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Camping

There are three campgrounds to choose from:

- Baldhill Dam
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Hiking

The Corps actively manages 2,800 acres of land around Lake Ashtabula. There are four different recreation areas, providing a variety of facilities and experiences. Visitors can choose from the alcohol-free setting at East River Bluffs to the wooded seclusion of Baldhill Dam and Eggert's Landing.

Hunting

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Skiing

The Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway is a 63-mile long motor route, starting at Lake Ashtabula and traveling south along the beautiful Sheyenne River to the town of Lisbon, North Dakota. The route includes 25 interpretive stops.

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Water Safety

Your safety is our concern. Just a reminder that about half of all boating accidents involve alcohol and almost all boating fatalities occur when life jackets are not worn. Please use alcohol in moderation in areas where it is allowed. Always wear your life jacket when on the water.