

# Ohio Campgrounds Earn Awards, Make Improvements

The Ohio Campground Owners Association is proud to announce that several of its member campgrounds have been recognized as national award-winners. At the top of the list is Cross Creek Camping Resort. At its annual convention in Orlando, Florida, the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds named Cross Creek the mid-sized Park of the Year for 2009-2010.

Although the economy has faced a recession, that hasn't stopped private campground owners in Ohio from investing in new campsites, cabins, and other upgrades over the past year.

"The recession is temporary, and most campground and RV park operators believe it behooves them to move forward with their improvement plans to remain competitive with other travel options," said Linda Profaizer, president of the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds. As a result, she says many Ohio private park operators have continued to invest in new facilities and amenities, as evident by the following examples:

One northeast Ohio campground has made a substantial investment in green initiatives. They've converted the park's indoor pool from chlorine to a saline and UV light cleaning program, and installed solar panels to help heat the pool. They've also replaced their office's propane heating system with a wood burning furnace fueled by lawn and tree clippings generated from the park's forest.

A central Ohio campground has converted the porch of their camp store into an Internet cafe with upscale coffee and pastries. This year, they plan to add a new swimming pool and cabins.

Another campground has purchased seven park model cabins in the past three years. The park owner says, "These lodges help with family reunions and friends of campers who want to camp, but do not have a camper."

Additionally, a southwestern Ohio park has added more paved roads, deluxe patio sites, and a gem mine to its list of amenities.

These are just a few examples of how Ohio campground owners are making efforts to improve the camping experience for their customers - even in tough economic times. Visit [www.OhioCampers.com](http://www.OhioCampers.com), as well as the rest of this magazine, for extensive listings of Ohio campground facilities.



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The national organization also announced that Hocking Hills KOA earned a prestigious "A" rating for the second year in a row. The rating is based on an online consumer satisfaction survey of independent parks in which over 13,000 camping and RV enthusiasts participated.

In addition, Trailer Life has named its annual list of the top 100 rated parks in the United States, and seven of those parks are in the state of Ohio.