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Fracking harms Ohio State Parks

HealthWatch event offers air monitoring near Salt Fork State Park

Guernsey County, Ohio, July 23, 2026 – Fracking in Ohio parks puts visitors and nearby communities in harm's way. Just recently, 513 acres in Salt Fork State Park in Guernsey County was approved for the use of this toxic and polluting industry. To help Ohioans understand the potential impacts of fracking on this area, the Environmental Health Project (EHP), Save Ohio Parks (SOP), and local attorney and entrepreneur, Austin Warehime will present the preliminary results from an air monitoring program called HealthWatch on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in a virtual community meeting.

Since October 2025, community air monitors have been gathering local air quality information in the Salt Fork State Park area. The recent increase in fracking operations near the park puts community members at risk of developing negative health symptoms. Understanding air quality trends can help inform actions to protect communities from fracking pollution.

The meeting will include:

- an introduction to EHP and SOP, and a brief overview of the HealthWatch program,
- background information on shale gas development (also known as fracking) near Salt Fork State Park,
- health impacts and symptoms of exposure to shale gas pollution,
- steps to protect your health from shale gas pollution, and
- air monitoring results from October 2025 through May 2026.

Ample time will be provided for questions. This event is free to attend. Registration is required. Register here now.

The Environmental Health Project (EHP) is a nonprofit public health organization that defends public health in the face of shale gas development. EHP provides frontline communities with timely monitoring, interpretation, and guidance while engaging diverse stakeholders: health professionals, researchers, community organizers, public servants, and others.

Save Ohio Parks is a nonprofit organization founded by a group of Ohio citizens concerned about oil and gas extraction from our state parks and public lands. It's dedicated to educating the public about the health, environmental and planet-warming harms of natural gas fracking under our state parks and public lands.

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