill water bottles. The tank is filled using park water that has been filtered and is clean and safe for consumption. The WaterMonster is equivalent to 1,000 16 oz. water bottles per fill and can be continually filled throughout the event.

**Boat Storage** - Boats can be stored in the team trailer area, or next to athlete tents in the designated spaces. Twelve boat trees can be made available if needed.

**Launching/Dock Area** - The launch and recovery docks are Versa-Dock pieces which can be manipulated to create any necessary dock design. Participants for this event will launch







directly from the beach. Launch docks will be used for wakeless launches, jon boats, and law enforcement. The recovery dock allows for multiple boats to recover simultaneously.

**Medical Services** - Paramedics will be hired from the U.S. Safety, which provides local coverage. A Paramedic will be on-site during competition days/hours. There will also be an Athletic Trainer (if sponsorship can be obtained) on site during practice and competition to help treat minor injuries athletes may have. For serious injuries local Fire/ EMT services will be called.

**Security** - All security on water and land is provided by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Officers. They require minimum coverage on both land and water, based on number of participants and spectators. During this event we will have two watercraft officers throughout competition times and two land officers throughout the day. ODNR LE also covers overnight security of the park.

**Technical and Internet Support** - There is ample electricity in the beach house for administration and in the pavilion where participants and spectators can congregate and eat. We will provide generators for the start and finish areas and in additional areas as required for operations. There is one dedicated internet line, which comes into the beach house and reaches the finish line via a radio that was installed in 2017. A signal enhancer can also be used to assist with the live streaming signal if needed. A PA system will be provided to cover the entire park and a new battery-operated PA system will be provided for the starter platform. In addition, a separate PA system will be designated for the award area.

**Facilities & Seating** - Spectators typically watch races from the beach and are welcome to bring lawn chairs and pop up tents. The grass area that leads down to the beach is sloped, and a portion of the area could be kept open and used for additional spectator seating. There is enough space to easily put 30+ tents in the designated space used for parents and spectators. There is a large pavilion (Matt Maupin Pavilion) located between the beach house and the beach, which is typically used by participants as a place for eating and resting in between races.

**Parking** - As shown in the venue map, team trailer parking would be in the parking bays to the furthest left of the beach house (when facing the lake). The gravel lot closest to the entrance will be designated for Referees, ACA staff, LOC members, and key volunteers. The parking bays closest to the entrance will be used for Spectator parking. The bays on the left, next to the beach house, would be used for coach and team parking. Local volunteer organizations are used to direct traffic and check parking credentials on competition days.



**Awards Area** - The LOC will rent proper staging to meet the requirements of the award ceremonies, and would work with ACA to make sure it complies with their needs. A separate battery-operated PA system can be used solely for awards and an additional tent for medals can be provided.

**Wakeless & Other Launches** - The Clermont County CVB owns two (2) 24' Wintech wakeless boats, six (6) 15' wakeless boats & two (2) jon boats.

# History

Harsha Lake has a long history of hosting competitive water sport competitions, dating back to the early 1980's. Regattas regularly took place in the 1980's & 1990's, including the National Collegiate Rowing Championship for 5+ years in the 1990's.



## Recent major regattas hosted include:

- Mid-American Collegiate Rowing Association Championship (MACRA)
- 2016-2018, Midwest Junior Rowing Championship
- 2009 USRowing Youth National Championship
- 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019 USRowing National Championships.

Competitor attendance rose each year we hosted USRowing Nationals, with a record-setting year of over 1,700 entries in 2017. Spectator attendance for the past three (3) years at USRowing's National Championships was estimated around 1,000 per day.

The Clermont County CVB will continue to host the USRowing National Championships in 2020 and 2021.

## DID YOU KNOW?

East Fork State Park and Harsha Lake was featured in the 2017 filming of *Old Man and a Gun*, which stars Robert Redford, Casey Affleck, Sissy Spacek and Elisabeth Moss.







# Food Vendors

**Several local food vendors can be made available for spectators and athletes.**

**Options Include:**

**Quite Frankly** - Quite Frankly is a small food truck business with ¼ lb. all beef frank flavorful and mouth-watering choices. They have a variety of menu items to choose from including “Almond Butter Jelly Time,” “Darth Reuben” or the “Twisted Sister,” which included award-winning white bean chicken chili. **Website-** [www.quitefranklyllc.weebly.com](http://www.quitefranklyllc.weebly.com)

**Kona Ice** - This vendor sells flavored shaved ice in a variety of sizes. This was a popular choice for participants and spectators at USRowing Nationals during hot summer days. **Website-** [www.kona-ice.com](http://www.kona-ice.com)

**Jersey Mike's (Amelia and Eastgate)** - Both locations sell sub sandwiches, wraps, chips, cookies and drinks, and have offered pre-orders to teams at other rowing events in the past. They can deliver on-site or prepare for teams to pick up on the way to and from the hotels.

**Cincinnati Food Truck Association** - Clermont County CVB plans to work with CFTA to find other food vendors which meet ACA's approval. Food categories include-breakfast, coffee and smoothie options, fun cuisines and vegan and vegetarian options. **Website-** [www.cincinnatifoodtruckassociation.org](http://www.cincinnatifoodtruckassociation.org)

**Ticketed Boxed Lunches** - Clermont County CVB can also work with the ACA to determine if a pre-ticketed box lunch option may be best for athletes. We can work with a number of local restaurants for this option including: Chick-Fil-A, Jersey Mike's, Panera Bread, Penn Station, and Subway.

# Ceremony and Banquet

## Opening Ceremony

Clermont County CVB will facilitate an opening ceremony and welcome for athletes and spectators. This will be held Tuesday evening prior to the start of competition.

## ACA Banquet Dinner

Clermont County CVB will facilitate a banquet dinner on Saturday evening following the event. The Banquet will include dinner, dancing, and awards.

### Tri-State Warbird Museum

- A historic aviation museum dedicated to remembering those who fought for our freedom and honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Located in Batavia, Ohio.
- Event will be held in large hangar space with rented tables and chairs; local catering service will be hired to facilitate the event.
- Guest will have access to the Museum and restored vintage aircrafts for a unique and memorable evening!



# Ohio River Paddlefest

Annually, the first weekend of August, Cincinnati is home to the nation's largest paddling celebration, **Ohio River Paddlefest**. This annual paddling festivity boasts over 2,200 participants and travels nine miles through downtown Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.



If ACA Sprint National Championships was held the week following Paddlefest in 2020, the proximity of Paddlefest and ACA Sprint National Championships would be a great added benefit, especially to those traveling long distances who wish to extend their trip. Participants can choose from the following races, or leisurely paddles:

- Race to the Roebling- 4.2 Miles, Stand-Up Paddleboards
- Nati/NKY Nine Mile- 9 mile race or leisure paddle

**Paddler's Party-** Held the Friday evening before Paddlefest, participants are welcome to attend the Paddler's Party where they are able to pick up their registration packets, unload their boats to the secure holding area, as well as enjoy live music, local beer, food vendors, and exhibitors booths.

**Finish Line Festival-** From 9:00am-2:00pm on race day participants and spectators will be able to relax and celebrate their finish at the finish line festival. Featuring live music, local beer, food trucks and exhibitors, as well as a free shuttle back to vehicles at the start line.

**Benefits to Participants-** Visiting participants and families who are passionate about canoeing and kayaking will have the opportunity to participate in one of the largest, most exciting paddle events in the Nation. This event can serve as a great kick-off and set the stage for the excitement of competition week.