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# SHORES&ISLANDS OHIO

Greetings and thank you for picking up our 2024 Play + Stay Guide. Whether you're looking for ideas as you consider a trip to our area, or you're already here enjoying it, I'm confident you'll find this booklet to be a valuable resource loaded with information to help you plan your stay and make it a memorable one!

Get ready to buckle in as Cedar Point introduces Top Thrill 2, the world's TALLEST and FASTEST triple-launch strata coaster. Near the park, Cedar Point Sports Center has opened a new Esports arena with top-tier professional gaming stations and equipment for practice and competition for both casual and serious gamers.

Make sure to check out Kalahari Resort's 15,000-sq.-ft. Zanzibar outdoor pool and all the other reasons why Kalahari was voted #1 Best Indoor Water Park in the USA Today 2023 Readers' Choice Awards!

Lovers of the arts will want to be sure to take in a performance at the reimagined Sandusky State Theatre, a 1928-era regional landmark that experienced catastrophic damage in a 2020 storm. Learn more in a feature article in this guide and the theatre's plan to Raise the Curtain on a New Era!

And on April 8, plan to be here, in the path of totality for the Total Solar Eclipse! Most communities in our area are in that path and many have special events going on before, during, and afterwards. More details at: shoresandislands/solar-eclipse.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to all of these things and so much more! For more ideas, contact one of our friendly Travel Counselors or visit SHORESandISLANDS.com.

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# Did you know?

Statistics from the Ohio Division of Parks and Watercraft show that Ohio registered 653,136 watercraft in 2022. This puts Ohio among the top 8 states in the country for boat registrations. The economic impact of recreational boating in Ohio is \$4 billion annually.

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# Solar Eclipse SHORES& ISLANDS OHIO 04.08.24

On April 8, 2024, a **Total Solar Eclipse** will be visible from Shores & Islands Ohio. This rare celestial event happens when the moon passes between the sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk culminating in total darkness, or totality, which in Shores & Islands Ohio will occur for approximately four minutes, one of the longest durations in the path. The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806. The next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be in the year 2099.

The anticipation for this once-in-a-lifetime experience is already building, as astronomy enthusiasts and nature lovers from around the world plan their trips to witness this aweinspiring event. Shores & Islands Ohio is perfectly situated to offer breathtaking views of the eclipse, with its quaint coastal towns, serene islands, and views from Lake Erie.



The eclipse might be over in a flash, but the celebrations, viewing parties, and events throughout our area will last for days...and the memories will last a lifetime. For more info on events, discounts, plus other solar phenomena, visit **SHORESandISLANDS.com/solar-eclipse**.

# INSIDE SCOOP

# Want to know how to experience the destination like a local?

We interview local business-owners, entrepreneurs, residents, team members, and other locals about why they choose to live, work, and play in the Shores & Islands Ohio region. Check out the "Like a Local" section of our blog for the inside scoop on where to go and what to do, where the locals take their out-of-town friends, why this is a great place to plant roots, and more.





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**10 Reasons to Visit** 

# SHORES & ISLANDS OHIO ISN'T JUST A PLACE, IT'S A FEELING.

It's the memories people have from unforgettable experiences here that live in their hearts for a lifetime. Boundless adventures and discoveries await. Shores & Islands Ohio embodies the excitement felt from the very first time you visit, to becoming a seasoned regular, or a part of the community. It's where you find your Lake Erie Love.

# 300+

Species of birds found at Magee Marsh during spring migration, including 36 rare warblers

# **90K**

Number of birders from all over the country and world who visit the region each April and May



Fishing licenses sold in Shores & Islands Ohio



Ohio-based licensed charter boat captains on Lake Erie

# DON'T JUST TAKE IT FROM US!



Sandusky was nominated by a panel of experts at USA Today for its 10 Best Coastal Small Towns, where it beat out 19 other towns for the top spot. (March 2023)

"This Ohio town on the coast of Lake Erie is home to Cedar Point – one of the top roller coaster-laden amusement parks in the country. As such, Sandusky regularly welcomes families from all over and is prepared to do so with other attractions like Great Wolf Lodge Water Park and the Merry-Go-Round Museum, plus plenty of spots for yummy treats like Soda Pop's."

# FAR & WIDE

# Kelleys Island named to top 10 most peaceful towns to visit along the Great Lakes. (July 2023)

"Though it only has a year-round population of 256, Kelleys Island manages to be an exciting place to visit...this Lake Erie island is laid-back. Most people get around on bicycles and golf carts since there's never a rush here. Cool things to do include seeing a rock with pictographs, going to the Charles Herndon Galleries & Sculpture Garden and camping at Kelleys Island State Park."



Height of Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial



Number of patents owned by Inventor and Milan, Ohio native, Thomas A. Edison. His contributions were the phonograph, the electric light bulb, the electric power utility industry, and motion pictures

# 8,000+

Number of hotel rooms within the Shores & Islands Ohio region 77

Number of steps to the top of the Marblehead Lighthouse

# **40-50°F**

The temperature of Cold Creek, which never fully freezes allowing for year-round trout fishing



Number of indoor water park resorts in the Shores & Islands Ohio region



# Put-in-Bay, Sandusky, and Port Clinton were all included in the top 10 best places to visit in Ohio.

"On Put-in-Bay...visitors can take Island Transportation's Tour Train to get an overview of the island or explore attractions like Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial..."

"Sandusky beckons to water lovers and thrillseekers. In addition to boasting waterfront trails and beaches, the town is home to Cedar Point..."

"Port Clinton is known for its fishing, anglers can set their lines to catch walleye. Meanwhile, recreation seekers can launch kayaks and canoes in Catawba Island State Park..."



# Sandusky is named to the 7 best places to view the April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse.

"Sandusky is an ideal base camp for an eclipseday mission, with many communities in the Shores and Islands region gearing up to host pre-eclipse festivities; gather with the masses at the Total Eclipse of Sandusky Festival on Jackson Street Pier; hop a ferry... to Kelleys Island for a quieter experience..."

# SPECIAL EVENTS Shores & Islands Events

Looking for fun family festivals, live music, or historical celebrations? Discover all the exciting local events happening during your next trip to Shores & Islands Ohio. There are a variety of special events available to enhance your visit. Check out the full, up-to-date events calendar at SHORESandISLANDS.com/events.

# April

#### April 8, 2024 | Shores & Islands Ohio Total Solar Eclipse

800.255.3743 or 800.441.1271 shoresandislands/solar-eclipse.com

Get ready for a blackout you'll never forget... Shores & Islands Ohio is the place to be for the total solar eclipse! Details on page 8.

# May

#### May 4, 2024 | Sandusky Official Opening Day for Cedar Point 419.627.2350

cedarpoint.com

Start your engines! Cedar Point<sup>®</sup> opens for its 155th summer season on Saturday, May 4. It's the unofficial start of summer and your first chance to take on Millennium Force<sup>®</sup>, Steel Vengeance<sup>®</sup>, Kiddy Kingdom, delicious freshcut fries, the mile-long Cedar Point Beach, and the all-new, record-breaking Top Thrill 2<sup>™</sup> triple-launch strata coaster. With more than 65 rides and attractions, one day is not enough. Stay overnight at one of the official Cedar Point Resorts properties and enjoy special benefits like Early Entry, discounted tickets, and the closest rooms to America's Roller Coast<sup>®</sup>.

#### May 3-12, 2024 | Oak Harbor The Biggest Week in American Birding 419.898.4070

biggestweekinamericanbirding.com The Biggest Week in American Birding is a 10-day festival in northwest Ohio, "The Warbler Capital of the World!" Immerse yourself in spring songbird migration and experience some of the best birding North America has to offer.

#### May 23-27, 2024 | Port Clinton

# Main Street Port Clinton Walleye Festival 419.734.5503

The 43rd annual festival gets underway at Waterworks Park. Free concert, Kids Fishing Derby, Grande Parade, educational programs, rides, and vendors make this event one of Ohio's premier festivals. Never in short supply, enjoy delicious food and beverages.

# May 24-June 1, 2024 | Sandusky Ohio Bike Week Block Party

419.502.0022 / ohiobikeweek.com Held in the Sandusky area. Live bands, food trucks, and plenty of merchants. Activities at Mad River Harley Davidson and Barrel House Saloon starting May 24.

# June

## June 2, 2024 | Kelleys Island Annual Kelleys Island 5K & 10K Run/ Walk

419.746.2360 kelleysislandchamber.com/events

Celebrating its 41st anniversary and hosted by the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce. Runners will enjoy a scenic route, especially along the lakefront, and numerous water stations will be provided.

#### June 8-9, 2024 | Huron Lake Front Market 419.433.5700 | huron.net

An open-air marketplace featuring Ohiobased vendors at one of Huron's most scenic beaches. Featuring food trucks, live music, kids' activities, and numerous vendors of authentic goods.

#### June 10, 2024 | Put-in-Bay Put-in-Bay Pride Day

Join the celebration of love and unity at the second year of Put-in-Bay Pride. A day filled with laughter, color, and good vibes for the entire LGBTQ+ community and allies.

# June 15, 2024 | Put-in-Bay 50th Annual Founder's Day

419.285.2832 / visitputinbay.com Celebrate the founding of Put-in-Bay by Hispanic merchant, Jose DeRivera, in DeRivera Park with many vendors and lots of fun!

# June 21-22, 2024 | Sandusky Sandusky Pride

facebook.com/sanduskyohiopride The 7th annual festival in the birthplace of marriage equality provides live entertainment,

bands, drag queens, stilt walkers, and more. The Pride Parade will take place on Saturday. Visit the Facebook page to stay up-to-date on all the Pride Month events.

#### June 22, 2024 | Huron Huron Potary Art & Food Truck

#### Huron Rotary Art & Food Truck Festival 419.433.5700

facebook.com/huronrotaryclub

Takes place along Huron's beautiful waterfront. Artists are encouraged to bring their unique goods to the festival and allow thousands of visitors to shop!

## June 28-30, 2024 | Put-in-Bay Pyrate Fest

419.285.2832 / visitputinbay.com Ahoy, mateys! Set sail to Pyrate Fest XVI in Put-in-Bay! Visit website for a complete schedule of events.



# July

# July 4 & 5, 2024 | Sandusky Light Up the Point

419.627.2350 | cedarpoint.com

One of the largest fireworks displays in the Midwest will ignite the night at Cedar Point<sup>®</sup> for two nights, July 4 & 5. Set to an electric summertime soundtrack with patriotic melodies and today's hits, the display will overtake the skies above the famous Cedar Point Beach near the front of the park. Special exclusive VIP viewing experiences are available by visiting cedarpoint.com.

#### July 4, 2024 | Put-in-Bay 4th of July Boom at the Bay

419.285.2832 / visitputinbay.com Put-in-Bay celebrates with fireworks and parades!

# July 12-14, 2024 | Huron

Huron River Fest 419.433.5700 | huronriverfest.com

Entertainment, 5k race/fun run, pets on the pier, Queen's competition, vendors, road show, parade, fireworks, and much more.





# July

#### July 13, 2024 | Kelleys Island KI's Got Talent

419.746.2360 kelleysislandchamber.com/events

This is a judged talent contest requiring an audition video. Competitions start at 10 am (children) and 12:30 pm (adults). Free to audience members, refreshments available.

## July 19-21, 2024 | Kelleys Island Kelleys Island Fest

419.746.2360 kelleysislandchamber.com/events

Festival features craft vendors, food, a beer tent, music, and a street dance on Friday and Saturday night. Parade on Saturday morning with fireworks at dusk. Fun activities for the entire family.

## July 19-Aug 18, 2024 | Sandusky Boardwalk Nights

## 419.627.2350 [ cedarpoint.com

Cedar Point<sup>®</sup>'s rich history began on a sandy mile-long Lake Erie beach, and Boardwalk Nights is the new party that celebrates it! When the sun goes down, the Cedar Point Beach and The Boardwalk area of the park electrify with larger-than-life entertainment, over-the-top food and drink, games for the entire family, music and dancing, lights and sounds that inspire the best summertime dance moves and more. From kids to adults, all will enjoy Boardwalk Nights – the perfect addition to a day at Cedar Point, right in the heart of the summer.

#### July 27-28, 2024 | Kelleys Island Kelleys Island Film Fest 419.746.2360

kelleysislandchamber.com/events

Relax outdoors at the ball field, off Addison St., to watch popular box office movies, drivein style, free of charge. Movies begin at dusk. In case of inclement weather, showings will be held at Town Hall. Snacks and drinks will be for sale during showtimes.

# July 21, 2024 | Sandusky IRONMAN 70.3 Ohio

ironman.com/im703-ohio

Athletes can expect a 1.2-mile swim in Sandusky Bay, a rolling 56-mile bike through scenic Erie County, and 13.1-mile run along the shoreline of Lake Erie capping off with a thrilling finish in downtown Sandusky. IRONMAN 70.3 Ohio offers slots to the IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship.

# August

#### Aug 16-17, 2024 | Sandusky Big Splash Raffle

419.624.0274 | bigsplashraffle.com Dive into the 20th anniversary of the Big Splash Raffle! Support the Maritime Museum of Sandusky by purchasing a ticket and enter to win over \$250,000 in cash prizes, cars, and more.

# Aug 21-22, 2024 | Put-in-Bay

Bash on the Bay

bashonthebay.com Bash on the Bay returns to Put-in-Bay with country singers Jelly Roll and Hardy headlining the two-day music festival!

# September

## Sept 6-7, 2024 | Sandusky

**32nd Annual Cruisin' by the Bay Car Show** 419.609.2888 | cruisinbythebay.com

The Remember Crusin' Car Club of Northern Ohio will play host to the show with over 500 classics and hot rods expected. Enjoy a DJ, along with great food and beverages available. Proceeds help support the local Cleveland Clinic Sandusky Cancer Center patient services fund.

## Sept 7, 2024 | Put-in-Bay Art in the Park

419.285.2832 / visitputinbay.com Area and regional arts and craftspeople display and sell their original works in photography, watercolor, acrylic, pottery, glass, and many other mediums. Live demos and a silent auction.

# Sept 7-8, 2024 | Bellevue

#### **Pioneer Days at Historic Lyme Village** 419.483.4949 | lymevillage.org

Take a glimpse into the 1800s and see demonstrations of blacksmithing, cooking, and many activities of that era. Entertainment both days will be on the covered patio of the Carriage House Café.

## Sept 12-Oct 27, 2024 – Select Nights Sandusky

#### Cedar Point's HalloWeekends 419.627.2350 | cedarpoint.com/events

It's family fun by day and fright by night as Cedar Point<sup>®</sup>'s HalloWeekends returns for its 27th year on select days and nights. With daytime family activities like corn and hay mazes, pint-sized tractors for kids, pumpkin decorating, games, and trick-or-treating, plus nighttime haunted mazes, scare zones, and entertainment, HalloWeekends will send silly and scary chills down the spine. The popular event for fans of fall is back for seven weekends with several new experiences to explore.

#### Sept 28, 2024 | Put-in-Bay Island Hops and Vine Festival 419.285.2832 | visitputinbay.com

This family-friendly fall-themed festival features wine and beer tasting, food, and a whole lot of fun.

# October

# Oct 12, 2024 | Lakeside

# **28th Annual Marblehead Lighthouse Fest** 419.798.4461 | lakesideohio.com

This free, peninsula-wide event includes fun for the whole family! Tours of the Marblehead Lighthouse and the Wolcott Keeper's House, live entertainment, children's games and crafts, arts and craft vendors, and more!

# Oct 19, 2024 | Sandusky Sandusky Witches' Walk

sanduskywitcheswalk.com Witches' Walk is a fun, spooky charity event held in downtown Sandusky. Lots of fun, prizes, and laughter. So, get your witchy finery on and join in. Visit the website for more details and new happenings for 2024!

# Oct 12, 2024 | Put-in-Bay Oktoberfest

419.285.2832 / visitputinbay.com The 31st annual German festival features German food, hot spiced wine, cold beer, and live music.

## Oct 26, 2024 | Put-in-Bay Halloween at the Bay

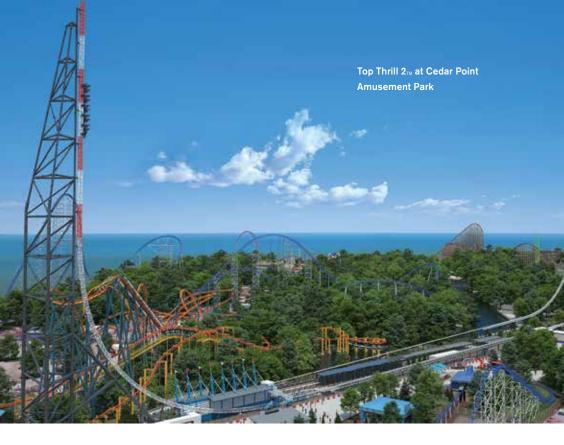
419.285.2832 / visitputinbay.com It's a little spooky and a lot of fun! Local taverns decorate and people in costumes flood the downtown streets!



# Additional Events Are Here

Check back often, events are added throughout the year!

Cedar Point's HalloWeekends



# What's New 2024

# Get revved up for Top Thrill 2™ at Cedar Point

The world's tallest and fastest triple-launch strata coaster will debut at Cedar Point Amusement Park this season, Top Thrill 21 will feature not one, but two, 420-ft.-tall track towers. Riders will launch forward at 74 mph, racing towards the sky and up the original tower. After experiencing weightlessness, the train will "rollback" and launch in reverse, reaching speeds of 101 mph. Riders will then speed backward at a 90° angle up a new 420-ft. tower. After a second moment of weightlessness, the train then shifts into its third launch at a top speed of 120 mph, which will propel riders over the top hat tower, before descending a 270° spiral towards the finish line.

# Cedar Point Sports Center debuts stateof-the-art Cedar Point Esports facility

The new facility is a 1,000 sq. ft. gaming hall which includes 32 stations, each equipped

with 24-inch, 165Hz gaming monitors and the latest hardware. **Cedar Point Esports** aims to establish a hub for gaming enthusiasts and competitive gamers, offering a world-class platform to develop their gaming. Cedar Point Esports will bring competitive gaming events as well as planned public programming.

#### Sandusky State Theatre update

The curtain will rise again in 2024 at the region's cultural heart, **Sandusky State Theatre**, reopening after being partially destroyed by a storm in mid-2020. New theatre features include an art gallery and adjacent pub, **Frohman's**, named after Sandusky native and early 1900s theater producer and manager, Charles Frohman. By naming the pub in his honor, the theatre celebrates Sandusky's influence on the performing arts. Stay tuned for exciting information about 2024-2025 performances.

## **Thomas Edison Birthplace addition**

In memory of late Edison aficionado and local educator, Don Gfell, a capital fundraising campaign is underway to support the creation of the [**Don Gfell Education Center**] at the birthplace museum. Gfell loved captivating students with hands-on Edison exhibits and had amassed a priceless collection of Edison inventions. The museum hopes to display these items and interactive exhibits, including sound recording, playback, and electrical experiments. A spark of electricity is in the air.

# Explore the Lake Erie region with a new tour company

**Experience Peninsula** is coming in 2024 and will offer a customized day of fun for groups from 6 to 18 people. Adventure tours of 2-, 4-, or 6-hours are offered for ages 8 and older, 10 and older, and 21 and older. Tour options can include a variety of activities put together, as a build-your-own adventure. Examples include beach days, water recreation days, museum tours, shopping adventures, golf, and craft beverage tasting tours. Groups will travel in safety and comfort with **Swig Ohio Shuttles**.

# New coffee and snack experiences in Marblehead

**Rocky Point Winery** recently added Red Bicycle Coffee to the winery. Named after the red bike that hangs over the backyard, the coffee shop features coffee, espresso, cocktails, and baked goods. A little further down the Marblehead Peninsula, the popular **Marblehead Soap Company** will open Hot Dogs to Go, a hot dog and soup shop, located across from the **Kelleys Island Ferry** dock.

# 20 years of winning big and supporting maritime history

The main fundraiser for the **Maritime Museum of Sandusky**, the **Big Splash Raffle** celebrates its 20th anniversary this year! This phenomenal August event features a full interactive day of lottery-style winning number drawings with major cash prizes and the chance to win automobiles, motorcycles, and more (prizes vary by year). The event also features food trucks, a beer tent, several side raffles and 50/50 drawings, and the **Bash Before the Splash pre-party**.



New boutique motel opens in Sandusky Explorer Rest & Relaxation is a haven for families and groups, offering multi-bunk rooms as well as indulgent King rooms for couples. The motel features a retro design and a sprawling outdoor space filled with fire pits and yard games, as well as a food truck park.

# New RV resort opening Spring 2024

The all-new **Sandusky RV Resort**, operated by **RVC Outdoor**, features over 200 pullthrough and back-in spaces, which are big-rig friendly, along with fully-furnished family cottages. All sites include full hook-ups with Wi-Fi, and cable TV. The resort also includes pickleball courts, children's playground, fitness room, fishing ponds, swimming pool, golf cart rentals, and a dog park.

# New facility for sportsmen

A new world-class indoor shooting complex opened recently in Milan and features 25and 100-yard shooting lanes paired with a revolutionary indoor trap and skeet shooting experience. **Lake Erie Arms** also offers a café, virtual firearms simulator, media room, defensive training, event space, and more. Memberships are available, but the public is welcome!



See more of What's New in the area Check back often, things are added throughout the year!

# '24 SPOTLIGHT: Sandusky State Theatre Since 1928

Sandusky has demonstrated incredible growth and resilience throughout the past decade, making national headlines and twice being named America's Best Coastal Small Town. In 2024, the spotlight is on Sandusky again as the region's cultural heart, the Sandusky State Theatre, reopens after being partially destroyed by a storm in June, 2020.



The historic auditorium has been restored with much of the splendor audiences would have experienced when it first opened in 1928. The original damask wall panels were uncovered during the restoration and have been brought back to their original glory. The chandelier, which was miraculously untouched by the



storm, illuminates the Theatre once again. The storm itself is also captured in the auditorium's color scheme and new murals that frame the proscenium. The décor memorializes that fateful night in 2020 and pays homage to the community that fought to save this beloved landmark.

The reimagined Sandusky State Theatre was designed with the future in mind, transforming it into a more versatile venue for both audiences and artists. Stepping into the historic auditorium is like stepping into Sandusky's past, but with all the modern amenities audiences have come to expect, including ergonomic seats, ample accessibility features, improved technical capabilities, expanded bathrooms, additional concessions areas, and a second public entrance. Additionally, the main stage has been expanded by 20 feet, allowing larger shows,





Shirley Temple, B.B. King, Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Wayne Newton, and more have performed at the State Theatre.

Broadway national tours, and more to visit the city. Backstage, artists enjoy the comfort of refreshed, spacious dressing rooms and a new green room.

The Theatre is now home to a flexible second venue, an art gallery, and a corner pub named after turn-of-the-century theatre impresario Charles Frohman. Mr. Frohman was born in Sandusky and died in the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915. While his life was cut short, he was undoubtedly the most successful theatre producer in the world. His productions included the original stage play Peter Pan, and he gave rise to the star system, fostering the careers of Broadway legends such as Maude Adams, John Drew, and Ethel Barrymore.

In addition to hosting rotating exhibitions, the new attached art gallery also serves as a museum, featuring pieces of the theatre's rich past on public display for the first time. Both Frohman's and the gallery keep regular hours during and outside of performance times, bringing the building to life almost every day of the year.

During the restoration and rebuilding process, the Sandusky State Theatre also became the



new home of the Caryl Crane Youth Theatre. Despite not having a home stage throughout construction, the CCYT program has grown, garnering national awards and rave reviews. Now, hundreds of young thespians have a place to learn and perform in downtown Sandusky.

The theatre's grand reopening in 2024 is a testament to the forward-thinking community. Residents sparked a renaissance and came together to save the heart of the community: the Sandusky State Theatre.

# SPORTS & FACILITIES Play & Vacation

There's a reason we're called America's Sports & Family Fun Capital<sup>®</sup>. The Shores & Islands Ohio region is an extraordinary year-round location that combines amazing sports venues with family vacation experiences.

# EVERY TOURNAMENT BECOMES A VACATION AT SHORES & ISLANDS OHIO!

All year round we welcome volleyball, basketball, wrestling, futsal, gymnastics, dance, cheer, and Esports competitions, while



our beautiful outdoor spaces draw seasonal sports like baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer, football, and golf. Lake Erie and its tributaries offer a refreshing natural venue for fishing tournaments, sailing regattas, and other water sports. However, it's more than just great sports venues and attractions; it's the love of sports from the communities across the destination who are working together and eager to showcase all there is to offer in the Shores & Islands Ohio region. Find more about event grants, our Sports Discount Card, lodging associations, and event marketing at sports.SHORESandISLANDS.com.





Local restaurants and businesses offer special discounts throughout the year that are designed specifically with you in mind! Get your Sports Discount Card today by asking your event/ tournament organizer or coach. Offers are featured at sports.SHORESandISLANDS.com and are added and updated throughout the year, so check back often.

Sports

Cedar Point Sports Center

# Did you know?

Each year, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums host The Squires, a vintage baseball team, playing the game as it was in the 1860s.

# Ways to Enjoy

the Water After

# **Your Event**

Evening cruise on **Goodtime Lake Erie Island Cruises** that could feature a dinner.

Beach day at **Nickel Plate Beach** or **Lakeside Chautauqua**.

Play and stay at the areas indoor water parks: Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, Great Wolf Lodge, and Castaway Bay by Cedar Point Resorts.

If staying on the mainland for the event, your group could do an evening event on either **Put-in-Bay** or **Kelleys Island**.

Take a group kayak or canoe float at **Portage River Paddle Company** (Port Clinton) or **Lake Erie Adventure Company** (Huron).

Smaller groups can enjoy an excursion to Cedar Point Beach for **North Coast Parasail & Water Sports** (in addition to parasail, they rent kayaks and WaveRunners).



# **5 Tips for Sports**

# **Event Planners**

## Connect with Us

Save yourself stress and hours of research by checking out SHORESandISLANDS.com. Then contact our team to help with planning your sports event from start to finish.

# Visit & Tour Facilities

 A member of the "home team" will gladly accompany you while you survey the available venues through the Shores & Islands Ohio region.

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Get a Sports Event Tool Kit The free kit is a great way to brand your event,

build excitement, and look professional on all your marketing channels.

# Apply for a Grant

Shores & Islands Ohio provides grants for event organizers who want to host sporting events in our destination.



## Make Each Sports Event a Vacation

Save time and stress during your event by having common questions answered ahead of time. Contact us for the Sports Discount Card that can be given to your teams for discounts throughout the region.







# **OUR REGION'S TOP SPORTING VENUES**

# CEDAR POINT SPORTS CENTER

This state-of-the-art indoor facility, is built with the athlete in mind. Amenities include 10 hardwood basketball courts or 20 volleyball courts, championship arena with retractable seats, 9,500 sq. ft. family entertainment area, on-site cafe/concessions, and meeting spaces.

Newly-added to the venue is the state-ofthe-art Cedar Point Esports Facility, which boasts gaming stations available for casual and competitive gaming. With more than 2.7 billion gamers worldwide, CPSC is poised to host Esports tournaments and plans to expand even further.



## SPORTS FORCE PARKS AT CEDAR POINT SPORTS CENTER

A premiere outdoor facility, with multi-sport synthetic turf fields (5 with lights). The complex can accommodate up to 11 baseball/softball diamonds, 16 soccer fields, and 8 lacrosse fields. There's even a diamond that is 100% ADA accessible. Beyond the events, the whole family will enjoy the park's amenities including Sky Trail High Ropes Course, Putt-in-Bay Mini Golf, two playgrounds, gift shop, and concessions.

# LAKE ERIE

One of the biggest attractions of the region, Lake Erie offers several natural venues for various water sports. The tributary rivers serve as courses for canoe and kayak competitions, while the open water provides a perfect setting for power boating and sailing events. Several bass and walleye fishing tournaments are held at the lake every year. Shores & Islands Ohio is also the perfect location for triathlons, where athletes can enjoy both the land and waters of Lake Erie.

# ANDREW L. FABENS MEMORIAL PARK

A multi-purpose facility that can host a range of events. The venue includes 9 baseball/softball fields, 5 tennis courts, 2 batting cages, nature trail, a playground area, shelters, picnic tables, concession stand, and restrooms. The park also includes a pedestrian/biking trail.







## **GOLF TRAIL**

Shores & Islands Ohio is typically known for the thrill of its attractions, pristine beaches, and breathtaking views. But did you know that throughout the region there exists secluded, peaceful adventure spots, perfect for enjoying a competitive edge? That's right; the area is home to several beautiful and challenging golf courses! Whether you're looking to tee off with a view of the lake, searching for a test with a course designed by the legendary Tom Fazio, or seeking local flair from a charming family-owned business, find it on the Shores & Islands Ohio Golf Trail.

Sign up for and download our free Golf Trail pass to your phone, check in and earn points for prizes.



SIGN UP FOR OUR FREE GOLF TRAIL PASS. Scan to visit our golf trail page





## **IRONMAN 70.3 Ohio**

IRONMAN 70.3 Ohio returns on Sunday, July 21! Join us for an invigorating ferry swim start with a leap into Lake Erie for a 1.2mile swim, a fast flat 56-mile bike through the rural roads of Erie County, and a 13.1-mile run in historic downtown Sandusky!



## **SIGN UP**

Scan for more information on this year's IRONMAN 70.3 Ohio

# meetings & groups Work Meets Fun

Rethink your next event location and experience what is beyond the typical meeting destination and satisfy what your attendees are really looking for!

# Make Business Fun

# & Enjoyable

In Shores & Islands Ohio, we love to make meeting fun! Whether you're looking to host a board meeting on an island, or a large event in one of our topof-the-line convention centers, we really do have something for everyone. This region is a year-round destination featuring more than 8,000 lodging rooms, expansive convention and meeting space, and acres of outdoor event venues. It offers your conference attendees an experience they'll enjoy before, during, and after the meeting.



# MAKE IT A UNIQUE MEETING VENUE

#### **Liberty Aviation Museum**

Consider a meeting in an airplane hangar. Liberty Aviation Museum allows a truly exclusive opportunity to have your event amongst WWII vehicles and classic aircraft. An on-site conference room with A/V capabilities allows space for learning activities or more intimate meetings, paired with a tour of the museum's collection.

## Merry-Go-Round Museum

Distinctive events can be held among intricately-carved carousel animals with an included spin on the museum's merry-go-round. Housed in a former post office building, this museum is popular with the young and the youngat-heart. Nostalgia abounds when you host your meeting or after-hours social gathering with the "oom pa pa" of the band organ playing. A meeting room is available, or rent the entire museum.

#### **Gideon Owen Wine Company**

Wow your co-workers or event attendees by hosting your event at this beautiful and historic winery in Catawba. Use the Tirage Wine Bar and toast to a job well done or reserve the Vineyard Room to host a private meeting or event.

## Schedel Arboretum & Gardens

Whether an intimate gathering for 20 or a lavish event for 300, just the right vista will be found on the beautiful 17-acre garden estate. Indoor space is available for up to 90 guests depending on specific needs. Larger events are held under event tents in the lower-level gardens.



# **3 Top Shores & Islands**

# **Meeting Venues**

# 1 Kalahari Resorts & Conventions

To make event planning a breeze, Kalahari has everything you need: first-class service, 800+ guest rooms, premium dining, customizable meeting spaces, spa treatments, and more, all under one roof. The resort offers 215,000 sq. ft. of flexible spaces including 3 ballrooms and 39 meeting rooms. Complimentary Wi-Fi, state-of-the-art AV, 10-hour ergonomic chairs, and the best part: admission to the 173,000 sq. ft. indoor and 77,000 sq. ft. outdoor water park for all guests.

# 2 Sawmill Creek by Cedar Point Resorts

A fantastic meeting and convention spot operated by Cedar Point. The property, convention center, and rooms have all been newly renovated in 2022. It offers more than 35,000 sq. ft. of space, including a 16,000 sq. ft. ballroom that can flex to meet the vision for your conference. Smaller breakout rooms, state-of-the-art technology, hospitality suites, restaurants, outdoor venues, and an 18-hole golf course. With decades of experience planning, catering, and hosting events, they'll assure a successful and enjoyable stay.

# 3 Lakeside Chautauqua

Lakeside is an ideal location for retreats, family reunions, business meetings, and wedding celebrations. With an array of outdoor and indoor venues of varying capacities like the Hotel Lakeside Lawn, Wesley Lodge, Drackett Hall, or the massive Hoover Auditorium that accommodates up to 2,600 people, they can help you in selecting the perfect meeting space and accommodations for your meeting or group.





# LOOKING FOR MEETING RESOURCES?

Scan to check out our webpage dedicated fully to EVENT GRANTS



# TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR CONFERENCE & EVENT GRANT AND RECEIVE UP TO \$5,000.

This grant is available to assist businesses and organizations in attracting quality conferences and events that generate overnight stays, create media exposure, increase area economic impact, and/or generate awareness that Shores & Islands Ohio is a year-round destination. Visit groups.SHORESandISLANDS.com for more info.



# **PUT TOGETHER A GROUP ADVENTURE!**

The Shores & Islands Ohio region offers a partnership of group-friendly attractions, working together, to make your experience seamless and safe. From ferry trips and guided island excursions aboard an open-air tour train, to amusement experiences and more!

# **Head Out Into Nature**

If your group is looking to take in a little bit of nature, there's no better way of beginning your Shores & Islands Ohio experience than by discovering the beauty of **Schedel Arboretum & Gardens**! Make your way through the several themed garden displays on the property, which includes more than 10,000 annual plants and flowers. Afterwards, tap into the wild side of nature with a journey through **African Safari Wildlife Park**, where you can drive through and feed the exotic animals from your vehicle, or interact up close in the walkthrough portion.

## **Enjoy Island Life**

Getting to the islands is always half the funespecially with a group. You have multiple ferry options to fit your style, like the ability to take your vehicle on **Miller Ferries**, the speed and excitement of the **Jet Express** and the live narration and full-service on the **Goodtime Lake Erie Island Cruises**. Once there, you can visit the island's local attractions like **Perry's Cave Family Fun Center, Butterfly House, Heineman Winery & Crystal Cave,** and more! And there are plenty of lunch and dinner spots to feed the whole group. See page 52 for more about the islands.

#### For Everyone's Amusement

Your group will have the time of their life at the Roller Coaster Capital of the World, or one of our other exciting amusement destinations. Whether they would rather be riding a wave at **Kalahari Resorts & Conventions**, shooting down a slide at **Great Wolf Lodge**, or dropping from 300 ft. up in the sky at **Cedar Point Amusement Park**, the Shores & Islands Ohio region is sure to make a group outing unforgettable.

Shores & Islands Ohio is ready to welcome all groups. Our team can help put together customized itineraries for your needs. Let us help plan your group adventure!



## A Perfect Wedding Day

Shores & Islands Ohio is the ideal location for your affordable destination wedding. From engagement, to anniversary, and all celebrations in between, let us help you plan your dream events. Island bachelor/ bachelorette parties, unique rehearsal dinner venues, and spacious outdoor or lakeside weddings are all possibilities when you hold your festivities with us.

Visit groups.SHORESandISLANDS.com for more info.



Student Group Travel

# Fun Fact Shores & Islands Ohio offers 8,000+ lodging rooms.

10 TI	nings to Do for
Your	Group Outing
1.	Cedar Point Amusement Park
2.	Ferry to Islands
3.	Golf Outing
4.	Kayaking & Canoeing
5.	Fishing Charters
6.	Exploring Wineries & The Cheers Trail
7.	Museums and Historical Sites
8.	Schedel Arboretum & Gardens
9.	Historical Lighthouses
10.	Cruise Goodtime Lake Erie Island Cruises



# **Groups That Will Love Shores & Islands Ohio**

- 1 Work Outings
- 2 Family Reunions
- 3 Holiday Parties
- 4 School Trips
- 5 Birthday Celebrations
- 6 Team Retreats

- 7 Sport Teams
- 8 High School Reunions
- Bachelor/Bachelorette Parties
- Golf Outings
- 11 Retirement Parties

# EXPLORE BY Adventure



Did you know?

Each season Cedar Point uses 188,750 pounds of potatoes for the famous fresh-cut-fries. That's 95 tons!

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# family entertainment Fun For AU

Shores & Islands Ohio is made for families! With something for everyone, there's no shortage of fun and engaging activities. The whole family will love making vacation memories together.

# Common Ground Zipline Canopy Tours

Take family adventures to the sky with Common Ground's two-and-a-half-hour zipline tour. Anyone age 10 and up can fly, tree-by-tree, through the beautiful Vermilion River Valley enjoying incredible views via seven zips, 13 platforms, two aerial bridges, two spiral staircases, a unique "floating" staircase, and a final rappel at the end.

Fun Fact The highest point on the treetops

tour reaches 75 ft. above the Vermilion River and the longest zip is 850 ft.!



# **12 Family Fun Must-do's**

- Cruise to an island and take a tour, or rent a golf cart or bicycle and ride along the water's edge at your own pace.
- 2 Go to Cedar Point and be thrilled by the three large kid's areas or the talent of live entertainers.
- 3 Spend an entire day or two splashing in a refreshing, multi-activity water park.
- Fish Lake Erie, or one of the many tributaries that flow into it, for the freshest catch of the day.
- Enjoy Lake Erie and go kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, sailing, parasailing, boating, or Jet Skiing.
- B Photograph the lighthouses and climb the spiral staircase to the top of the Marblehead Lighthouse to enjoy the spectacular view.
- Explore numerous museums and enjoy hands-on exhibits or a docent's account.
- 8 Sunbathe or show off your talents building sandcastles at the beach.
- I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Get the area's favorite treat, direct from the dairy or at a number of locations throughout the region.
- Attend an annual festival and enjoy the entertainment while savoring the harvests of the season.
- Walk a nature trail to enjoy the native flora and fauna of the region.
- Visit an animal park and pet, feed, or even ride one of the animals.

Fun Fact Giraffe tongues are bluish-purple and between 45 and 50 cm long.

# **Splish Splash!**

Make a splash and enjoy summertime temperatures year-round at three indoor water park resorts! Each resort features themed attractions, appealing to a variety of ages and thrill-levels. These all-under-one-roof experiences allow visitors to play, stay, and experience a getaway unlike anything else in Ohio. Each of these resorts features a variety of on-site dining options tempting all types of appetites.

The North Woods-themed **Great Wolf Lodge** appeals to families with younger children due to its smaller size and somewhat tamer water park attractions. In addition to the water park, Great Wolf features character appearances, bowling, sluice mining, arcade, MagiQuest interactive adventure, and a Build-A-Bear<sup>™</sup>. There are also seasonal special events and kids' activities offered all day long.

The Caribbean meets Sandusky at **Castaway Bay Indoor Waterpark** by Cedar Point Resorts. Appealing to guests of all ages, Castaway Bay's tropical-themed resort transports guests to an island paradise filled with colorful characters. The water park features a 100,000-gallon wave pool plus 10 water slides. The resort also has a stateof-the-art arcade and the Castaway Play children's activity center. The Midwest's largest indoor water park resides at **Kalahari Resorts & Conventions**. The resort boasts a massive outdoor water park during the warmer months. The water park also features adults-only areas with a swim-up bar and a body surfing simulator. Kalahari's African-themed facility offers a mega-arcade, escape rooms, virtual reality, laser tag, mini-bowling, as well as an outdoor adventure park filled with ziplines, rock wall, and safari animals. This giant resort features a convention center and **Spa Kalahari and Salon**.

# **Get a Little Wild!**

Take the family out to experience the wild side of Shores & Islands Ohio with some animal adventures. Start at **African Safari Wildlife Park** where you can drive your personal vehicle to see llama, deer, bison, giraffe, zebra, and more. You can also leave the car for the walk-thru safari, which includes whitehanded gibbon, porcupine, wallaby, the aviary adventure, and more. Head over to **Lagoon Deer Park** for a unique walk-thru petting zoo with 200 animals, including deer, llama, goats, sheep, elk, miniature donkeys, and more. Hand-feed animals of all ages, with more than 75 babies born each year!

# RELAX & SIP Ready to Chill

Couples looking to relax and recharge can find plenty of ways to do so here. Whether it's a romantic celebration, a fun adventure, discovering new tastes, or a chance to escape the day-to-day, Shores & Islands Ohio is the place to be.

# Plan a Romantic & Relaxing Weekend

# A FONDNESS FOR WINE

The region is home to over a dozen wineries like **Rocky Point Winery**, just minutes away from **Marblehead Lighthouse**.

**Heineman Winery** has a wine garden where you can relax and sip wines. You can also tour the winery and explore Crystal Cave.

Enjoy a modern tasting room like **Quarry Hill Winery**, or perhaps live entertainment and wine at **Sandy Ridge Vineyards** & Mercantile.

Let someone else plan your winery tour for you! **Firelands Adventure Tours** offers two different 4-hour winery tours throughout the region in a climate-controlled, comfortable 18-passenger bus. Tours begin and end in downtown Sandusky and include three unique winery stops. These tours are VIP, all-inclusive wine-tasting events, that include wines paired with delicious snacks, interesting discussions with wine makers and winery staff, an informative tour of the production facilities, and gratuities for one all-inclusive price.



# RELAX AND REJUVENATE

Treat yourself with an experience at **Spa Kalahari & Salon** or **Spa Catawba** with a massage, facial, or foot treatment. Revitalize your health and wellness with a facial, filler, or body treatment at **Lake Erie Aesthetics & Wellness** med spa. Re-set your souls with a morning of beach yoga, offered at several locations throughout the region.

# FINE DINING

At times, the most romantic thing a couple can do together is share a meal at an elegant restaurant. Enjoy an intimate gourmet dinner at a number of amazing eateries, such as **Bay Harbor Waterfront Dining**, Ørchard Bar and Table, or The Miller's Table. Relish in the upscale experience at Chez Françios/ Touché Wine & Martini Bar or J Bistro. In addition, explore casual culinary experiences that will delight, like Ciao Bella Ristorante Italiano in Port Clinton, where you can appreciate fine craft cocktails, local brews and wines, and unique libations.

# COZY RETREATS

An integral part of your romantic weekend getaway is where you stay. With accommodations to match every romantic mood: waterfront tiny homes or RV sites at **Bayfront Resort at Cross View**, vacation rentals like **The Washington**, or a boutique hotel like **Hotel Kilbourne** in the heart of the city. Try an updated bed and breakfast like **Captain Montague's** or a cozy cottage at **Lakeside Chautauqua**. For a true coastal getaway stay on the water with **SõLSTAY** featuring cozy houseboats, or head to South Bass Island for a nautical stay at the **Anchor Inn Boutique Hotel**.

# Take a Stroll on the Shore

What's more romantic than a peaceful walk on the beach during sunrise or sunset hours? Shores & Islands Ohio offers more than two dozen beaches and undisturbed coastlines for dipping your toes in the surf.

#### The area's popular beaches:

Bettinger Park Beach (Lakeside)

Cedar Point Beach (Sandusky)

East Harbor State Park (Marblehead)

Kelleys Island State Park Beach

Lakefront Park/Port Clinton City Beach

Main Street Beach (Vermilion)

Nickel Plate Beach (Huron)

# EXPLORE over **150+ miles** of rejuvenating shoreline in Shores & Islands Ohio!



# Cheers Trail Digital Passport

A fun way to sample the area's craft beverage scene is through the self-guided Shores & Islands Ohio Cheers Trail, featuring 20+ of the best libations makers Ohio has to offer. Now a digital passport, sign up online and earn points just by checking in at different trail locations including wineries, breweries, distilleries, and cideries. Points can be redeemed for prizes at the Shores & Islands Ohio welcome centers with the first prize redemption coming after visiting just five locations.

Your adventure will take you across northern Ohio from Avon Lake to Helena, and to Catawba where you will find **Twin Oast Brewery**, offering craft-made beers and food mixing traditional German offerings with a modern American sentiment, also known as one of Ohio's premiere fruit-based sour beer brewers. **Gideon Owen Wine Company** is a 150-year-old winery in Catawba. It has recently undergone a complete overhaul to both its indoor and outdoor spaces, menu, and more. It's now a perfect blend of historic charm with an 1872 wine cellar, modern patio with fire pits, fine dining, and a wine bar. Then to Sandusky's Firelands Winery to enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the wine-making and bottling process. Next, downtown to Everwild Spirits, a craft bourbon distillery producing whiskeys and craft cocktails that represent the local land and grains native to Ohio. Berlin Heights offers the very unique Redhead Ciderhouse at Burnham Orchards. Redhead Ciderhouse is an estate cidery who grows, presses, and ferments on site. Hard ciders can be sampled in the tasting room or purchased to-go at the orchard's market. Don't forget to visit the island locations during the warmer months, as the Cheers Trail is a yearround experience. Kelleys Island offers three locations including Crooked Tree Vineyard. While South Bass Island features two wineries along with Put-in-Bay Brewery & Distillery.

These are just a few locations the Cheers Trail will lead you to on your journey of experiencing some of the best local flavors, culture, and history.



CHEERS TRAIL Scan for all Cheers Trail locations and more info

# THRILLS & EXCITEMENT Your Heart Will Race

Does the thought of screaming down a 300-ft.-tall hill, at speeds exceeding almost all legal limits, sound appealing to you? Do you crave the sensation of flying through the air and defying gravity whenever you can? If so, then Shores & Islands Ohio is your nirvana and we have something for you!

# **ADVENTURES ON THE OPEN WATER**

## Parasailing

Parasailing offers a thrilling, bird's-eye view of Lake Erie. **North Coast Parasail & Water Sports** offers excitement right at Cedar Point Beach, floating above the lake from 300 ft. up to 800 ft. of tow line alongside roller coasters.

#### Jet Skis & WaveRunners

Cool off on a hot day with an exhilarating ride on a Jet Ski which can be rented on the mainland at **North Coast Parasail & Water Sports** in Sandusky. On South Bass Island, **Put-in-Bay Watercraft Rental** offers Jet Skis and power boats for two to four riders. **Vermilion Marina** offers a modern rental fleet of fishing boats, WaveRunners, pontoons, and tritoons.

#### **Paddles & Kayaks**

Huron – Bikini Bottom Watersports Huron – Lake Erie Adventure Company Huron – The Paddle Shack (Nickel Plate Beach) Kelleys Island – Put-in-Bay Watercraft Rental Marblehead – Lakeside Chautauqua Watercraft Rentals also offers Sunfish sail boats Port Clinton/Oak Harbor – Portage River Paddling Company

Put-in-Bay – Kayak the Bay, LTD
Put-in-Bay – Put-in-Bay Watercraft Rental
Sandusky – North Coast Parasail & Water Sports
Sandusky – Sandusky Bayshore KOA Holiday Campground (Guests only)
Sandusky – SõLSTAY
Vermilion – West River Paddle Sports



# It's a must

To operate a watercraft, you must be 16 yrs. and older.



# Fun Fact

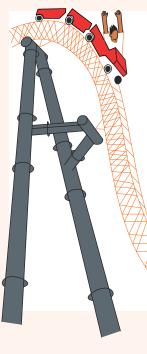
Kalahari Resorts & Conventions' 173,000 sq. ft. indoor water park is the largest in the Midwest.

# **10 Thrills Trail Activities That Will**

# Take You to the Edge

# and Back

- Riding the world-record-breaking Top Thrill 2 coaster at Cedar Point
- 2 Standing 317 ft. above Lake Erie on the observation deck at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial
- 3 Cruising to Put-in-Bay on the top deck of the Jet Express
- 4 Plummeting down Extreme Rush water slide at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions
- 5 Zip-lining above, and through the tree tops at Common Ground Canopy Tours
- Experiencing a helicopter or airplane ride over the islands
- Navigating the high-ropes course at Sports Force Parks at Cedar Point Sports Center
- B Parasailing high above Lake Erie with Put-in-Bay Parasail
- Walking through one of the USA's scariest Haunted Houses at Ghostly Manor Thrill Center
- Riding a WaveRunner from Put-in-Bay Watercraft Rental



# **Cedar Point**

# 61,557 ft. of roller coaster track thrills

Cedar Point is home to 69 rides, including exhilarating roller coasters like Steel Vengeance® and Millennium Force®.

New for 2024, Cedar Point introduces Top Thrill 2<sup>®</sup>, the world's tallest and fastest triple-launch strata coaster! It joins a stellar line-up of 18 coasters, along with the Wild Mouse<sup>®</sup> spinning family coaster, which debuted just last year in The Boardwalk area of the park. The Boardwalk is a modern-day take on Cedar Point's lakeside experience of the past and includes the Grand Pavilion dining venue overlooking the famous Cedar Point beach.

Stay longer and play longer by visiting Cedar Point Shores Waterpark, an 18-acre water-lover's paradise with attractions for thrill-lovers and children alike.

> Guests who stay at a Cedar Point Resort enjoy savings on admission tickets and early entry one hour before the park opens to the general public.

# FISHING & CHARTERS Time to Get Reel

No matter the season, Shores & Islands Ohio is a freshwater fishing hot spot where both pro anglers and beginners alike join in the fishing fun. To diehards, we're known as the "Walleye Capital of the World," but you can also find perch, smallmouth bass, and number of other species.

# Shore Fishing

# Lake Erie Shoreline

Shores & Islands Ohio abounds with fishing opportunities on the Lake Erie shoreline! In the North Shores region, **Marblehead Lighthouse State Park** offers beautiful



lake views and scenic fishing from the rocky shoreline. Another hot spot is the pier at **Catawba Island State Park**; here you can fish all afternoon and then enjoy the sunset! In our Central and East shores regions, **Shelby Street Boat Ramp**, in Sandusky, and the mile-long **Huron Lighthouse & Fishing Pier**, both offer unique venues and the opportunity to catch a variety of fish. Adjacent to Vermilion's Main Street Beach, the **Stone Pier** is another great spot to fish. Shore fishing catches include: bass, catfish, crappie, walleye (fall), and perch (early fall).

# Inland Fishing

While mostly known for the beautiful **Lake Erie** shoreline, Shores & Islands Ohio also contains many rivers and tributaries with unique habitats. The **Portage River** boasts several fishing areas in Port Clinton and Oak Harbor, while the **Vermilion** and **Huron** rivers offer similar catches. There are even several areas of **Cold Creek** that offer the chance to fish for trout! Inland river catches include: bass, catfish, crappie, trout (at Cold Creek), and walleye (spring).





#### Quick Tips

Never wait for the last minute to head for safe harbor. Lake Erie is the shallowest of the Great Lakes, it stirs up quickly in stormy weather.

# Charter Fishing

#### **Private Charters**

You can fish the open waters of Lake Erie even if you don't own a boat. Private fishing charters are easily arranged from one of many captains in the region. These charters accommodate four to six people; however, some companies have larger boats, or can offer multiple vessels for larger groups. Tibbels Fishing Charter Service, Dunlap's Fishing Service, and Shore Nuf are private boat companies who will "hook" you up.

#### Walk-on Charters

Also known as head boats (because you are paying "by the head"), these watercraft accommodate 25-40+ passengers and often include bait. Walk-on charters have a pre-set schedule, most frequently leaving twice a day: in early morning and late afternoon. Shore Nuf and Tibbels Charter Service are popular walk-on options for instant fishing.

#### **Fishy Facts**



Walleye are named for their pearlescent eyes, which contain a reflective pigment to help them see in murky or dark waters.



The Ohio weight record for a walleye is over 16 lbs. and a perch is 2.86 lbs.



The lake sturgeon, a prehistoric species living at the bottom of Lake Erie, can live to be 150 yrs. old.



Lake Erie is the only Great Lake that can freeze over entirely, allowing for great ice fishing.



#### FISHING LICENSE

Scan for ODNR fishing license information and current rates

Lake Erie Fishing Hotline 888.466.5347

Shores & Islands Ohio 419.734.4386 | 800.441.1271 shoresandislands.com

Call for marine forecasts and updated fishing reports.

**National Weather Service** Marine Radio VHF-FM 162.400 MHZ (WX2)

Use this station to keep updated about the weather.

**ODNR-Division of Wildlife** 305 E. Shoreline Dr., Sandusky 419.625.8062 | 800.945.3543 wildlife.ohiodnr.gov

Fishing licenses and regulation information is available from most sporting goods stores, bait shops, and ODNR-Division of Wildlife.

**U.S. Coast Guard Station** 606 Prairie St., Marblehead 419.798.4445 | uscg.mil

Use VHF-FM channel 16 to report a maritime emergency, suspicious activity, or a violation of law.

#### **ODNR-Division of Parks** and Watercraft

1407 Cleveland Rd. (US 6) Sandusky 419.621.1302 | 877.426.2837 watercraft.ohiodnr.gov

Info on recreational boating practices, boat registration, watercraft regulations, and boating laws.

# HISTORY & CULTURE

Nestled between the towering roller coasters and the miles of relaxing sandy beaches of Shores & Islands Ohio are unique and profound works of art and history. Several locations throughout the region will fill your soul with inspiration and appreciation.

#### **History is Plentiful**

Plan to visit the early boyhood home of Thomas Edison in Milan, Ohio. **Edison Birthplace** features a collection of rare early inventions, documents, and family momentos.

**Historic Lyme Village** represents life in the Firelands from the arrival of the first settlers. The John Wright Mansion is a Second Empire Victorian home built around 1880. The John Seymour House, an 1836 Greek Revival House, was used as a stop on the Underground Railroad. The village also is home to other 19th century buildings including log homes, barns, a one-room school, general store, town hall, and the Detterman Log Church.

On the north side of Kelleys Island, you can look down on the immense 400-ft. long grooves at **Glacial Grooves Geological Preserve**. A National Natural Landmark, the preserve contains marine fossils that are 350 to 400 million years old.



Experience Sandusky's history, from before the War of 1812 to the present, within the four floors of exhibits at **Follett House Museum** including Johnson's Island Prison info and artifacts.

Located in a Methodist chapel built in 1875, **Heritage Hall Museum** showcases 150 years of Lakeside, Marblehead Peninsula, and Chautauqua Movement history. Historicallythemed treasure hunts available for children.

The three-story **Cooke-Dorn House Historic Site** features a glass collection, antique furnishings, greenhouse, and souvenirs. Free admission.



#### THE ARTS GARAGE

A former City of Port Clinton equipment garage is now a cultural arts center. Watch artists in action and peruse art for purchase at The Arts Garage (TAG), operated by the Greater Port Clinton Area Arts Council. TAG is a central space for artists to meet, learn, and grow. They also offer numerous classes, as well as hosting events and fundraisers benefiting the local arts community.

#### **Fill Your Soul with**

## Inspiration on the Fine Art Trail

No visit to Kelleys Island is complete without an immersive walk through **Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Garden** which features two on-site studios, a gallery, and an outdoor sculpture garden.

Explore many sculptures in various outdoor locations throughout downtown Sandusky, provided by the **Midwest Sculpture Initiative** and the **Lange Trust of the Sandusky Library**.

East Shores has a vibrant arts community, from the Vermilion Arts Guild Gallery, a collective of local artists, to the Milan Museum's Galpin Glass Gallery, where you will explore European and American glass, including Chihuly.

Immerse yourself in your natural surroundings and appreciate the art of horticulture as you walk through the 77-acre **Schoepfle Garden** which features natural art in the form of 20 acres of topiaries, rose gardens, and a children's garden with a working carousel.

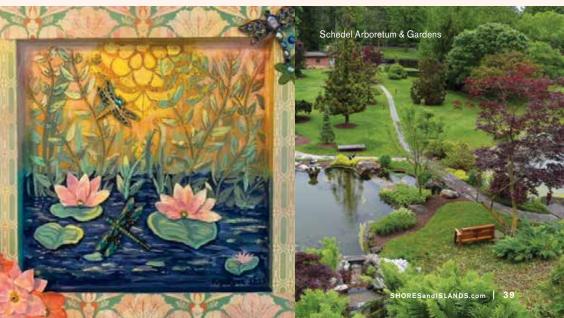
Located at Sandusky High School, the **Sandusky Cultural Center** offers a gallery filled with rotating educational and entertaining exhibits introducing complex issues.

#### **Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto & Stations**

is a replica of the world-famous Grotto in Lourdes, France. It is made up of 14 Stations of the Cross with each station's bronze reliefs made and brought from Italy. The grotto is made from one million pounds of tufa rock.

Schedel Arboretum & Gardens is a 17-acre arboretum featuring a Japanese garden, a kitchen garden with more than 80 varieties of ornamental hot peppers, a bonsai collection, water gardens, perennial gardens, and dozens of flower gardens featuring over 10,000 annuals. Walking paths and gardens feature beautiful statues. The on-site **Blair Museum of Lithophanes** houses the largest collection in the world consisting of some 2,300 pieces and is the only lithophane museum in the United States.





# FESTIVE NIGHTLIFE Paint The Town

The Lake Erie coastline, between Toledo and Cleveland and the nearby islands, has long been known as one of Ohio's best playgrounds; with recreational opportunities that include far more than boating, fishing, and sightseeing.

#### HEAD OUT FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING

You deserve more than a typical night out and average bar drinks. In Shores & Islands Ohio, there are a number of great places with mixologists crafting specialty cocktails made with freshly-sourced ingredients and high-end liquors. Want a quiet setting? **Red Moon Speakeasy** in the historic Park Hotel on Put-in-Bay offers a cozy vibe in contrast to a vibrant island bar scene. **The Coop at the Ørchard Farm Stand**, nestled in a chicken coop and lush garden setting with



firepits, features premium spirits with guest favorites including the dirty bird and shut the cluck up. Crush Wine Bar in Sandusky offers an impressive wine selection with wine by the taste, glass, and bottle. Additionally, in season, enjoy one of downtown's most popular and comfy patios with a sangria or frozen wine slushie. Nearby, Everwild Spirits offers house-distilled bourbon as well as unique hand-crafted cocktails. They even have Bourbon Shanties you can rent year-round! Craving a tropical drink inspired by the beaches and islands? Check out Hidden Beach Bar in Marblehead or Paddle Bar in Sandusky. While checking out Music on Madison in downtown Port Clinton, be sure to stop into Rosie's Bar & Grill for a signature cocktail. Several communities offer Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas (DORA) where you can get your beverages to-go and enjoy while shopping, strolling, or relaxing by the

## Ferry to The Fun

By late-May, South Bass and Kelleys island's modest populations multiply tenfold and become Midwest hot spots. Put-in-Bay is a popular choice for girlfriend getaways, bachelor parties, and reunions. Most restaurants and bars have a resort motif, while some hotels even encourage guests to check out their poolside tiki bars. Umbrella drinks aside, visitors don't have to get caught up in the evening fun to appreciate the island's offerings. Kelleys Island offers more of a chill vibe, popular with boaters and outdoor enthusiasts. The fun goes up when the sun goes down!



#### Live Music is the Best Music

#### **ROCK THE LAKE**

From live entertainment, to rock concerts and full-scale outdoor music festivals, we know how to have a good time. Read on, if you're ready to rock.

#### MUSIC FESTIVALS

Enjoy outdoor venues where you can bring your own chairs or relax on a blanket for a day full of multiple artists. Visit food trucks and beer tents and dance around in the grass. Music festivals allow you to catch a variety of acts on one stage.

**Bash on the Bay Music Fest** – A two-day event featuring Jelly Roll and Hardy at Put-in-Bay Airport in August.

Middle Bass Island Music Festival – A full-day of fun eclectic music held on the patio of the Lonz Winery at Middle Bass Island State Park in July.

#### **ROCKIN' THE SHORES**

Several communities host a regular outdoor music series, with a variety of genres, touring acts, and popular local bands. Don't miss the Main Street Port Clinton Entertainment District stage for concerts in downtown Port Clinton, Party at the Pier at Sandusky's Jackson Street Pier, Live at the Lighthouse at Vermilion's Main Street Beach, or Boppin' on the Basin at the Huron Boat Basin Amphitheater. Several indoor venues are popular for concerts, including Hoover Auditorium at Lakeside Chautauqua and Sandusky State Theatre, re-opening in 2024. The area also abounds with live entertainment at bars and taverns almost nightly, but especially on the weekends.

#### Did you know?

Some of the biggest names in music have played Bash on the Bay including Kid Rock, Keith Urban, and Zac Brown Band.



#### Throw ordinary nights at the wall

Whether you want to unleash your inner Viking with ax throwing, or sip on a tasty brew, it's all under one roof at the Marketplace Downtown. The hot sport of ax throwing is quickly gaining popularity all over the U.S., and you can try it for yourself at Noble Axes. Clubhouse No.3 SportSocial, also in downtown Sandusky, offers the latest in gaming simulators to challenge your crew in golf, baseball, football, soccer, and more.

#### **FIND YOUR INNER VIKING**

# QUIRKY & HIDDEN GEMS The Path Less Traveled

Looking to go off-the-beaten path? Want to find the truly original and quirky Shores & Islands Ohio attractions? Explore beyond the shores and find the hidden gems.

#### **The Postcard Project**

Vermilion is known for its quaint downtown and lakeside charm. Now it is also known for its public art! Vermilion's first public art installation, *The Postcard Project*, features 15 murals of vintage postcards spread around the waterfront town. This trail is an ode to Vermilion's heritage as a vacation destination. Some of the images feature scenes from vintage postcards that are as old as 100 years! Viewing the murals is a great activity any time of the year, with ten of them located in the historic downtown district making for a great walkable tour. A keepsake tour guide is available from Main Street Vermilion.



#### POSTCARD PROJECT

Scan for the list of artwork locations and artist info





#### Unique Stays You Won't Want to Leave

Looking for a truly unique vacation rental? Here are just a few of the distinctively different options:

**Glass House – Sandusky** – This waterfront vacation home was designed by an associate of Frank Lloyd Wright.

Millsite Lodge – Sandusky – Great for larger groups. Stay in the farmhouse or converted horse stables and enjoy on-site trout fishing.

**The Lodge at Bayview** – **Bay View** – This spacious lodge is a haven for hunting groups, anglers, birders, or family reunions.

Milan Inn-tiques – Milan – An original stagecoach inn, built in 1845, is within walking distance of historic sites, such as Edison Birthplace, shops, restaurants, and more. Sleeping up to eight adults, it offers a unique experience for vacations, special events, meetings, and family gatherings.

Kelleys Island State Park Yurts – Kelleys Island – Two premium yurts offer lakeside accommodations with canvas walls and roof; fully-furnished and with an efficiency kitchen.

**All Star Ohio House – Put-in-Bay** – For the die-hard Buckeyes fans, this OSU-themed Victorian home sleeps 22 with a split floor plan.

To book one of these unique rentals visit SHORESandISLANDS.com/places-to-stay

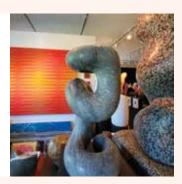


#### Wylie the Walleye

Port Clinton is known as the Walleye Capital of the World. So what else would they do on the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve but lower a 20-ft., 600 lb. walleye from the sky? Wylie the Walleye has been descending by crane upon the town's 6,000 inhabitants for more than two decades, during which time it has grown from a modest specimen to the monster it is today.

#### Unique art at Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Garden

In 2000, Mr. Herndon built his first gallery on Kelleys Island in a two-story building. Since then, he has been developing a sculpture garden in a ten-acre area around the gallery. Both are free to visit and you can do a quick stroll through the gardens or poke your head into the artist studio.

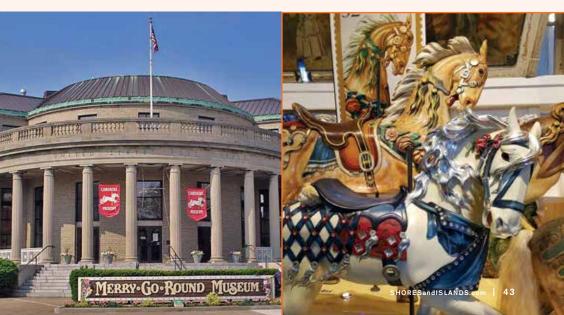


#### **Merry-Go-Round Museum**

Merry-Go-Round Museum in Sandusky displays artifacts that add to the public's awareness, knowledge, and appreciation of the history of the carousel. Dentzel carving shop tools are a permanent exhibit, along with a working

#### Fun Fact

Historic carousels from all over the U.S. are sent to the Merry-Go-Round Museum for restoration. woodcarving shop, and the museum's own carousel, (circa 1939, Allan Herschell Corporation). The museum continues to seek artifacts from amusement parks, carnivals, and private individuals, and encourages long and short-term loans of memorabilia and antiques from earlier periods of the amusement and carousel industries. Visitors might choose to ride Stargazer, the museum carousel's lead horse, or a variety of other animals, including sea serpents and a pig!



# EXPLORE BY Season

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## **Did you know?**

Our region is colorful year-round! Fall in love with Shores & Islands Ohio all over again in autumn. Milder weather allows visitors to continue to enjoy the outdoors, witness fall bird migration, and appreciate the beauty of changing seasons.

Common Ground Canopy Tours

# spring season Time To Bloom

Many schools will be having spring break before you know it, baseball season will start, birds will migrate north, and our majestic Great Lake will come to life once again for fishing and ferry trips to the islands.

#### **SPRING OUT OF HIBERNATION AND INTO NATURE**



Spring is in the air! The season is about rebirth, getting outdoors, and enjoying all that nature has to offer. Experience nature's renewal with a leisurely stroll through **Schedel Arboretum & Gardens** or **James H. McBride Arboretum**.

Trek a trail at **Old Woman Creek State Nature Preserve, East Harbor State Park**, or one of several **Erie MetroParks**. Visit from early to mid-May when the endangered Lakeside Daisy is in bloom! It grows on the **Marblehead Peninsula** at **Lakeside Daisy State Nature Preserve** and is the only natural U.S. population of this wildflower.

**SPRING TO DO** 

spring landing page

Scan for all kinds of fun on our

The area is also known for its birding during the spring migration. There's even a festival dedicated to our feathered friends—the **Biggest Week in American Birding**, May 3-12. Grab your binoculars and check out the **Warbler Capital of the World** at locations like **Magee Marsh Wildlife Area**, **Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve**, and **Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge**.



Spring rain? We Got You Covered. Literally

- An indoor water park like Castaway Bay by Cedar Point Resorts makes an ideal getaway, rain or shine.
- Visit a museum full of rare and informative exhibits such as those found at Liberty Aviation Museum or Maritime Museum of Sandusky.
- 3 Take an educational trip to **Edison Birthplace**.

- Swing away at Clubhouse No.3 SportSocial, featuring golf simulators/ multi-sport simulated games.
- One-hour guided tour through Seneca Caverns that leads you through seven levels.
- 6 Let the kids run wild at Ghostly Manor Thrill Center with roller skating, laser tag, bounce houses, and more. Play mini golf indoors.

# SUMMER SEASON Soak In The Sun

With the impressive Lake Erie coastline and a remarkable array of seasonal attractions, summer is when Shores & Islands Ohio shines!



#### Honestly, everything is better in summer

Tour wineries, hike nature preserves, play mini golf, shop 'til you drop, or get your fill of tasty eats on the islands. Familyfun attractions and outdoor water parks will keep all ages entertained. Explore the shore at a number of local beaches or take to the water for some fun with Jet Ski, kayak, or paddle board rentals. Enjoy the view from above with a parasailing adventure. Whatever your trip entails, you can be sure that



**SUMMER FUN** Scan for the link to view our summer landing page

Shores & Islands Ohio will make it perfect.

#### Must-do Summer Fun

#### EAT ICE CREAM

Try 50 flavors of farm-fresh goodness at **Toft Dairy Ice Cream Parlor** in Sandusky—Ohio's oldest dairy. Or nab it at other local places, such as **Granny Joe's Ice Creamatorium**, **Doughin' Crazy**, and **Toft's on 250**. Grab a flurry or sundae from **Dairy Isle** or **DQ Grill & Chill Orange Julius**<sup>®</sup>. Or, try gelato at **Vine & Olive** for something different.

#### CART AROUND THE ISLANDS

If you can, go mid-week to avoid the weekend crowds—you'll still have a great time touring Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass Island, or Kelleys Island via golf cart or bicycle. There are plenty of delicious dining options, and the views are unmatched! Find a quiet spot near the shore to soak up the summer island vibes.

#### GO TO A CONCERT OR FESTIVAL

Sandusky's Party at the Pier and Port Clinton's The District have great concerts all summer long. Don't miss the Marblehead Perch Fest, Milan Melon Festival, and Elmore's Grub & Suds Motorcycle Rally.

#### GET ON A BOAT

Try your hand on a fishing charter with Dunlap's Fishing Charter Service. If floating is more your thing, charter a pleasure cruise with Lake Erie Sailing Charters or Catawba Cruising. Join a fun public cruise with Goodtime Lake Erie Island Cruises. Take the Vermilion River Scenic Cruises on the Mystic Belle, or ride a ferry to one of the islands.

# FALL SEASON Pick of The Patch

Fall in love with Shores & Islands Ohio all over again in the autumn, when the summer crowd goes home, but the attractions and events keep going. Milder weather allows visitors to continue to enjoy the beauty of changing colors!

#### **Spooks & Scares.**

#### **Beers & Cheers.**

Fans of haunted houses will not want to miss a visit to Ghostly Manor Thrill Center, especially during **Lake Eerie Fearfest**! Cedar Point's **HalloWeekends** are also legendary. The scares are more thrilling than a ride on Top Thrill 2<sup>™</sup>! If you enjoy spine-tingling ghost stories, don't miss **Haunted Sandusky Tours** with Firelands Adventure Tours.

Taste craft beverages made from the fruits harvested each year at a winery or brewery on the **Cheers Trail**. With a vast selection of establishments across the region offering tasting rooms, plenty of outdoor seating, and delicious food, you'll find the perfect spot to welcome the fall season.

Lastly, what would fall be without a traditional **German Oktoberfest** or **Island Hops & Vine Festival** on Put-in-Bay?

#### AUTUMN VIBES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Does it get more autumn than apple or pumpkin picking? Whether a family tradition or a new adventure, be sure to hit up a local orchard for the best fruits of the season.

#### **Get Festive this Fall:**

#### Harvest Festival at Ørchard Farm Stand, Catawba

A weekend-long celebration includes a farm-to-table dinner with a guest chef, outdoor cooking classes, shopping, and more.

#### Huron Pumpkin Fest, Huron

Take in the sights, sounds, and smells of the season at a family-fun festival.

#### Apple Peak Harvest Celebration, Quarry Hill Orchards, Berlin Heights

Apple picking, farmers market, live music, food trucks, hayrides, wine tasting, crafts, local vendors, and more.

#### Erie MetroParks Osborn Fall Fest, Huron

Live animals, tractors, pumpkin painting, kid's games, petting zoo, hayrides, face painting, food trucks, and more.

FALL EVENTS Scan for a full list of fall events and festivals

SHORES & ISLANDS OHIO PLAY + STAY

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# winter season Cold As Ice

Best known as the Midwest's summertime playground, Shores & Islands Ohio is surprisingly an amazing winter and holiday getaway as well. Come celebrate the season along the shore this winter and make memories for years to come.

## Top 6 Ways to

#### **Embrace the Cold**

#### 1 Ice Skating

**Civista Bank Ice Skating Rink** will be open at downtown Sandusky's **Jackson Street Pier** and a bring-your-own-skates rink located in Huron at **Andrew L. Fabens Memorial Park**.

#### 2 Indoor Water Parks

Take the chill out of a snow-filled day with 85°F temperatures inside, water slides and lazy rivers at Great Wolf Lodge, Castaway Bay Indoor Water Park by Cedar Point Resorts, and Kalahari Resorts & Conventions.

#### **3** Play Some Golf

Yes, you can play golf indoors with a simulator at **Clubhouse No.3 SportSocial** playing courses all over the world.

#### Sip Some Wine by a Fire

Enjoy a glass of wine and relax by the fireplace at **Quarry Hill Winery** or by the fireplace in the tasting room at **Chateau Winery & Vineyard**.

#### **5** View "Ice Shove" Formations

When the lake thaws a bit and the wind blows in the right direction, ice formations can be viewed near several shorelines.

#### **6** Get Toasty with Warm Coffee

Check out local coffee shops like **Gathering Grounds Coffee House** for "warm your soul" coffee and hot chocolate drinks.

# Check It Out! See the events calendar on page 12 for a list of some of the area's special event happenings.



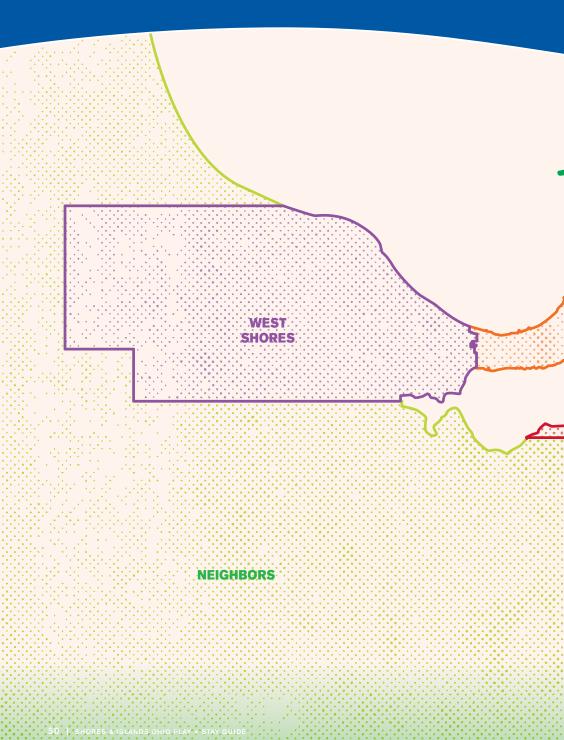
WINTER FUN Scan for ways to chill out in Shores & Islands Ohio



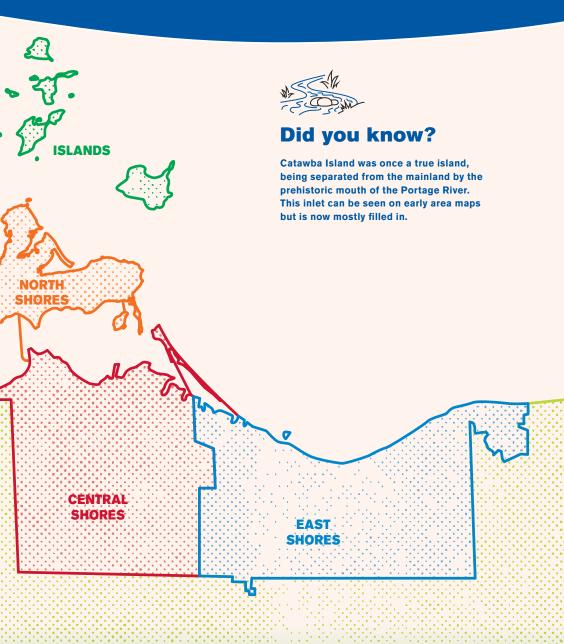
#### ICE FISHING ON LAKE ERIE

During the winter, if the weather conditions are right, Lake Erie becomes home to colorful ice shanty villages with structures big and small. Ice anglers and professional guides measure the ice thickness and wait for the perfect moment to get out and catch perch and walleye. While you can, go ice fishing right off the mainland. Up your game a little and charter a flight to Put-in-Bay or Kelleys Island for a once-in-a-lifetime experience on the ice.

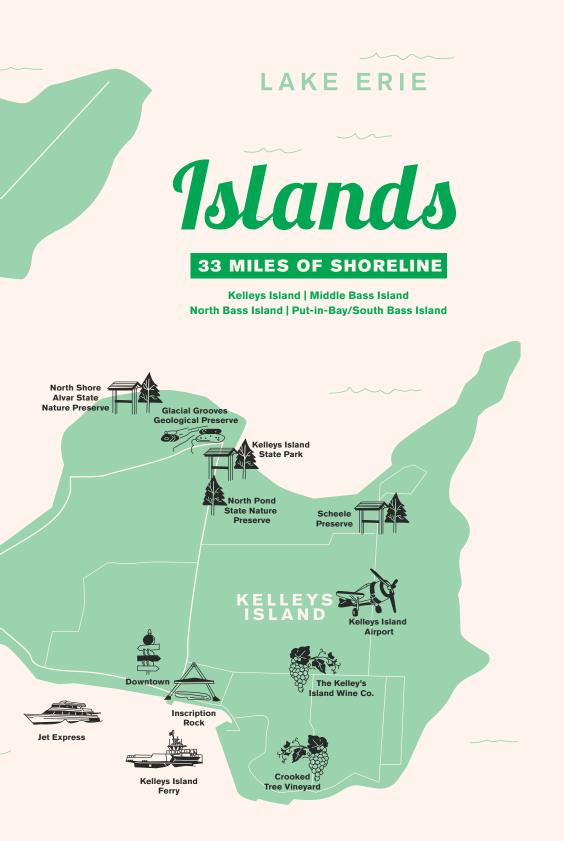




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# ISLANDS About The Region

Ready for some island time? Each of the Lake Erie islands has its own unique personality, but all are wonderful places to visit. Find out what makes each island special and get ready for some fun.

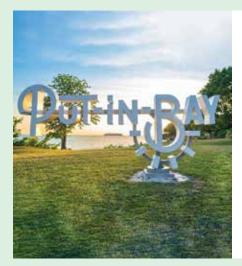
#### **4 DISTINCT ISLANDS TO EXPLORE**

South Bass Island/Put-in-Bay, has been an ideal stopover for boaters ever since early French and English explorers "put in at the bay." By 1864, winemaking established the island as a visitor destination. Today more than 1.5 million people annually enjoy the quaintness of small-town life, with Victorianera buildings, and resort community amenities. Put-in-Bay offers a wide variety of activities for the entire family. Most tour the island by bicycle or golf cart. When the sun goes down, Put-in-Bay lights up with exciting nightlife; dozens of restaurants and pubs offer a wide selection to please every taste and budget. Come winter, islanders enjoy some quiet time and guide adventurous visitors looking for world-class ice fishing on a frozen harbor dotted with colorful ice shanties.

**Kelleys Island** is for nature lovers and offers lots of options across its 2,800 acres, from terrific state parks and preserves, to a small downtown featuring a dozen-plus places to drink and dine.

Middle Bass Island, quieter still, is easily accessible from the mainland and nearby Putin-Bay. Attractions here include the patio at the former Lonz Winery.

Finally, **North Bass Island**, accessible only by private boat or airplane, features a remote fourbedroom house for rent, owned by the state.



#### The best things in island life are free

All **Ohio State Parks** are free to visit and each island boasts a state park with unique trails and scenic views. **Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial** is a spectacular 352 ft. Doric column at Put-in-Bay and is the third-tallest national monument. Its free visitor center is operated by the National Park Service. Finally, the **Glacial Grooves Geological Preserve**, the world's largest accessible glacial grooves, cut during the Ice Age, are located on Kelleys Island and are free.



## **14 Put-in-Bay Family Fun Must-Dos**

- Put-in-Bay Tour Train
- 2 DeRivera Park/Will's Playground
- 3 Perry's Cave Family Fun Center
- 4 Dodge Woods StoryWalk Trail
- 5 Butterfly House at Perry's Cave
- 6 Fort Amaze'n Giant Maze Challenge
- Crystal Cave at Heineman Winery
- B Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center
- 9 Frosty Pizza
- Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial
- 🔟 PIB Candy Bar
- 12 Kimberly's Carousel
- 13 Adventure Bay
- 14 The Chocolate Café and Museum



#### Did you know?

Kelleys Island has 15 natural areas/ parks you can explore.

# **Island Attractions**

**Glacial Grooves Geological Preserve** The most famous glacial grooves in the world based on the size and accessibility. These are incredible to see in real life.



#### **Inscription Rock**

Native American symbols carved in rock on the south shore of Kelleys Island. Rediscovered partly buried in the shoreline in 1833.



#### **The East Quarry**

Horseshoe Lake is filled with abundant aquatic and plant life. It is one of the island's most popular fishing locations, as well as an excellent location for spotting and photographing wildlife. The East Quarry trails are also the best place on Kelleys Island to go fossil hunting.



#### **VISIT KELLEYS** ISLAND

Scan for more info and details



VISIT PUT-IN-BAY

Scan for more info and details

# ISLANDS Getting Around

Ready for some island time? Take your car to cruise scenic island drives, or road trip as far as the ferry landing and continue your journey via golf cart, bike, or foot. There are many ways to explore these quaint islands.

#### Get to the Islands by Ferry

Ferrying to the islands is the most convenient way to travel. First, decide which island you're headed to and whether or not you want to take a vehicle along (yes, some ferries can even transport campers and RVs!). Knowing your final destination and plans while you are visiting is helpful in choosing the right service for your trip. Are you spending the night? Staying late to enjoy entertainment? Trying to travel the most economically? Transporting a lot of luggage? There are multiple ferry options for each island. All are pet-friendly and offer both indoor and on-deck seating options. Have just one day and want to get a taste of multiple islands? A guided, island-hopping tour is available from Goodtime Lake Erie Island Cruises.

#### Get to the Islands by Boat

Private watercraft and boats of all sizes are welcomed at a number of public and private marinas. It is always a good idea to call ahead and reserve a transient slip. Put-in-Bay Harbor also offers first-come, first-served mooring buoys, with water taxi service available to transport passengers to land.

#### Get to the Islands by Flying

Flights to the islands are available via **Griffing Flying Service** and **Island Air Taxi, LLC** from the **Erie-Ottawa International Airport** (PCW). Planes carry up to 15 passengers along with freight. Smaller, private planes can land at **Put-in-Bay Airport** (3W2) or **Kelleys Island Airport** (89D) as well, during daylight hours only.

#### FERRY QUICK GUIDE

#### **Miller Ferries**

Catawba to Middle Bass Island

Vehicle or walk-on

#### 45 min.

#### Miller Ferries

Catawba to South Bass Island/Put-in-Bay

Vehicle or walk-on

20 min.

#### Jet Express

Port Clinton to South Bass Island/Put-in-Bay Walk-on passengers only 25 min.

#### Jet Express

Sandusky to Cedar Point, Kelleys Island, and South Bass Island/Put-in-Bay. Walk-on passengers only

5 min. to Cedar Point 30 min. to Kelleys Island 50 min. to Put-in-Bay

#### Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line

Marblehead to Kelleys Island Vehicle or walk-on 20 min.

#### Sonny S. Boatline

South Bass Island/ Put-in-Bay to Middle Bass Island

Walk-on passengers only

#### 10 min.

#### Goodtime Lake Erie Island Cruises

Sandusky to Kelleys Island and South Bass Island/Put-in-Bay. Narrated tour.

Walk-on passengers only

60 min. to Kelleys Island, 9 hr. total cruise time with stops at both islands



#### Golf Carts

One of the best ways to get around the region, especially the islands, in a convenient and enjoyable manner is by golf cart, and there's no shortage of rental spots available!

On Put-in-Bay, rentals are available throughout the island at **E's Put-in-Bay Golf Carts, Island Bike & Cart Rental, Erie Island Carts, Boathouse Cart and Bike Rental**, and more.

Rental spots on Kelleys Island include Kelleys Island General Store, Portside Marina, Kelleys Island Seaway Marina, The Casino, and Caddy Shack Square.

Golf carts on Middle Bass Island are available from **J.F. Walleyes** and **St. Hazards**.

#### **Bicycles**

Another great way to explore is on a bicycle! There are multiple rental spots available throughout the region.

Put-in-Bay offers **Boathouse Bike Rentals** and two locations of **Island Bike Rentals** at the Jet Express Dock and Miller Ferry Lime Kiln Dock.

On Kelleys Island, bikes are available to rent at Caddy Shack Square, Kelleys Island General Store, and Portside Marina.

#### E-Bikes & Mopeds

Tour the islands by e-bike. E-bikes can be rented by **Pedego Sandusky** on the mainland and then taken with you on the ferry.

**Travel Tip** Bikes are permitted on all ferries. (Additional fee required.)



## 4 Fun Ways to See the Islands



**Golf Cart** The most popular and convenient mode of transportation



**Bike** (pedal and electric) Take it slow and even go off-road



Bus & Taxi Quick and convenient from point to point



Kayak & Paddle Board

Take an island water trail and enjoy the view from the lake

# ISLANDS Island Flavors & Patic Vibes

Enjoy delicious cuisine and local favorites at countless foodie destinations. Savor fresh-from-the-lake catches alongside farm-to-table goodness. From shoreline hangouts to dive bar patios and elegant dining, the islands have it all.

### Food With a Waterfront View

Waterfront dining takes on an entirely different feel on an island. At Kelleys Island, visit **Dockers Waterfront Bar & Restaurant** for fresh fish, cool breezes, and spectacular sunsets. Try the homemade crab cakes, served with Cajun aioli. **The Casino** is an island favorite featuring salads, wings, sandwiches, and appetizers. **West Bay** offers inside or lakeview dining on the patio. Try their peel-and-eat shrimp or rib and chicken specialties.

Waterfront dining options are also plentiful at Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island. Enjoy a lakefront feast at the lobster bisque capital of Ohio! **The Boardwalk** offers fresh seafood in a casual family dining atmosphere. **The Upper Deck**, directly above The Boardwalk, features an upscale experience with a panoramic 180°



view of the harbor. **The Keys** features both décor and delicious food to put you in a "Key West" mood. Every table provides a waterfront view. Try the conch fritters, a traditional island blend of lightly fried Bahamian conch, onions, and bell peppers. **The Crew's Nest** is an elite private club devoted to satisfying the needs of its members. Purchase a day or weekly membership and enjoy amazing views of the harbor, great food, live entertainment, and incredible sunsets.



Big Man Burrito Stand

#### CHECK OUT THESE MUST HAVE EATS

#### Breakfast Spot

**Pasquale's Café** is a Tripadvisor Certificate of Excellence winner year after year and offers a fantastic breakfast with island views.

#### Lunch on the Go

**Big Man's Burrito Stand** is an outdoor concession offering burritos, tacos, and nachos all made with fresh ingredients.

#### Farm to Table

The Goat, Soup & Whiskey, offers farm-to-table recipes while overlooking the restaurant's herb garden. Or, enjoy a brew at the outdoor biergarten.

#### **Unique Food**

**Chicken Patio**, famous for their wine-basted BBQ chicken is a must-grab.

# SHORES & ISLANDS OHIO Ned The Naturalist

Hi, I'm Ned the Naturalist! Nice to meet you!

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I'm here to tell you all about the amazing natural features of **Shores & Islands Ohio**. Naturalists like to spend a lot of time outdoors observing nature. We make observations of the relationships between organisms and their environments and how those relationships can change over time. We study plants, eco-systems, animals, and even water. So many things contribute to a natural environment and Shores & Islands Ohio is home to some really unique natural spectacles and creatures.

> Join me throughout this guide as we visit the region's distinctive neighborhoods and learn fun facts about some of our most special natural surprises.

# ISLANDS Get Out Into Nature

The great outdoors is somehow even greater when it's surrounded by water. There's no shortage of nature areas on our islands—you just have to know where to go. Conservation is key to protecting the island ecosystem.

#### **Put-in-Bay Nature**

#### JANE COATES WILDFLOWER TRAIL & LADD CARR WILDLIFE WOODS

The surrounding woodlands of blue ash, hackberry, and spring wildflowers make for a great place in spring and fall for migratory songbirds and warblers.

#### MASSIE CLIFFSIDE PRESERVE

This 11-acre shoreline area has a trail system linking to the SR 357 parking lot, all the way to the lake for birdwatching, walking, photography, cliff habitat, and nature study.

#### COOPER'S WOODS

18 wooded acres offering hiking trails through wildflowers and trees, including sugar maple, oak, and red cedar. Migrating songbirds and other wildlife are plentiful.

#### SCHEEFF EAST POINT NATURE PRESERVE

The preserve, located at the very end of East Point about two miles from downtown Put-in-Bay, offers visitors a .5 mile walking path, great birdwatching opportunities, and shoreline access for fishing.



## **Check It Out!**

North Pond represents one of the very few natural, unaltered wetlands that is directly connected to Lake Erie.

# Kelleys Island Checks All the Nature Boxes

The largest of Ohio's Lake Erie islands, **Kelleys Island**, is dominated by natural areas. It appeals to nature and bird lovers as well as those looking for a relaxing, quiet getaway with its rocky shorelines, sandy state park beach, and lush forests. Rent a golf cart or bicycle to encounter the world's largest, most spectacular accessible glacial scoring, find Native American petroglyphs carved into limestone, or hike miles of trails at the state park.

Kelleys Island State Park adjoins two state nature preserves, the North Shore Alvar State Nature Preserve, which harbors unique natural features like barren limestone or dolomite, and North Pond State Nature Preserve offers excellent birding, with hundreds of species of migrating songbirds, and dozens of waterfowl species resting here before winging across the lake.

# NED THE NATURALIST

Lake Erie Watersnake is a subspecies of the common watersnake, and is nonvenomous. Tourists and islanders began intentionally killing them in the 1950s, incorrectly thinking they were venomous. Increased development also contributed to their decline.

Lake Erie Watersnakes spend time on both land and in the lake. The snakes will seek shelter on land while sunning themselves on the rocky, limestone, and dolomite ledges of the shorelines. While in the water, the snakes will feed on round goby which accounts for 90% of the Lake Erie Watersnake's diet.

To recover the population, the United States protected 300 acres of inland habitat and 11 miles of shoreline as breeding grounds. By 2009, the population had recovered to nearly 12,000. The introduction of the round goby to Lake Erie also contributed to its recovery.

## **FUN** & Discovery



# Plan



#### **Kelleys Island**

## • Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau

117 Addison Rd. | 419.746.2360 kelleysislandchamber.com

For information on the island's restaurants, lodging, or events and activities, the chamber has the answers. Office is open May-Oct, with voicemail and emails answered year-round.

#### Put-in-Bay

#### **O 101 Things to Do on Put-in-Bay** 216.898.9951

put-in-bay.com/101thingstodo

The definitive island travel guide and coupon book hybrid to help get the most out of your Put-in-Bay getaway! Available beginning March 2024 at island locations and put-in-bay.com/101thingstodo.

## O Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau

148 Delaware Ave. | 419.285.2832 visitputinbay.com

The official source of information about Putin-Bay and all it has to offer on your everyday island getaway to the bay!

#### O Put-in-Bay Travel & Information Kiosk

at Miller Ferry Dock | 2190 Langram Rd. 419.285.2421 | millerferry.com

Friendly, knowledgeable staff on hand to provide free island and area maps and guides, E's Golf Cart rental (next door) savings, restaurants, events, coupons, and adventure tips.

# Amusements



#### Put-in-Bay

#### O The Butterfly House

979 Catawba Ave. | 419.285.2446 perryscave.com

Walk among hundreds of butterflies in the tropical greenhouse. Explore the gift shop's vast selection. Group tours available. Open May-Oct, call or visit website for hours.

#### O Island Transportation Train Depot and Bus Stop

154 Delaware Ave. | 419.285.4855

A one-hour narrated tour with stop-off privileges at various locations on the island. Island Transportation provides bus service from Miller Ferry to the downtown bus/train depot.

#### **O** Kimberly's Carousel

160 Delaware Ave. / carriagehousepib.com One of the country's oldest original carousels built in 1917 with original wooden horses and "Petey the Perch."

#### O Perry's Cave Family Fun Center

979 Catawba Ave. | 419.285.2283 perryscave.com

Perry's Cave, The Butterfly House, War of 18-Holes Miniature Golf, gemstone mining, unique gift shops, snack shack, and pavilion.

## Bike & Golf Cart Rentals

#### **Kelleys Island**

#### O Kelleys Island General Store Cart Rental

118 Division St. | 419.746.2357 kigeneralstore.com

Conveniently located downtown, a two-minute walk from the Jet Express. Explore the island on a new four or six-passenger golf cart. Hourly, daily, and extended rentals available.

#### Put-in-Bay

#### O E's Put-in-Bay Golf Carts

at the Miller Ferry Lime Kiln Dock 2132 Langram Rd. | 419.285.5553 esputinbaygolfcarts.com

Streamline your island travel venture and reserve your E's golf cart online, use code SAVE5 for additional savings. Find E's cart rental conveniently located top right of the Miller Ferry Put-in-Bay dock.

#### O Erie Island Carts

1961 Langram Rd. | 419.285.5278 erieislandcarts.com

One block from the Miller Ferry dock or take the provided shuttle. Reserve online to guarantee a golf cart. Overnight rentals available. Offering two to eight-passenger gas golf carts.

#### O Island Bike & Cart Rentals

at Ferry Docks | 419.285.2016 putinbaytrans.com

Large fleet of bikes and golf carts. Hourly and daily rentals of two, four, six, and eightpassenger golf carts. Open May-Sept and Oct weekends. Call for off-season hours and rates.







#### Kelleys Island

#### O Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Garden

110 Laylin Ln. | 419.746.2249 charlesherndon.com

Paintings, prints, and sculptures that relate to Kelleys Island and its geologic history. Open mid-May through Sept, daily; other times by appointment.





## Wineries & Breweries



#### **Kelleys Island**

#### O Crooked Tree Vineyard

715 E. Lakeshore Dr. | 419.746.2200 crookedtreevineyard.com

A three-acre working vineyard on Kelleys Island with a small tasting room serving the wines made onsite. Come in for a quiet and relaxing retreat from the sun while enjoying a glass of island-made wine.

#### • The Kelley's Island Wine Co.

418 Woodford Rd. | 419.746.2678 kelleysislandwineco.com

Family-owned and serving up to seven island wines and small plates, sliders, and pizzas made in-house. Two acres of fun with cornhole, playground, and farm animals. Open St. Patrick's Day through 2nd week of Dec.

#### O Monarch Winery

604 Division St. | 419.746.2899 monarchki.com

A small, family-owned operation specializing in fruit wine and wine slushees. Offering an array of charcuterie items from cheese and meat to specialty foods. Come shop, sip, and enjoy the wine garden!

#### Put-in-Bay

#### O Heineman Winery

978 Catawba Ave. | 419.285.2811 heinemanswinery.com

The oldest family-owned and operated winery in Ohio offers a tasting room, wine garden, wine sampling, and tour of Crystal Cave. Please call or see website for hours.

#### Put-in-Bay Brewery & Distillery

441 Catawba Ave. | 419.285.4677 putinbaybrewery.com

Great food at a great price, plus a friendly brew crew. Growlers and crowlers of beer available to-go, as well as their own island vodka and island rum. Patio seating and children's menu.





#### **Kelleys Island**

#### O Caddy Shack Square

115 Division St. / caddyshacksquare.com Rent a golf cart, enjoy pizza and beer, mine for gem stones, and play mini golf or at the arcade. Enjoy a massage from The Little Healing Room and peruse the shops. End the day with ice cream.

#### O Chicklet's Closet

113 Division St. | 216.214.3202 chickletscloset.com

Featuring Lyman Life, Mona B, HUK, Fahlo, Buddy by the Lake, Raya Sun, Reef, 4Ocean, Pura Vida, Spirit Jersey, Blastmaster, Kelleys Island Soap Co., Kids KI wear, and pet apparel.

#### **O** Island Market

109 Division St. | 419.746.2292

Your one-stop shop for fresh meats, a complete deli and grocery, beer/wine carry-out, the Ohio Lottery, and a 24-hour ATM. Serving the island's grocery needs since 1946. Open year-round.

#### **O** Kelleys Island General Store

118 Division St. | 419.746.2357 kigeneralstore.com

Explore the Island's premier one-stop shop! Unique souvenirs, stylish apparel, memorable gifts, vacation essentials, golf cart rentals, and an ATM all conveniently located downtown.



#### O The Village Peddler

130 Division St. | 419.746.2377 villagepeddlerkioh.com

Men's and women's fine apparel, jewelry, pottery, gifts, artisanal items, antiques, fair trade items, and more. A must-see!

#### **Put-in-Bay**

#### O Bucket Shop

228 Delaware Ave. | 419.285.2323 lovinputinbay.com

Fun-filled shop featuring all things "Round House." T-shirts, tanks, sweatshirts, shot glasses, mugs, and more for all ages. Gift certificates available. Get your "bucket" on.

#### O Carriage House

160 Delaware Ave. | 419.285.2212 carriagehousepib.com

Featuring the largest selection of Put-in-Bay souvenirs, t-shirts, toys, jewelry, home décor, and pet items on the island.

#### O Country House Gifts

246 Delaware Ave. | 419.285.3104 lovinputinbay.com

Put-in-Bay's largest gift shop, located in the center of downtown. Shop a wide variety of PIB souvenirs, extensive gallery of nautical gifts, housewares, and local artists' creations.

#### O Dockside Gifts

at Miller Ferry Lime Kiln Dock | 2190 Langram Rd. | 419.285.7300 | millerferry.com

Shoppers will find island and nautical jewelry, coastal art, prints, and décor, Put-in-Bay souvenirs and handcrafts, athleisure wear, and snacks in a relaxed, friendly setting.

#### O Lobster Trap

341 Bayview Ave. | 419.285.3695 the-boardwalk.com

Featuring a wide range of The Boardwalk/ Upper Deck apparel, fun t-shirts, sweatshirts, colorful selection of children's wear, and nautical gifts throughout the shop. Open May-Oct.

#### O Mariner's Locker

204 Hartford Ave. | 419.285.7005 putinbayislandresorts.com/marinerslocker Specializing in men's casual attire sportswear

with Sperry and Columbia. Offering Put-in-Bay souvenir t-shirts and sweatshirts for all ages. Located next to the Boathouse Bar.

#### **O** Misty Bay Boutique

210 Delaware Ave. | 419.285.7925 lovinputinbay.com

Women's resort-wear boutique showcasing unique summer apparel, fun dresses, accessories, and footwear. Featuring a large selection of Put-in-Bay souvenir wear for the whole family.

#### **O** The Picnic Basket

196 Hartford Ave. | 419.285.7502 thepicnicbasketpib.com

Specialty shop with a selection of fine wines, gourmet foods, and unique gifts. Convenience items including beer, soda, ice, snacks, and tobacco products.

#### **O** Put-in-Bay Surf Shop

405 Catawba Ave. | 419.285.2242 putinbaysurfshop.com

The only place on the island to get your name-brand surf gear and Mojito Bay apparel. Featuring Roxy, Quiksilver, Billabong, O'Neill, Sanuk, Reef, Sun Bum, and Sector 9 Longboards.





## SPLASH & Relax





#### Kelleys Island

#### O The Little Healing Room

123 Division St. | 954.330.9425 caddyshacksquare.com/the-little-healing-room

Improve your physical and emotional well-being by indulging in one of many services. Recuperate your achy back with a massage or de-stress with couples' acupuncture. Call now to book.



#### O Lake Erie Islands Water Trails

lakeerieislandsconservancy.org/water-trails Five paddling routes around the Lake Erie islands and the Catawba and Marblehead peninsulas. Visit the website to download trail guide.

#### Put-in-Bay

#### O Put-in-Bay Watercraft Rental

1523 Catawba Ave. | 419.285.2628 pibjetski.com

Home of the Mammoth 18 ft. Paddle Board! Kayak and paddle board rentals on Kelleys Island and Put-in-Bay. WaveRunner and power boat rentals on Put-in-Bay only. Visit website for details.



#### Kelleys Island

#### O Glacial Grooves State Memorial

739 Division St. | 419.746.2546 The largest easily-accessible glacial grooves in the world and a National Natural Landmark. From a walkway view the immense, 400 ft. long grooves.

#### O Inscription Rock

Lakeshore Dr. | 866.921.5710 ohiohistory.org/inscriptionrock See Native American symbols carved in rock. Rediscovered partly buried in the shoreline in 1833, the rock is now entirely exposed and covered by a roof and viewing platform.

#### • Kelleys Island Historical Association 224 Division St. | 419.746.2399

kelleysislandhistorical.org

A trip to the island would not be complete without a little history about the island, which is on the National Register of Historic Districts. The museum is a great place to learn about island history.

#### Put-in-Bay

#### O Aquatic Visitors Center

878 Bayview Dr. | 419.285.1800 stonelab.osu.edu

The Aquatic Visitors Center will be closed for the 2024 season for renovations. Check back in 2025 for the new and improved center.

#### O Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

255 Meechen Rd. | 419.285.3037 lakeerieislandswildlife.com

Meet some of the native island wildlife including turtles and snakes. See honeybees working or watch the birds. Learn about monarch butterflies and island geology and wildlife.

#### O Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial

93 Delaware Ave. | 419.285.2184 nps.gov/pevi

Honoring those involved in the Battle of Lake Erie and celebrating the peace between the United Kingdom, Canada, and the U.S. Visit the observation deck for views of the islands and site of the battle.





#### South Bass Island Lighthouse 2368 Langram Rd. | 419.285.1800

ohioseagrant.osu.edu/visit/south-basslighthouse

Learn about area history and the issues facing Lake Erie; then visit the top of the lighthouse to see a grand lake view. Grounds open dawn-dusk. See website for tour information.

Eat & DRINK	Price	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Lake Erie Fish	Late Night Menu	Bar	<b>Outdoor Seating</b>	Waterfront	Dockage	Live Entertainment	Accessible	Open Year-round
PUT-IN-BAY													
<b>Big Man's Burrito Stand</b> at Frosty Bar 252 Delaware Ave. Mexican   frostys.com	\$		•	•		-	•	•				•	
<b>The Boardwalk</b> 341 Bayview Ave.   419.285.3695 American, Seafood   the-boardwalk.com	\$\$\$		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	
<b>The Boathouse Bar &amp; Grill</b> 218 Hartford Ave.   419.285.5665 American   theboathousebarandgrill.com	\$\$		•	•	•			•			•		
<b>Book's Seafood</b> at The Boardwalk 341 Bayview Ave.   419.285.3695 American, BBQ, Seafood the-boardwalk.com	\$\$		-	-	•			•	•	-		•	
<b>Cameo Pizza</b> in Mr. Ed's Bar 272 Delaware Ave.   419.285.4444 Italian, Pizza   putinbaycameopizza.com	\$\$		•	•		•		•			•		
<b>Chicken Patio</b> at Historic Park Hotel 234 Delaware Ave.   419.285.3581 American, BBQ   thechickenpatio.com	\$\$		•	•			•	•				•	
<b>Dairy Isle</b> 213 Bayview Ave.   419.285.3506 American, Ice Cream   dairyislepib.com	\$		•	•				•					
<b>Dan Dee's Snack Shack</b> at Perry's Cave Family Fun Center 979 Catawba Ave.   419.285.2283 American   perryscave.com	\$		•					•					
<b>Fish Shak</b> at The Boardwalk 341 Bayview Ave.   419.285.3695 American, Seafood   the-boardwalk.com	\$\$		•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	
<b>Frosty Bar</b> 252 Delaware Ave. American, Mexican, Pizza   frostys.com	\$\$	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•	
The Goat, Soup & Whiskey 820 Catawba Ave.   419.285.4628 American, Seafood soupandwhiskey.com	\$\$\$		•	•	•		•	•				•	
<b>Hooligans</b> 421 Catawba Ave.   419.285.8000 Irish, American   hooliganspib.com	\$\$		•	•		•	•	•			•	•	
<b>The Keys</b> 227 Bayview Ave.   419.285.5397 Seafood   thekeyspib.com	\$\$		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	
<b>Mojito Bay Tiki Bar</b> 389 Catawba Ave. mojitobaypib.com	\$\$						•	•			•		
<b>Mossbacks/The Fishbowl</b> 371 Catawba Ave.   419.285.8888 American, Seafood   mossbackspib.com	\$\$		•	•	•		•				•		

Eat & DRINK	Price	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Lake Erie Fish	Late Night Menu	Bar	<b>Outdoor Seating</b>	Waterfront	Dockage	Live Entertainment	Accessible	Open Year-round	
PUT-IN-BAY (CONTINU	JE	D)												
<b>Pasquale's Café</b> 240 Delaware Ave.   419.285.8600 American, Pizza   pasqualescafe.com	\$\$	•	•		•		•					•		
<b>Red Moon</b> in Historic Park Hotel 234 Delaware Ave.   419.285.2323 redmoonbar.com	\$\$						•							
<b>Rita's Cantina</b> at The Boardwalk 341 Bayview Ave.   419.285.3695 Mexican   the-boardwalk.com	\$\$		•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•		
Round House Bar 228 Delaware Ave.   419.285.2323 theroundhousebar.com	\$						•	•			•	•		
<b>The Upper Deck</b> at The Boardwalk 341 Bayview Ave.   419.285.3695 American, Seafood   the-boardwalk.com	\$\$\$		•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•		
KELLEYS ISLAND														
The Casino 104 Division St.   419.746.2773 American, Seafood kelleysislandcasino.com	\$\$		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
<b>KI Cantina</b> at Kelley's Island Wine Co. 418 Woodford Rd.   419.746.2688 Mexican   kicantina.com	\$\$		•	•			•	•			•			
<b>The Sand Trap Bar</b> 115 Division St. facebook.com/sandtrap2018	\$\$						•	•			•	•		
<b>The Village Pump</b> 103 W. Lakeshore Dr.   419.746.2281 American   villagepumpkioh.com	\$\$\$		•	•	•		•		•			•		
West Bay Bar and Restaurant 1230 W. Lakeshore Dr.   419.746.2597 American, BBQ, Seafood westbayki.com	\$\$		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		





Explore NATURE	Trail(s)	Beach	Waterfront	Swimming	Fishing	Restrooms	<b>Pets Permitted</b>	Play Area	Shelter	Grills	Birding	Watercraft Rental	Small Boat Launch	Accessible	
KELLEYS ISLAND															
Ed Curilla Preserve north end of Huntington Ln. (off W. Lakeshore Dr.)	•						•				•				
Kelleys Island State Park 920 Division St.   419.746.2546 866.644.6727   parks.ohiodnr.gov	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
North Pond State Nature Preserve Ward Rd. (off Division St.) naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov	-		-								•				
North Shore Alvar State Nature Preserve 920 Division St.   440.839.1198 naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov	-		•								•				
<b>Scheele Preserve</b> Monaghan Rd.   216.231.4600 cmnh.org/kelleys-island	•	•	•								•				
MIDDLE BASS ISLA	A N I	D													
<b>Kuehnle Wildlife Area</b> Fox and Deist rds.   614.265.6300 ohiodnr.gov			•		•						•				
Middle Bass East Point Preserve North Shore Dr. lakeerieislandsconservancy.org	-		•		•						•		-		
Middle Bass Island Forested Wetlands Preserve Fox Rd.   419.285.4772 lakeerieislandsconservancy.org	-										•				
Middle Bass Island State Park 1719 Fox Rd.   419.285.2112 parks.ohiodnr.gov	-	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
<b>Petersens Woods</b> Deist Rd. (east of Fox Rd.) 419.285.4772 lakeerieislandsconservancy.org		•									•				
NORTH BASS ISLA	N D	)													
North Bass Island State Park 419.734.4424   parks.ohiodnr.gov	-	•	•		•						•				
North Bass Island Wildlife Areas southwest and southeast portion of North Bass Island, encompasses Fox's Marsh and Honey Point wildlife.ohiodnr.gov			•		•						•				



## CHECK OUT WHERE TO HAVE THE BEST Water Adventures



#### Kelleys Island Water Trail

12-mile water trail

Access points at Kelleys Island State Park, North Pond State Nature Preserve, Scheele Preserve, Woodford Rd. access, and Inscription Rock Petroglyphs

ohiodnr.gov

#### Middle Bass Island Water Trail

8.5-mile water trail

Access points at Middle Bass Island State Park, Petersens Woods/Kuehnle Wildlife Area, and Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve

ohiodnr.gov

#### North Bass Island Water Trail

5-mile water trail

Access points on North Bass Island State Park (south, north, and east), Fox's Marsh Wildlife Area, and Honey Point Wildlife Area

ohiodnr.gov



Explore NATURE	Trail(s)	Beach	Waterfront	Swimming	Fishing	Restrooms	Pets Permitted	Play Area	Shelter	Grills	Birding	Watercraft Rental	Small Boat Launch	Accessible	
PUT-IN-BAY															
<b>Benjamin Woods</b> Langram Rd. 419.285.4772 lakeerieislandsconservancy.org	•										•				
<b>Cooper's Woods</b> Catawba Ave. (west of Concord Ave.) 419.285.4772 lakeerieislandsconservancy.org	•										•				
<b>DeRivera Park</b> Bayview Ave.   419.285.2076	-		-			•	•	•		•				•	
<b>Dodge Woods Preserve</b> Thompson and Langram rds. 419.285.4772 lakeerieislandsconservancy.org	•										•				
<b>Duff Woods Preserve</b> Meechen and Put-in-Bay rds. 419.285.4772 lakeerieislandsconservancy.org	•										•				
Island Paws Dog Park 60 Airline Dr.   419.285.3371							•								
Jane Coates Wildflower Trail/ Ladd Carr Wildlife Woods Put-in-Bay Rd. (north of Langram Rd.) 419.285.4772 lakeerieislandsconservancy.org	•										•				
Massie Cliffside Preserve 611 Columbus Ave. (SR 357) 419.285.4772 lakeerieislandsconservancy.org	•		•		•						•				
Morrison Woods Preserve Meechen and Put-in-Bay rds. 419.285.4772 lakeerieislandsconservancy.org	•										•				
<b>Oak Point State Park</b> western end of Put-in-Bay Harbor 419.285.2112 parks.ohiodnr.gov			•		•	•	•		•	•				•	
Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve 1159 Columbus Ave. 419.285.4772 lakeerieislandsconservancy.org	•	•	•		•						•				
South Bass Island State Park 1523 Catawba Ave. 419.285.2112, 866.644.6727 parks.ohiodnr.gov	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Village of Put-in-Bay Beach east end of Delaware Ave. 419.285.4313		•	•	•			•	•		•	•				

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Boat AROUND	Electric Hook-up	Water Hook-up	Fuel	Pump-out	Launch Ramp	Dock & Dine	Showers	<b>Marine Store</b>	Seasonal Slips	<b>Transient Slips</b>	Accessible
PUT-IN-BAY											
The Boardwalk Marina 341 Bayview Ave.   419.285.6183 the-boardwalk.com	•			•		•				•	
<b>Miller Marina</b> Put-in-Bay Harbor   419.285.5902 millermarinapib.com	•	•					•	•	•	•	
Park Place Boat Club 341 Bayview Ave.   419.285.6183 parkplaceboatclub.com	•		•			•	•			•	
KELLEYS ISLAND											
Crafts Lakeview Lane Marina 319 W. Lakeshore Dr.   419.746.2254					•					•	
Miller	Mari	ina									

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**Outdoor Pool** 

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Full Hook-up **Camp Store** 



#### MIDDLE BASS ISLANDS

St. Hazards Campground 1233 Fox Rd. | 419.285.6121 sthazards.com

# Hol MC

Hotels & MOTELS	Suites/Family Rooms	Wi-Fi	Outdoor Pool	Indoor Pool	<b>Pets Permitted</b>	Beach	Waterfront	Breakfast	Kitchenette	Restaurant	<b>Open Year-round</b>	Accessible
KELLEYS ISLAND												
<b>Crafts Lakeview Lane Motel</b> 319 W. Lakeshore Dr.   419.746.2254 kelleysislandchamber.com/directory/places/ crafts-lakeview-lane							•					
PUT-IN-BAY												
Anchor Inn Boutique Hotel 500 Catawba Ave.   419.285.5055 anchorinnpib.com		•						•				•
<b>Bay Lodging Resort</b> 405 Lakeview Ave.   419.285.2041 833.229.5634   baylodging.com	•	•	•	•	•			•	•		•	•
<b>Commodore Resorts</b> 272 Delaware Ave.   419.285.3101 commodoreresort.com	•	•	•							•	•	•
<b>Historic Park Hotel</b> 234 Delaware Ave.   419.285.3581 parkhotelpib.com		•						•		•		
Put-in-Bay Resort & Conference Center 439 Loraine Ave.   419.285.7427 888.742.7829   putinbayresort.com	•	•	•						•	-		•
Victory Station Hotel 489 Catawba Ave.   419.285.0120 putinbayvictorystation.com		•										•



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Vacation RENTALS	Outdoor Pool	Indoor Pool	Waterfront	Beach	Accessible	Pets Permitted	Wi-Fi	Kitchen	Open Year-round	Laundry	Daily Rentals	Dockage
KELLEYS ISLAND												
<b>Crafts Lakeview Lane Cottages</b> 319 W. Lakeshore Dr.   419.746.2254 kelleysislandchamber.com/directory/places/ crafts-lakeview-lane			•					•				•
MIDDLE BASS ISLAND												
<b>St. Hazards</b> 1233 Fox Rd.   419.285.6121 sthazards.com	•		•	•			-	-			-	
PUT-IN-BAY												
<b>Bay Club Cottages</b> 34 Bath St.   419.285.3581 parkhotelpib.com			•					•			•	
<b>Put-in-Bay Villas</b> 440 Loraine Ave.   419.285.7427 putinbayvillas.com	•						•	•			•	



#### FIND MORE THAN 100 LODGING OPTIONS

The Islands region offers more than 100 different lodging options, including over 70 vacation rentals! Follow the QR code or find the complete listing of lodging properties available at **SHORESandISLANDS.com/places-to-stay** 

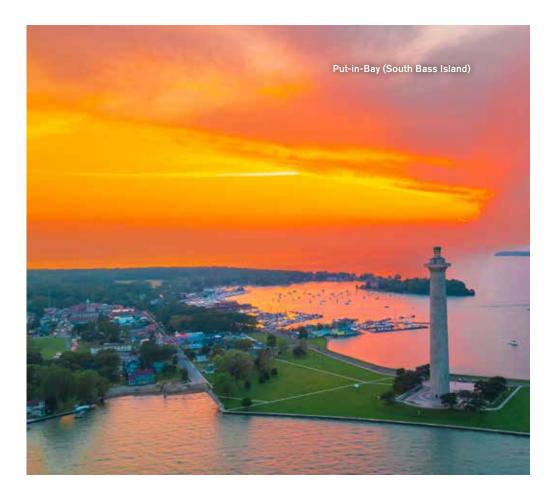
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## **Conference** Center

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- Double Queen Rooms
- One- and Two-Bedroom Suites
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# AN EVERY DAY ISLAND GETAWAY

AN ISLAND IN OHIO? SOUTH BASS ISLAND IS ONE OF THE THREE BASS ISLANDS IN OHIO ON LAKE ERIE. WELL KNOWN AS PUT-IN-BAY, MAKE IT YOUR NEXT EVERY DAY ISLAND GETAWAY WITH ALL THE ISLAND FEELS. STAY WITH US DURING THE WEEK, COME FOR THE DAY OR JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENT!

Your next Baycation can be coming by ferry, boat, plane, staying in a resort, bed & breakfast, condo, villa or even a boutique hotel. Perfect for a day trip to explore all of the caves, trails, watersports, butterflies, museums, parks and more. View the island from the top of the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial or grab a photo of your family at the Put-in-Bay Sign at South Bass Island State Park. Be sure to post and hashtag #putinbaysign.

Check out the Foodie Trail on our website and eat your way around the island! From the iconic Boardwalk's lobster bisque to Frosty's Pizza, just two of over 25 restaurants with just what you're hungry for! Want lake walleye or perch? We have that too at many of our eateries. For wine or beer enthusiasts, we have two wineries and a brewery on the island. So take a pic, share your dish and post it with the hashtag #pibfoodietrail.

Shop for that one of a kind island artist piece for your home with a nautical flare! All kinds of take homes to remember your trip to the island, from t-shirts to toys to candy to novelties, we have it here. Many women's boutiques and a butterfly shop full of just what you've been looking for.

Known for its signature events like the Pyrate Festival, Bash on the Bay and Oktoberfest, Put-in-Bay truly has special events to enjoy every year. Take a peek at our signature event calendar for 2024 today!



Connect with us on the web or give us a call at 419-285-2832. Visit our website at visitputinbay.com. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@visitputinbay).



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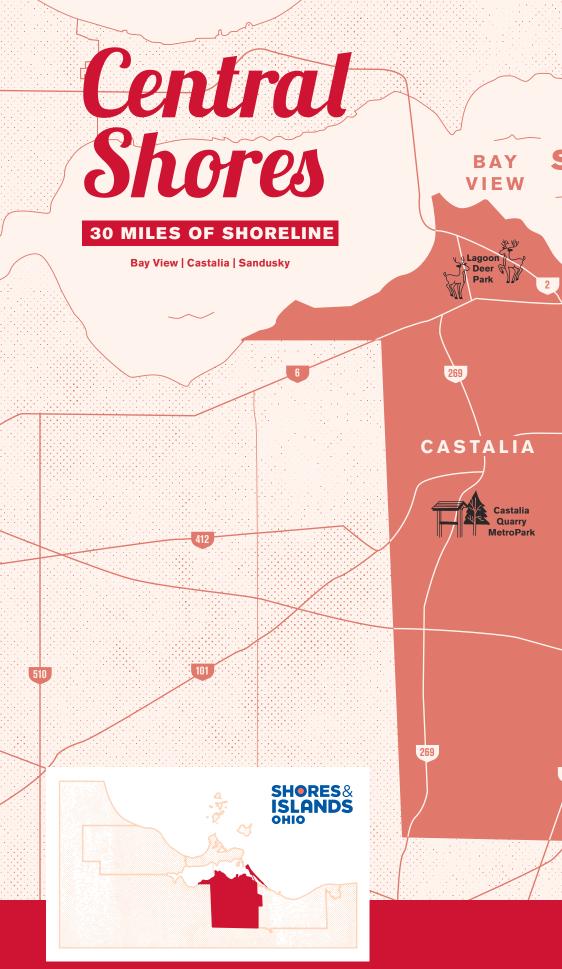
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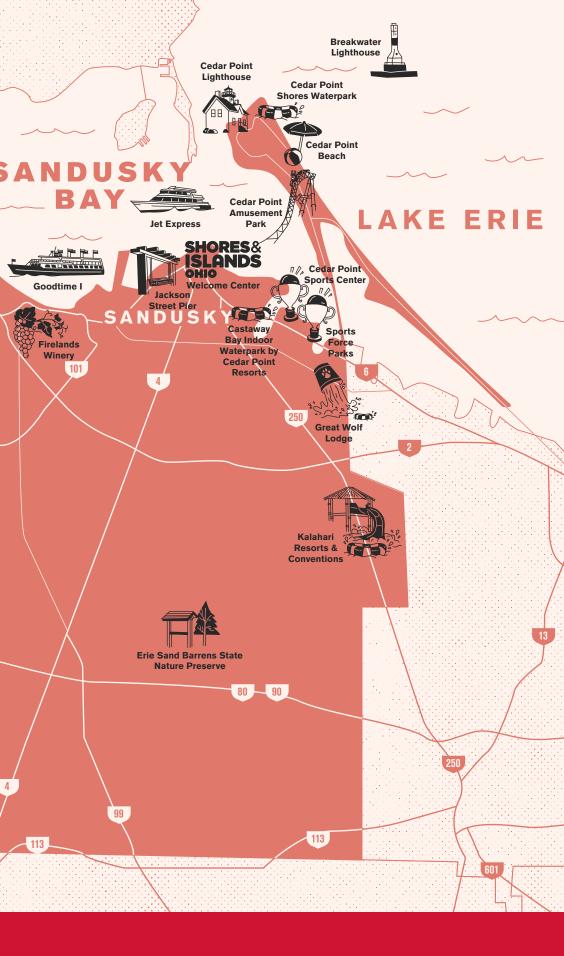
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# CENTRAL SHORES About The Region

Central Shores is home to Cedar Point, thrilling water parks, family-friendly attractions, and a historic downtown waterfront.

#### **RELAXING TO THRILLING**

#### SANDUSKY

Located along the Sandusky Bay shoreline, Sandusky has been named the "Best Coastal Small Town in America!" This growing destination is home to a worldclass amusement park, Cedar Point, and is known as Ohio's Water Park Capital due to the popularity of year-round indoor water park resorts. During summer, ferries and island-hopping cruises depart from downtown daily, including an international ferry terminal offering departures to Canada's Pelee Island. Sandusky surprises with its beautiful parks, downtown architecture, and wealth of history, including its role in the Underground Railroad. Downtown Sandusky offers delicious dining options, quaint boutiques, coffee shops, and numerous attractions.

#### **BAY VIEW**

The village of Bay View is a coastal community that boasts some of the best fishing and nature-viewing areas in the Central Shores region. Located at the northwestern corner of



Erie County, Bay View also offers waterfront dining and overnight accommodations as well as great views of sunsets over Sandusky Bay.

#### CASTALIA

Most remembered for the former Blue Hole attraction, this rural village is known for its mysterious "blue holes" —seemingly bottomless ponds filled with spring-fed water that lacks oxygen. Visit the **Castalia State Fish Hatchery** for an up-close view of one of these "blue holes" and discover cold water trout streams and a picturesque landscape, or hike **Castalia Quarry MetroPark** where you can see the islands from the elevated viewing deck.

#### Hogrefe Building/Marketplace Downtown

The Hogrefe Building in downtown Sandusky replaces the former Cooke Building, which couldn't be saved. The building recreates the structure's historical look and features a mixed-use site for retail, office, and residential space. It attaches to the adjacent **Marketplace Downtown** via the **Noble Court** – an outdoor beer garden popular for its regular live entertainment schedule and craft beer selection. Also in the market place are **Noble Axes** and **Noble Crafts**, retailers, and a number of eateries including **Wake Up & Waffle**.



8 Central Shores Places You Must Visit

#### 1 Cedar Point Amusement Park

Cedar Point is A Place Like No Other™ in Sandusky. Cedar Point is home to 69 rides.

#### 2 Kalahari Resorts & Conventions

Plan a getaway you'll never forget at the Midwest's largest indoor waterpark and experience various pools, slides, indoor surfing and body boarding 365 days a year in 84° F temperatures.

#### 3 Great Wolf Lodge

A North Woods-themed, water park resort designed to bring joy to families! Activities and attractions include a 24-hour arcade, Build-A-Bear<sup>™</sup>, MagiQuest Adventure, new Ten Paw Bowling, and Oliver's Sluice Mining.

#### 4 Castaway Bay Indoor Waterpark by Cedar Point Resorts

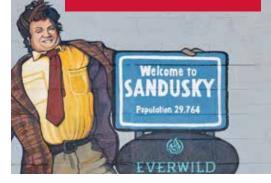
The Caribbean meets Sandusky in this reimagined water park resort destination. The tropical-themed resort features an indoor water park with wave pool, 237 newlyrenovated guest rooms, arcade, Castaway Play activities, unique dining and retail, and an adjacent marina.



#### **Cedar Point Amusement Park**

#### **Did you know?**

The 1995 comedy *Tommy Boy*, starring Chris Farley and David Spade is set in Sandusky, Ohio, but none of the movie was filmed here. There is a mural of Farley's "Tommy" character on the side of Everwild Spirits.



#### 5 Merry-Go-Round Museum

The museum displays artifacts of the history of the carousel! Take a carousel ride, hear the happiest music on earth.

#### 6 Jackson Street Pier

The pier was completely remodeled in 2018 and offers panoramic views of Sandusky Bay. On various nights throughout the summertime, there are Party at the Pier performances. Family movies also play on Monday evenings and various festivals happen throughout summer.

#### 7 Maritime Museum of Sandusky

Dive into the rich maritime history through interactive exhibits and educational programs. Learn about ice harvesting, shipwrecks, boat building, wetlands, Sandusky's Underground Railroad history, passenger boats, and more.

#### 8 Cooke-Dorn House Historic Site

This limestone Greek Revival is a threestory mansion featuring a ruby and cranberry glass collection, antique furnishings, and greenhouse. The Cooke-Dorn House Historic Site offers free admission.

# CENTRAL SHORES Getting Around

This easy to travel region offers the best of lake and land, and everything in between.

#### **Getting There**

Since the Central Shores is, well, central, it's super easy to travel into the region by car. Sandusky and Bay View both border Sandusky Bay and can be visited by boat as well.



#### **Explore Sandusky**

The city provides plenty of free short-term parking. Convenient long-term parking (24 hours or more) is available at various locations, some requiring a nominal fee.

#### **Bikes & Electric Bikes**

Bikes, Scooters, and Rides, OH MY! **South Shore Pedicabs** will be ready to taxi you about downtown, Memorial Day through Labor Day. Zip around the waterfront on scooters you can rent through **Scooter Ding Ding**. Take a bike for a spin along the coast on the Sandusky Bay Pathway, currently a 12-mile route which will eventually link Huron to the east. Want to explore but don't want to pedal for hours on end? With an electric bike from **Pedego Sandusky**, the bike's various settings allow for each user to customize the level of electrical assistance. Plus, you can rent a bike and take it via ferry to the islands for an unforgettable experience!

#### **Ferry Departures**

A number of boats offer excursions departing Sandusky's Jackson Street Pier. While parking on the pier is limited (there are a few free spots and wheelchair accessible spots), free parking is available at many city lots within walking distance to the pier and in a parking garage located at 158 W. Market St. (approximately two blocks from the pier). There is also a drop-off area for those with mobility issues.

#### Jet Express

This high-speed ferry offers service from Sandusky direct to Cedar Point (in-season), Kelleys Island, and Put-in-Bay/South Bass Island.

#### Goodtime Lake Erie Island Cruises

This 350-passenger boat offers a number of cruises, including daytime islandhopping cruises to both Kelleys and South Bass islands, evening Sandusky Bay sunset cruises, and special excursion cruises such as the Friday Night Party Cruise, plus Buckeyes and Browns game day cruises. The Goodtime is a great choice for group tours and is also available for private rental.

#### **Pelee Island Ferries**

Bring your passport to visit Canada's Pelee Island, in the province of Ontario. Ferry transportation is available from Sandusky via The Owen Sound Transportation Co. from May through September. Visit ontarioferries.com for more information or call 800.661.2220.

# NED THE NATURALIST

Catch me if you can! I am more abundant in the West Zone of Lake Erie between Toledo and Huron. Here, adult populations have been strong, while our population is declining in other parts of the lake. I tend to stay on the bottom of the lake eating mostly invertebrates. However, when waters warm above 76°F, I am forced to look for other food. The best catches come between mid-July and mid-August.

In 2022 there were 945 Ohio-licensed charter captains, the most in more than 20 years. I bet they can help you find me!

The Ohio Division of Wildlife manage our population and set sport fishing limits annually to keep our population thriving. Sport fishing daily limits may vary, but currently you can catch 30 perch/day in the West Zone, 10 perch/day in the Central Zone, and 30 perch/day in the East Zone through April 30, 2024.

# CENTRAL SHORES Dining & Drinks

There are many hidden gems, great patio spaces, and waterfront eateries in Central Shores. Find cuisine to suit any taste, formal to casual, featuring an eclectic mix of cocktail bars and breweries.

## Eats & Treats

Start your day off with a tasty breakfast at Sandusky Bay Pancake House. Both sweet and savory cravings can be satisfied by the extensive offering of pancakes, egg dishes, crêpes, waffles, French toast, sandwiches,



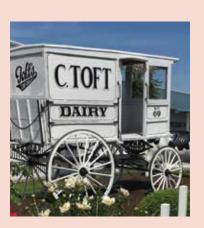
salads, burgers, and more. Grab a lunch and a glass of wine at **Firelands Winery** which has produced fine Ohio wine since 1880. Firelands Winery offers wine tasting, winemaking supplies, and gifts. It has outdoor seating and a covered patio. Plus, it is dog-friendly! If you are looking for some of the best wines in the region, don't let this winery pass by.

You can end your night with a cocktail at **Moseley's Rooftop Bar** looking out at **Jackson Street Pier** and the Sandusky Bay. Located on the waterfront in downtown Sandusky, featuring the area's only waterfront rooftop bar, it also has a boutique hotel. Another spot is the world famous **Paddle Bar** inspired by beaches, islands, surf, and good vibes. You can stop by **Saucy Brew Works** or **Clag Brewing Company** to enjoy tasty home-brewed beers.

#### **Treats for the Sweet Tooth**

**Doughin' Crazy** is Sandusky's original edible cookie dough parlor located inside the Marketplace Downtown. With many edible cookie dough flavors, local ice cream options, and a variety of delicious toppings, your combinations are endless!

**Toft Dairy Ice Cream Parlor** is Ohio's oldest; family-owned and operated since 1900. Incorporating milk from 20 local farms, the dairy employs the distinctive method of cooking down vanilla, imparting an incomparable taste not often found in ice cream. The ice cream is popular locally and the tasting room offers huge helpings and more than 50 flavors.



# CENTRAL SHORES Get Out Into Nature

Prevalent with a variety of fishing opportunities—from creek to shore, spots for water recreation, and filled with parks and natural areas for exploration, hiking, and biking, there is no shortage of outdoor fun in Central Shores.

#### **Unique Preserves**

#### SANDUSKY

The 15-mile **East Sandusky Bay Water Trail** provides an opportunity to enjoy scenic views, wildlife, cultural history, and great recreational opportunities from Sandusky Bay on Lake Erie. Access points are at **Big Island Preserve** and **Community Foundation Preserve at Eagle Point**, which are designated stops on the **Lake Erie Birding Trail**. Eagle Point offers a small boat launch, fishing opportunities, a play area, restrooms, reservable shelter, and walking trails. Pets are permitted. The preserve is open yearround from 8 am until dusk.



#### CASTALIA

The Castalia Quarry MetroPark is a popular hiking spot with panoramic views of Sandusky Bay and the islands. The former guarry is home to about 240 species of native plants, as well as fossils dating back 400 million years. This park also features mountain biking and crosscountry skiing trails. Resthaven Wildlife **Area** offers hiking, birding, and fishing, as well as hunting opportunities, a shooting range, and APV trails. Fly-fishing is popular at Castalia's Cold Creek; accessible at the Castalia State Fish Hatcherv and several area vacation rentals. The downtown Castalia Duck Pond is a popular spot to view waterfowl.

### **MUST-see!**

At the Castalia State Fish Hatchery you can view part of the "blue hole" aquifer system, which supplies water to covered raceways for growing steelhead and rainbow trout.





#### Sandusky

#### O Perkins Township

2610 Columbus Ave. | 419.609.1400 perkinstownship.com

Perkins Township is committed to providing exceptional services that improve the quality of life and opportunities for those who live, work, or visit the community.

#### O Shores & Islands Ohio Welcome Center - East

125 E. Water St. | 419.625.2984 shoresandislands.com

Welcome! Stop by and find friendly travel counselors awaiting to ensure you have the best time exploring Shores & Islands Ohio! Discount attraction and ferry tickets, free coffee, travel info, phone charging station, Wi-Fi, restrooms. Open year-round.



#### Sandusky

#### O Cedar Point Amusement Park

1 Cedar Point Dr. | 419.627.2350 cedarpoint.com

Cedar Point is the second-oldest amusement park in North America. It's home to 69 rides, a mile-long beach, on-site accommodations, and more.

#### O Cedar Point Sports Center Adventure

in Cedar Point Sports Center 2701 Cleveland Rd. (US 6) | 419.609.5644 cpsports.com

A 9,500-sq. ft. entertainment center that features 23 climbing structures of varying difficulty and a ninja course with 12 obstacles including a warped wall.

#### O Cinemark Stadium

4314 Milan Rd. (US 250) | 419.621.1380 cinemark.com

Cinemark prides itself in offering a truly exceptional cinematic experience throughout the entire customer journey, from the initial ticket search to the closing credits.



#### O Clubhouse No.3 SportSocial

220 E. Water St. | 419.502.0298 clubhouseno3.com

A large indoor sports bar featuring state-of-theart golf simulators/multi-sport simulated games from dodgeball, to football, baseball, and more.

#### O Federation World Headquarters

in Sandusky Mall | 4314 Milan Rd. (US 250) Unit 220 | 877.365.8735 trekfederation.com Join Cyrano Jones in The Federation

Promenade and explore a brighter future with fans from around the world that believe in the ideals of diversity and helping those in need.

#### • Firelands Adventure Tours

at Jackson Street Pier | 301 W. Shoreline Dr. 419.734.9283 | firelandsadventuretours.com

Welcome aboard a climate-controlled, 18 passenger, ADA-compliant bus. Your guided tours include: wine tasting, underground railroad, haunted Sandusky, lighthouses, museums, and more.

#### **O** Gamer's Grotto & Castaway Play

in Castaway Bay by Cedar Point Resorts 2001 Cleveland Rd. (US 6) | 419.627.2500 castawaybay.com

Featuring 6,000 sq. ft. of gaming action with the latest in arcade games. Guests can accumulate tickets during play to redeem for prizes. Also featuring mini glow golf, mini bowling, and an escape room.

#### • Ghostly Manor Thrill Center

3319 Milan Rd. (US 250) | 419.626.4467 ghostlymanor.com

An indoor family entertainment center. Features bounce houses, arcade, virtual reality, a haunted house, roller skating, play area, mini golf, motion theater, laser maze, and an escape room.

#### O Goofy Golf

3020 Milan Rd. (US 250) | 419.625.9935 goofy-golf.com

Play miniature golf, test your skills with sharp curves and steep hills on Radical Raceway, and experience high speed on The Big Track. Round out your fun in the air-conditioned arcade. Open May-Oct.

#### O Lagoon Deer Park

1502 Martins Point Rd. | 419.684.5701 lagoondeerparkohio.com

Walk-thru petting zoo with over 200 animals, gift shop, and stocked fishing ponds. More than 75 babies are born each year. Celebrating 68 years! Open May-Oct, daily.



## THRILLS & Strikes

#### O Noble Axes

at the Marketplace Downtown 127 E. Market St. | 419.502.1245 nobleaxes.com

Step into a world where axes fly, craft beer flows, and live music ignites the night. Experience the thrill of axe throwing and modern entertainment! Throw axes, drink beer, repeat. Accessible, open year-round.

#### O Sports Force Parks

at Cedar Point Sports Center 3115 Cleveland Rd. W (US 6) | 419.502.2524 844.737.2757 | sportsforceparkssandusky.com A world-class tournament facility hosts a wide variety of sporting events. Enjoy the park's amenities including a ropes course, mini golf, and two playgrounds. Bringing sports, family, and fun to life.

#### O Ten Paw Bowling Alley

in Great Wolf Lodge 4600 Milan Rd. (US 250) 419.609.6000 greatwolf.com/sandusky

Real bowling entertainment, only smaller! Shorter lanes and bigger fun are perfect for the whole family.

#### **O** Twin Star Entertainment

2097 Cleveland Rd. W (US 6) | 419.626.2413 twinstarcenters.com

Offers bowling, an arcade, laser tag, axe throwing, and a full-service bar with awardwinning pizza. Available for open play, glow bowl, groups, and parties. Locations in Sandusky and Port Clinton.





#### Sandusky

#### **O** Goodtime Lake Erie Island Cruises

at Jackson Street Pier | 109 W. Shoreline Dr. 419.625.9692 | goodtimeboat.com

Enjoy a relaxing cruise on Lake Erie aboard the Goodtime I. Offering a variety of cruises to Kelleys Island and Put-in-Bay as well as dinner, sunset, and party cruises on Lake Erie.

#### **O** Jet Express

at Jackson Street Pier | 101 W. Shoreline Dr. 419.732.2800 | 800.245.1538 jet-express.com

High-speed passenger ferries to downtown Put-in-Bay, Kelleys Island, and Cedar Point from Port Clinton and Sandusky. Late-night service, family friendly, and accessible.





#### Sandusky

#### O Firelands Winery

917 Bardshar Rd. (off US 6) | 419.625.5474 firelandswinery.com

Producing fine Ohio wine since 1880. Restaurant, wine tasting, winemaking supplies, and gifts. Outdoor dog-friendly covered patio. Available for private events.

## Arts & Cultural

#### Sandusky

#### O Sandusky Cultural Center

in Sandusky High School | 2130 Hayes Ave. (SR 4) | 419.625.1188

sanduskyculturalcenter.com

Educational and entertaining exhibits that stimulate an interest in the fine arts, provide a focus for multicultural awareness, and introduce complex issues and challenging concepts. Open Sept-May, Sun-Fri.





#### Sandusky

#### O The Back Room at Lake Erie Gifts & Décor

1521 Cleveland Rd. (US 6) | 419.627.0015 lakeeriegiftsdecor.com

Antiques, collectibles, and curiosities as well as popular primitive home décor and gift shop. Unique finds from primitive furniture, souvenirs, candles, nautical décor, and more.

#### O Dandelion

in Hotel Kilbourne | 223 W. Water St. 844.373.2223

facebook.com/dandeliongiftstore

A unique boutique to find a fun and unusual assortment of treasures. The ever-changing inventory supports local, independent, and fair trade. Grab a margarita from OH Taco while you shop!

#### O Maritime Museum of Sandusky Gift Shop

125 Meigs St. | 419.624.0274 sanduskymaritime.org

Unique nautical gifts, books, souvenirs, and more. Take home a piece of Lake Erie's maritime history today.

#### **O** Sandusky Mall Complex

4314 Milan Rd. (US 250) | 419.626.8574 sandusky-mall.com

More than 50 stores anchored by JC Penney, B.A.M., T.J. Maxx, and Ross Dress for Less. See website for hours, events, and information. Open daily; closed Christmas and Easter.

#### O Vine & Olive

4917 Milan Rd. (US 250) | 419.502.4000 vine-olive.com

Specialty Mediterranean restaurant, bakery, and market featuring gyros, sandwiches, and fresh meals. Wide selection of wines, chocolates, cheesecakes, flavored olive oils, and vinegars.



#### O Lake Erie Aesthetics & Wellness

4404 Timber Commons Dr. | 419.617.0085 lakeerieaesthetics.com

Revitalize your health and wellness. Services are specifically designed to promote a healthier, more beautiful you. Relax, rejuvenate, and let the professionals take care of you. Also visit the Avon Lake location.

#### O Spa Kalahari & Salon

in Kalahari Resorts & Conventions 7000 Kalahari Dr. (off US 250) 419.433.7900 ext. 34168 | 877.525.2427 kalahariresorts.com/ohio

Relax and rejuvenate your mind, body, and spirit with amazing body treatments, luxurious massages, and more. Features include a Halotherapy salt room and sauna. Open year-round.

#### O True Nature Wellness

207 W. Water St. | 419.625.0818 growwithtruenature.com

Offering yoga classes and workshops that focus on a holistic approach to health. Whether in search of new ways to move, better ways to connect, or a like-minded community, True Nature Wellness has it.





#### Sandusky

#### O Castaway Bay Indoor Waterpark by Cedar Point Resorts

2001 Cleveland Rd. (US 6) | 419.627.2500 castawaybay.com

Adventures include a wave pool, water coaster, slides, and kiddie water play areas. State-ofthe-art arcade, restaurants, and shops. Cedar Point packages available, in-season.

#### • Cedar Point Shores Waterpark

1 Cedar Point Dr. | 419.627.2350 cedarpoint.com

Cool off from the summer heat at Cedar Point Shores Waterpark. Featuring 18-acres of splish-splashin' family fun where pint-sized slides, geysers, and fountains are fun to play around in.

#### O Great Wolf Lodge

4600 Milan Rd. (US 250) | 419.609.6000 greatwolf.com/sandusky

Indoor water park resort with family attractions including a 24-hour arcade, Build-A-Bear™, MagiQuest adventure, Ten Paw Bowling, and Oliver's Sluice Mining. Day passes available.

#### O Kalahari Resorts & Conventions Water Park

7000 Kalahari Dr. (off US 250) 419.433.7200 | 877.525.2427 kalahariresorts.com/ohio

One of America's largest indoor water parks. The whole family can enjoy Spa Kalahari, restaurants, The Big Game Room, Great Escape Mini Golf, Safari Outdoor Adventure Park, and more!

# Water **Fecreation**

#### Sandusky

#### O North Coast Parasail & Water Sports

at Cedar Point Beach | 1 Cedar Point Dr. 419.627.2279 | northcoastparasail.com

Enjoy the thrills of WaveRunner rentals or parasailing high above Lake Erie. Private boat charters, kayaks, and paddle boards. Reserve online for best rates and free parking; walk-ups welcome.

#### O Sandusky Sailing Center

814 E. Water St. | 419.871.8080 sailsandusky.org

Enjoy a variety of sailing experiences with a certified instructor or captain. Offering private lessons, family sailing opportunities, sunset cruises, daily boat charters, and more.

#### **O** SōLSTAY

2312 River Ave. solstaylodging.com

Nestled in the Sandusky Bay, the location is perfect for paddleboarders of all levels. Enjoy sunrise and sunset rides, or everything in between. Offering 1-hour, half-day, and full-day rentals.

## SIP & Splash





#### • Erie County Historical Society

eriecountyohiohistory.com

See website for information on 60+ historical markers in Erie Co. and other historic sites. Use your smart phone, tablet, or PC to enjoy self-guided historic walking tours of Sandusky, Kelleys Island, Milan, and Vermilion.

**O Underground Railroad Self-Guided Tour** 125 E. Water St. | 419.625.2984

shoresandislands.com

Learn about the history of freedom with a self-guided drive throughout Erie County. Call or stop by a Shores & Islands Ohio welcome center for a free copy of the brochure.

#### Castalia

#### O Castalia Area Historical Society Museum

208 Lowell St. | 419.684.9710

This small museum of the Castalia area exhibits historical information and collectibles such as Blue Hole souvenirs and tufa rock statues. Open the first Saturday of every month; or by appointment.

#### O Castalia State Fish Hatchery

7018 Homegardner Rd. | 419.684.7499 wildlife.ohiodnr.gov

Raises steelhead and rainbow trout and offers self-guided tours of 90 acres of serene grounds including outdoor walkways, a .5mile section of Cold Creek, and a "blue hole" aquifer. Picnic shelter, tables, grills. Open Mon-Fri 8 am-3 pm; closed holidays.

#### Sandusky

#### O Cooke-Dorn House Historic Site

1415 Columbus Ave. | 419.627.0640 oldhouseguild.org

Managed by the Old House Guild, this threestory Greek Revival mansion features a glass collection, antiques, and greenhouse. Free admission. Open Apr-Oct; or by appointment.

#### O Follett House Museum of Sandusky Library

404 Wayne St. | 419.625.3834 sanduskylib.org

Learn Sandusky's history from before the War of 1812, through the Civil War, and to the present; including businesses/industry, Johnson's Island artifacts, and more. Free admission. Tours by appointment.

#### O Maritime Museum of Sandusky

125 Meigs St. | 419.624.0274 sanduskymaritime.org

Discover fascinating exhibits from steamboats to modern freighters and learn about Lake Erie's rich nautical heritage.

#### O Merry-Go-Round Museum

301 Jackson St. (US 6) | 419.626.6111 merrygoroundmuseum.org

Enjoy the sights and sounds of yesterday, take a carousel ride, and see over 150 carousel creations from lions, camels, giraffes, to horses, all in Sandusky's former post office!



#### • Cedar Point Lighthouse

1 Cedar Point Dr. | 419.627.2350 cedarpoint.com

This 38-ft. lighthouse was built in 1862. The light, in use until 1909, is located atop the lighthouse keeper's six-room limestone home. Parking fee is required. No entry inside.

## LEARN & Explore



Eat & DRINK	Price	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Lake Erie Fish	Late Night Menu	Bar	<b>Outdoor Seating</b>	Waterfront	Dockage	Live Entertainment	Accessible	Open Year-round
BAY VIEW													
<b>Bay Bell Restaurant</b> 801 E. Bayview Dr.   419.502.1248 American, Seafood baybellrestaurant.com	\$\$\$	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		•	•	
SANDUSKY													
Another Broken Egg Café in Sandusky Mall 4314 Milan Rd. (US 250)   419.502.1018 American, Coffee anotherbrokenegg.com	\$\$	•	•				•					•	
<b>B-Lux Grill &amp; Bar</b> in Kalahari Resorts & Conventions 7000 Kalahari Dr. (off US 250)   419.433.7600 American   kalahariresorts.com/ohio/things-to- do/dining/b-lux-grill-bar/	\$\$		•	-			•					-	
<b>Bay Harbor Waterfront Dining</b> 1 Cedar Point Dr.   419.625.6373 American, Seafood, Steak bayharbordining.com	\$\$\$			•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•
<b>Buffalo Wild Wings</b> 814 Crossings Rd. (off US 250) 419.624.9464 American   buffalowildwings.com	\$\$		•	•		•	•						
CLAG Brewing Company/Small City Taphouse 218 and 202 Columbus Ave.   419.502.0099 Asian, Sushi   clagbrewingco.com	\$\$		•	•			ł						
<b>Crush Wine Bar</b> 145 Columbus Ave.   419.502.9463 American, Sushi, Italian, Pizza, Steak sanduskywinebar.com	\$\$			•			•	•			•	•	•
<b>Dockside Café</b> 611 W. Shoreline Dr.   American, Seafood facebook.com/sanduskydockside	\$		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	
DQ Grill & Chill Orange Julius® 2015 Fifth St. (at Cedar Point Dr.) 419.609.5916 American, Ice Cream   dairyqueen.com	\$		•	•				•				-	
Famous Dave's Legendary Pit Bar-B-Que 1 Cedar Point Dr.   419.609.2054 American, BBQ cedarpoint.com/play/drinks-dining/ famous-daves	\$\$			•				•		•			
<b>Gitchigoomie Grill</b> in Great Wolf Lodge 4600 Milan Rd. (US 250)   419.609.6000 American, Coffee greatwolf.com/sandusky	\$\$\$	•		-								-	•
<b>High Tide Café</b> in Castaway Bay by Cedar Point Resorts 2001 Cleveland Rd. (US 6)   419.627.2500 American, Coffee   castawaybay.com	\$\$	•							•	•		•	

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SANDUSKY (CONTINUE	D)												
<b>J Bistro</b> 129 W. Market St.   419.502.2280 American, Italian, Steak jbistrodowntown.com	\$\$\$			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	
Moseley's Rooftop Bar in Hotel Kilbourne 223 W. Water St.   844.373.2223 facebook.com/moseleysrooftopbar	\$						•	•	•			•	
<b>OH Taco</b> in Hotel Kilbourne 223 W. Water St.   844.373.2223 Mexican, Seafood   oh-taco.com	\$\$		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	
<b>Paddle Bar</b> 305 E. Water St.   419.502.1044 paddlebarsandusky.com	\$\$						•	•	•		•	•	
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<b>Toft Dairy Ice Cream Parlor</b> 3717 Venice Rd. (US 6)   419.625.5490 419.625.4376 American, Ice Cream   toftdairy.com	\$		•					•				•	•
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Explore NATURE	Trail(s)	Beach	Waterfront	Swimming	Fishing	Restrooms	<b>Pets Permitted</b>	Play Area	Shelter	Grills	Birding	Watercraft Rental	Small Boat Launch	Accessible	
CASTALIA															
Castalia Quarry MetroPark 8404 SR 101 (off SR 269) 419.625.7783   eriemetroparks.org	•					•	•				•				
<b>Castalia State Fish Hatchery</b> 7018 Homegardner Rd. 419.684.7499   wildlife.ohiodnr.gov	-				-	•			•	•	•				
Resthaven Wildlife Area 412 Cement Ave. (off SR 269) 419.424.5000   wildlife.ohiodnr.gov	•				•						•		•	•	
SANDUSKY															
Battery Park 701 E. Water St.   419.625.6142	-		•		-	•		•	•	•				•	
<b>Cedar Point Beach</b> 1 Cedar Point Dr.   419.627.2350 cedarpoint.com		•	•	•		•		•				•			
<b>Community Foundation</b> <b>Preserve at Eagle Point</b> 3819 Cleveland Rd. W 419.625.7783 eriemetroparks.org	•		•		-	•	•		•		•			•	
<b>Dorn Park</b> 699 Bardshar Rd. (off US 6) 419.627.5886 cityofsandusky.com/recreation						•	•	•	•	•				•	
<b>Erie Sand Barrens State</b> <b>Nature Preserve</b> Scheid Rd. (off Taylor Rd.) 440.839.1198 naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov	•														



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Jaycee Park corner of Boalt and Lane sts. 419.627.5886 cityofsandusky.com						•		•	•					•
Jackson Street Pier 229 W. Shoreline Dr.   419.627.5886 cityofsandusky.com	•		-		•	-	-		•					•
Lions Park 533 Winnebago Ave.   419.627.5886 cityofsandusky.com/recreation	•		•		•	•	•	•		•			•	•
<b>Pelton Park</b> 800 Pelton Park Dr.   419.609.1400 perkinstownship.com	•						•			•	•			
<b>Pipe Creek Wildlife Area</b> River Ave. (off Cedar Point Dr.) wildlife.ohiodnr.gov	•		•		•						•		•	
Sandusky Bay Pavilion 605 E. Water St.   419.627.5886 cityofsandusky.com/recreation			•			•	•	•	•	•				•
Sandusky Skate Park 222 Meigs St.   419.627.5886 cityofsandusky.com/recreation														
Schaeffer Park 2107 Hayes Ave.   419.627.5886 cityofsandusky.com/recreation								•	•	•				•
Shoreline Park 411 E. Water St.   419.627.5886 cityofsandusky.com/recreation	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
<b>Venice Park</b> 701 Bardshar Rd. (off US 6) 419.627.5886 cityofsandusky.com/recreation							•	•	•	•				•
Washington Park 200 Washington St.   419.627.5886 cityofsandusky.com/recreation	•					•	•							•
Wightman-Wieber Park 1539 Milan Rd.   419.627.5886 cityofsandusky.com/recreation	•					•	•	•	•	•				•
Willow Point Wildlife Area 6805 Wahl Rd.   419.424.5000 wildlife.ohiodnr.gov			•		•						•			

#### East Sandusky Bay Water Trail

Access points at Big Island Preserve and Canoe Launch, Community Foundation Preserve at Eagle Point, and Kiwanis Park. Launch at Pipe Creek Wildlife Area and Big Island Preserve and Landing.

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<b>Castaway Bay Marina</b> 10 Harbour Pkwy. (off US 6)   419.627.2334 cedarpoint.com/marinas	-	•	•	•		•	•		•	•		
<b>Cedar Point Marina</b> 1 Cedar Point Dr.   419.627.2334												

**Cedar Point Marina** 

<i>Camp</i> GROUNDS	Outdoor Pool	Waterfront	Beach Access	Pets Permitted	Wi-Fi	Tent Sites	Dump Station	Laundry	Showers	<b>Campfires Permitted</b>	Full Hook-up	Camp Store	
SANDUSKY				1									
<b>Bayfront Resort at Cross View</b> 1231 First St.   419.502.2555 bayfrontresortohio.com	•	•		-	•			•	•	•	•		
Crystal Rock Campground 710 Crystal Rock Rd.   419.684.7177 crystalrockcampground.com				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Lighthouse Point RV Sites at Cedar Point 1 Cedar Point Dr.   419.627.2106 cedarpoint.com/stay	•	-	•	•	•			•	•		•	•	
Sandusky Bayshore KOA Holiday Campground 2 E. Shoreway Dr. (off US 6) 419.625.1495   800.562.4286 koa.com/campgrounds/sandusky	•	-		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	

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Best Western Plus Sandusky Hotel & Suites 6011 Milan Rd. (US 250) 419.627.9595   800.780.7234 sanduskyhotels.com	•	•						•			•	
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<b>Cedar Point's Express Hotel</b> 1201 Cedar Point Dr. 419.627.2106   419.627.2350 cedarpoint.com/stay	•	•	•									•
<b>Comfort Inn Sandusky</b> 5909 Milan Rd. (US 250) 419.621.0200   866.214.7658 sanduskyhotels.com	•	•	•	•				•			•	
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<b>Great Wolf Lodge Resort</b> 4600 Milan Rd. (US 250) 419.609.6000   800.641.9653 greatwolf.com/sandusky	•	•	•	•						•	•	
Hotel Breakers at Cedar Point 1 Cedar Point Dr.   419.627.2106 cedarpoint.com/stay	•	•	•	•		•	•			•		•
Hotel Kilbourne 223 W. Water St.   844.373.2223 hotelkilbourne.com		•					•			•	•	•
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<b>The Lodge at Bayview</b> 203 E. Bayview Dr.   419.502.0200 h2property.com/the-lodge-at-bay-view			•		•		•	•		•		
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Bayfront Resort at Cross View Cottages 1231 First St.   419.502.2555 bayfrontresortohio.com	•		•				•	•		•		
Crystal Rock Campground 710 Crystal Rock Rd.   419.684.7177 crystalrockcampground.com							•			•		
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<b>Lea Building - Penthouse</b> 172 E. Market St., 3rd Floor   419.502.0200 h2property.com/leah-block							•	•	•	•		
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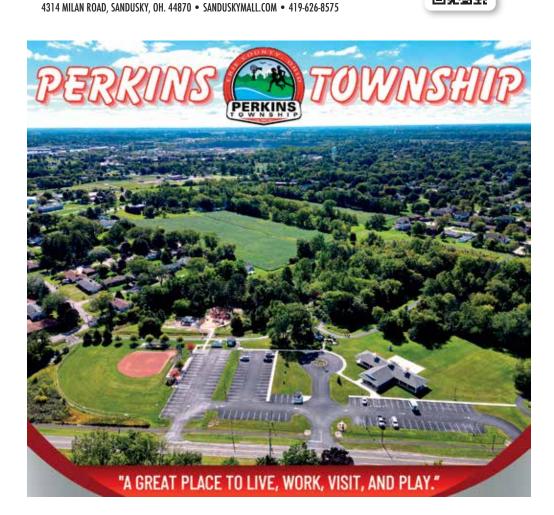
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1:05	\$1,500	2:15	\$1,000	3:30	50/50 Drawings
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1:20	Chevy Trax	2:35	\$1,500	3:55	\$1,500
1:25	\$1,500	2:40	\$1,000	4:00	\$2,000
1:30	50/50 Drawings	2:45	\$1,500	4:05	\$1,000
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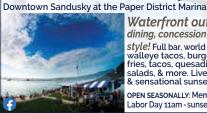
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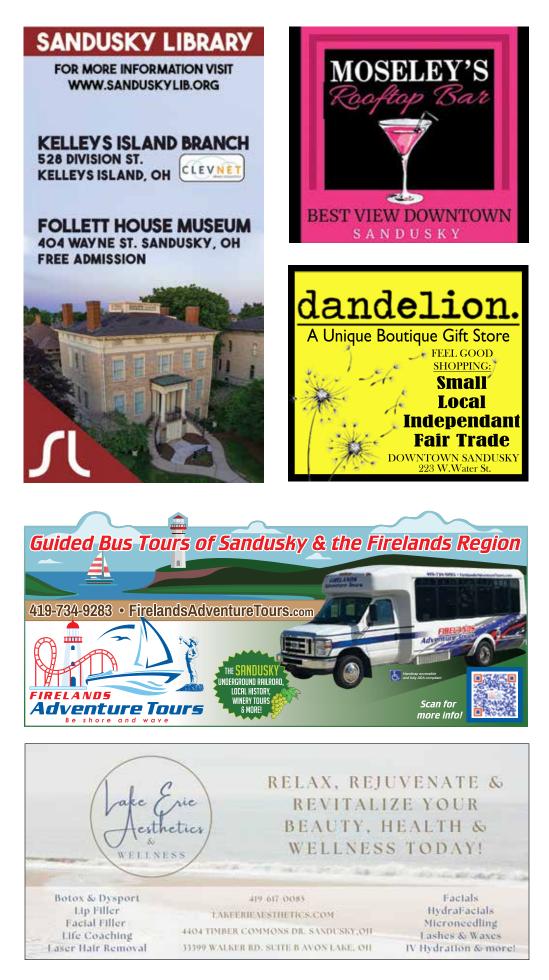
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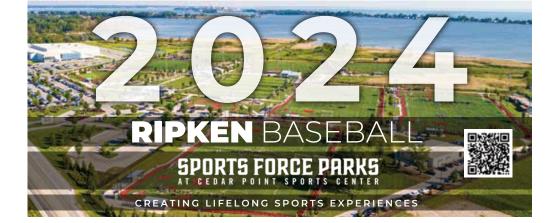
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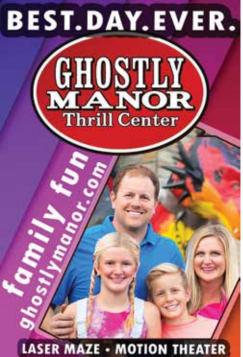
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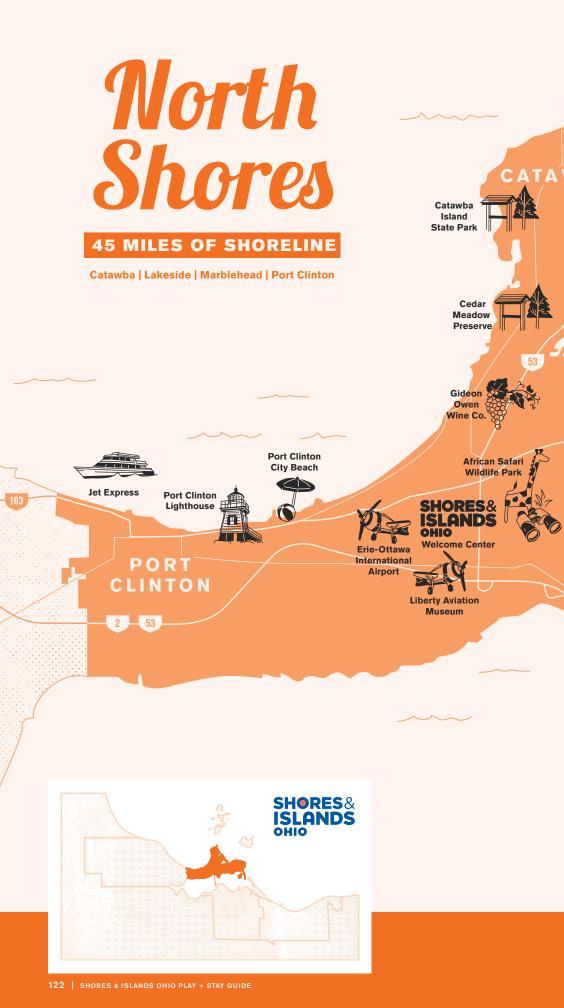
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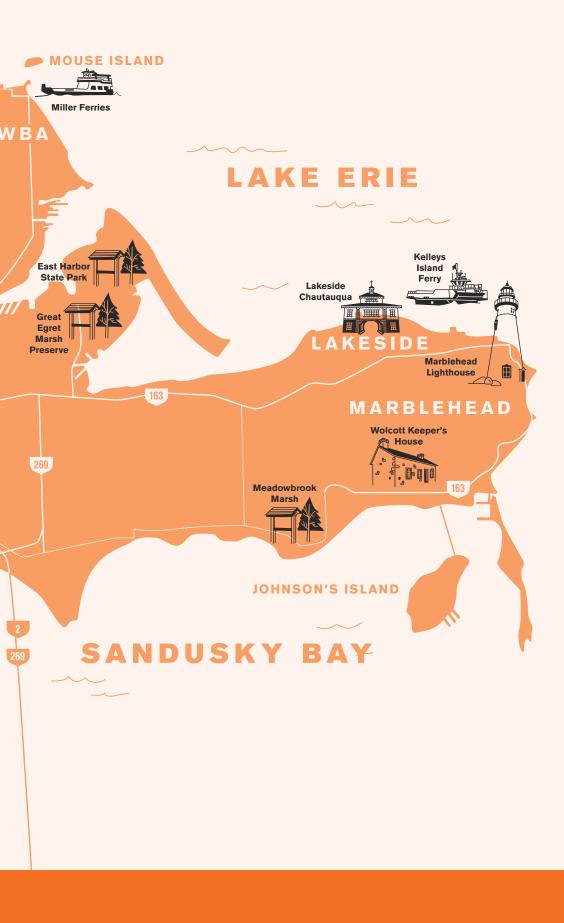
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### NORTH SHORES About The Region

Nurture mind, body, and spirit at Lakeside Chautauqua; come face-to-face with exotic animals on a drive-thru safari; enjoy world-class fishing; or take in the view from the Marblehead Lighthouse, there's plenty to do in the North Shores.

#### **A COMMUNITY FOR EVERY STYLE & TYPE**

North Shores is home to four unique communities, each with their share of fun activities and exciting places to see. The best part of their proximity to each other means you can visit more than one within your trip.



#### **PORT CLINTON**

Port Clinton is known for world-class fishing, miles of beautiful Lake Erie shoreline, boating, beaches, shopping, and entertainment. Local festivals and events take place almost every weekend. Fabulous local musicians entertain at **The District** outdoor entertainment stage. **Liberty Aviation Museum** and **African Safari Wildlife Park** are major attractions. Port Clinton is also known as the Walleye Capital of the World.

#### CATAWBA

Catawba is home to acres of natural areas and parks. **Catawba Island Historical Society** operates a museum where you can learn about the area's rich history. **Catawba Island State Park** is a great place to fish or launch your boat. Also known for its peach orchards and vineyards, Catawba boasts excellent dining, a winery, and a craft brewery, as well as the Miller Ferries dock for access to Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass Island.

#### MARBLEHEAD

Do not forget your camera as any visitor to this picturesque town will find numerous opportunities to use it! The oldest continually operating lighthouse on the Great Lakes is located here, along with numerous other historical attractions. Hometown restaurants and quaint gift shops round out this lakeshore experience.

#### LAKESIDE CHAUTAUQUA

Located on the Marblehead Peninsula, this Chautauqua community has been nurturing mind, body, and spirit for over 150 years. The Lakeside experience offers something for all ages—swimming, sailing, relaxing on the beach, miniature golf, shuffleboard, movies, arts and crafts, cultural events, and much more. Plus a summer season of entertainment in the 3,000-seat Hoover Auditorium.





#### 6 North Shores Places You Must Visit

#### 1 "Ohio's Most Beautiful Mile"

This Lakeside Chautauqua walking trail stretches along the waterfront with multiseason perennial gardens and native plants along the path.

#### 2 Liberty Aviation Museum

Museum showcasing operational, historical aircraft and vehicles, primarily from the 1920s-1940s, plus other WWII memorabilia. 1950s diner on site.

#### **3** African Safari Wildlife Park

The drive-thru and walk-thru safaris have exotic animals, camel rides, educational animal shows, pig races, playground, picnic area, and more.

#### 4 Johnson's Island Confederate Cemetery

This historic cemetery is the final resting place of more than 200 of the 9,000 Confederate soldiers once imprisoned here.

#### 5 East Harbor State Park

Relaxing, family-friendly beach with shallow water and adjacent nature trails. Don't miss the new nature center with interactive exhibits.

#### 6 Watering Hole Safari & Water Park

Seasonal, outdoor water park and family fun park with multi-level go-kart track, mini golf, bumper boats, and walk-thru and drive-thru safari with exotic animals.



MUST-SEE! Check out this awesome Pc Clinton video!

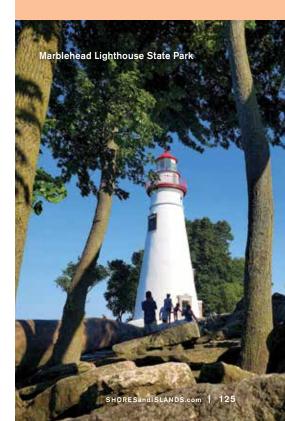
#### Did you know?

Rachel Wolcott was the 1st female lighthouse keeper on the Great Lakes. The Wolcott Keeper's House in Marblehead, built in 1822, is the oldest standing residence in Ottawa County.

#### **Lighthouse History**

Originally built at the mouth of the Portage River in 1896, the Port Clinton Lighthouse was lovingly restored and brought to her new home at Waterworks Park.

Travel to the Marblehead Peninsula to the 1822 Wolcott Keeper's House. This limestone house was the residence of the first three lighthouse keepers of the Marblehead Lighthouse. And no lighthouse trip would be complete without stopping to see the oldest continuallyoperating lighthouse on the Great Lakes, the Marblehead Lighthouse.



### NORTH SHORES Getting Around

North Shores is a scenic, easy-to-travel region that is roughly 20 minutes from the western to the eastern portion of the region with plenty of interesting stops between each community—Port Clinton, Marblehead, Lakeside, and Catawba.

#### Traveling from the East or South

If you are coming from the east (Cleveland and East Shores) or the south (Columbus and Central Shores), you will take the two-minute drive across **Thomas A. Edison Memorial Bridge** as you pass over the **Sandusky Bay** via **SR 2**. That will bring you into the middle of the North Shores region where it is a fairly short drive to Catawba, Port Clinton, Lakeside, and Marblehead.

#### **Traveling from the West**

If you're heading into the North Shores from the West (Toledo and West Shores), you will be traveling in via **SR 2** and **SR 53**. You will pass beautiful natural scenery, especially near **Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge** and **Magee Marsh Wildlife Area**. Consider taking **SR 163** and make a stop in downtown Port Clinton before seeing the rest of the North Shores.

#### **Getting Around**

On land, motorcycles, biking, driving, and walking are popular. Golf carts are also popular within Lakeside Chautauqua. On the water, about every form of watercraft is available for rent.

#### **Ferry Departures**

Miller Ferries (Catawba)—Mainland to South Bass Island (Put-in-Bay)—2 miles from downtown Put-in-Bay. Vehicle or walk-on. 20 min. total. Also Middle Bass Island. Vehicle by reservation only or walk-on. 45 min. total.

Jet Express (Port Clinton)—Mainland to Put-in-Bay downtown. Walk-on only. 25 min. total.

#### Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line

(Marblehead)—Mainland to dock at southern portion of the island, .5 miles to downtown Kelleys. Walk-on or vehicle. 20 min. total.

#### **Travel Tip**

Lakeside Chautauqua offers a free 90-min. shopping and dining pass for quick visits!

#### Lakeside Chautauqua Pass

Lakeside is a gated community on the north shore of Marblehead Peninsula. Lakeside is a vibrant community which offers family-oriented entertainment, concerts, recreation, lectures, and clubs throughout the summer. The community has a number of restaurants, shops, churches, parks, and businesses within. **Visitors are welcome to purchase a day pass, or a partial day pass (4 hrs.)**. Others choose to stay longer - the village has cottages, houses, and two hotels with rooms for rent for a day, week, or even the entire summer.



# NED THE NATURALIST

The Lakeside daisy is small but sturdy, growing only on alvars (rocky limestone or dolomite with little to no soil). The largest naturally occurring population of the Lakeside daisy is in Marblehead, Ohio.

Lakeside daisies are 6-10 in. tall and the plants all bloom together in early to mid-May.

Like many species of flowers, the Lakeside daisy's bright yellow color is not only attractive to humans but also to the many bees, butterflies, and flies that pollinate the daisy.

Lakeside daisies cannot reproduce with others that are too closely related.

### NORTH SHORES Dining & Drinks

Enjoy delicious, authentic cuisine and local favorites at our countless foodie destinations.

### A Flavor For Every Palate

#### **Port Clinton**

1812 Food & Spirits offers fine dining in a casual atmosphere with fresh Lake Erie fish, along with other seafood, steaks, ribs, chops, and pastas. Ciao Bella Ristorante Italiano offers old-world Italian favorites freshly made, like bruschetta, margherita pizzas, spaghetti and meatballs, veal osso bucco, and others. Clinton House offers traditional pub fare with a local twist.



#### Catawba

Gideon Owen Wine Company offers a full tasting room, restaurant, and huge patios. Enjoy live music while you taste fresh walleye, steaks, and blackened salmon. Ørchard Bar & Table features multiple properties nestled into stunning orchards. Stop by Ørchard Farm Stand for coffee and brunch on the patio, visit The Coop for cocktails, or reserve a table at the **Ørchard Bar & Table** for an elegant dinner. **Twin Oast Brewing Company** is a popular destination for families. Enjoy a beer while the kids play games on the lawn, and grub on pizzas, tacos, and other bar bites.

#### Marblehead & Lakeside

The Galley is popular for their giant omelets at breakfast, the sandwiches and wraps at lunch, and the surf and turf at dinner. The nauticalthemed eatery is known especially for their seafood. The Patio in Lakeside is an easy-tolove spot serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They're known for their freshly-made donuts! Red's Restaurant & Bar is a new peninsula dining experience with an elevated pub menu. Entrées include braised short ribs, roasted chicken paprikash, plus pizzas, and sandwiches.

#### UNIQUE EATS & TREATS



#### Eat on the Shore

Hidden Beach Bar in Marblehead is the perfect spot to eat, sip, and relax right on a beach. Enjoy a local favorite, the HBB perch sandwich. Their lakefront dining is accessible by boat with free dockage (firstcome, first-served basis) or by car.



The Sushi Room

Enjoy the ultimate sushi experience. From the moment you walk into The Sushi Room you'll be mesmerized by the entire experience, from the vibe, to the service, to the sushi! Reservations accepted.

### NORTH SHORES Get Out Into Nature

Nature's beauty abounds in the North Shores, where nature preserves intermingle with shoreline marshes and waterfront parks. Don't miss the many hiking, birding, and sightseeing opportunities throughout the region.

#### **Unique Preserves**

#### **GREAT EGRET MARSH PRESERVE**

The 150-acre **Great Egret Marsh Preserve** boasts classic Lake Erie marshland, blanketed each summer with water lotus and teaming with wildlife. The preserve is a haven for waterfowl and wading birds—including great egrets, which can congregate there in abundance. Visitors will find opportunities for birdwatching, fishing from the trails, 1.2-mile hiking loop, kayaking, and canoeing. Small boat launch for kayaks and canoes only.

#### CEDAR MEADOW PRESERVE

The 62-acre preserve is a mosaic of successional fields, mature woodland, shrub zones, and wetlands. **Cedar Meadow Preserve** is an excellent spot for migratory songbirds that are preparing to cross the lake in spring, or have just made the crossing in fall. Nearly every species of regularly-occurring migrant songbird could be expected given the preserve's diversity of habitat, and as more birders discover this site, an impressive species list should be accumulated. Cedar Meadow Preserve is only minutes from Miller Ferries and is a worthwhile stop before or after visiting the islands.

#### LAKESIDE DAISY STATE NATURE PRESERVE

#### The Colleen Taylor and Ruth Fiscus -Lakeside Daisy State Nature Preserve

encompasses 136 acres of former limestone guarry land on the Marblehead Peninsula. This preserve was established to protect the only natural U.S. population of the Lakeside Daisy (*Tetraneuris herbacea*), a federally-threatened plant species which only occurs naturally at a handful of sites. Also a State Endangered Species, this is one of Ohio's most spectacular wildflowers. In early to mid-May, its bright yellow flowers adorn the otherwise bleak, sunbaked landscape of this former Marblehead guarry. This long-lived perennial grows where few others can, on nearly-barren limestone bedrock in full sunlight. All individuals within a given population tend to bloom about the same time, producing the spectacular effect of a golden blanket across the rocky landscape. After about a week, the double-notched petals fade before falling. This preserve was named in honor of Colleen Taylor and Ruth Fiscus who were very instrumental in the protection of the original 19-acre parcel in 1988.

More information can be found at naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov.

#### **MUST-see!**

The Beach Ridge habitat at East Harbor State Park & Magee Marsh Wildlife Area is a magnet for migrating songbirds.







#### **Port Clinton**

#### • Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce

110 Madison St. | 419.734.5503 portclintonchamber.com

Stop in to browse a variety of brochures, read local newspapers, pick up money-saving coupons, purchase souvenirs, and learn about events taking place during your visit.

#### O Shores & Islands Ohio Welcome Center - West

770 S.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53) | 419.734.4386 800.441.1271 | shoresandislands.com

Pick up brochures, maps, directions, discount coupons, and a copy of the Shore Savings Card. Public restrooms, discount tickets, phone charging station, and free Wi-Fi available. Open year-round.



#### **Port Clinton**

• African Safari Wildlife Park 267 S. Lightner Rd. | 419.732.3606

africansafariwildlifepark.com

Delighting families for over 50 years! Feed giraffes, zebras, bison, and more from your vehicle. Visit the walk-thru Safari to see more exotic wildlife and educational programs.

#### **O** Fast Eddie's Sports Park

280 S.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53) | 419.732.7070 fasteddiescatawba.com

Enjoy go-karts, bumper boats, gemstone and fossil mining, and Lighthouse Links Miniature Golf Course with 18 holes of family fun. Onsite restaurant and shelter available for rent.





#### Catawba

#### **O** Miller Ferries

5174 E. Water St. (SR 53) | 800.500.2421 millerferry.com

Miller Ferries offer the most frequent passenger/vehicle trips to Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass Island, lowest fares, and free parking. Find schedules, package savings, events, and coupons at millerferry.com

#### Marblehead

#### O Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line

510 W. Main St. (SR 163) | 419.798.9763 kelleysislandferry.com

The only passenger and vehicle ferry service between Marblehead and Kelleys Island. Yearround service offered, weather-permitting, and late-night service during the summer season.

#### **Port Clinton**

#### O Jet Express

3 N. Monroe St. | 419.732.2800 800.245.1538 | jet-express.com

Jet Express offers the only direct-to-downtown ferry service to Put-in-Bay! Enjoy late-night trips, the fastest trip times, and free luggagehandling service! Visit jet-express.com for schedule, tickets, and more!







#### Lakeside

#### O Hoover Auditorium

119 W. Third St. | 419.798.4461 lakesideohio.com

Historic Hoover Auditorium hosts a wide variety of performers, speakers, and preachers between Memorial Day-Labor Day. Visit Lakeside's website for calendar of events and admission fees.

#### **Port Clinton**

#### O Greater Port Clinton Area Arts Council 317 W. Perry St. | 419.341.0979

gpcaac.org/tag

Stop by The Arts Garage (TAG) to see local artists at work, attend arts classes, or connect with the local artistic community. Call or visit website for events, classes, and more.



### Wineries & Breweries



#### Catawba

#### **O** Gideon Owen Wine Company

3845 E. Wine Cellar Rd. | 419.797.4445 800.777.4266 | gideonowenwine.com Gideon Owen Wine Company is a 150-yearold winery on Catawba Island. Gather with friends and family indoors or on the patio and enjoy delicious food, wines, and seasonal events. Open year-round.

#### O Twin Oast Brewing

3630 N.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53)

419.573.6126 | twinoast.com

Twin Oast Brewing is Ohio's premier Farm-to-Fermenter brewery, located on a 60-acre farm on Catawba Island. Gather with loved ones to enjoy craft beer, food, and seasonal events. Open year-round.





#### Catawba

#### **O** Ørchard Farm Stand

3350 N.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53) 419.573.6003

orchardoncatawba.com/orchard-farm-stand Shop the market for local produce, honey, jams and jellies, homewares, coffee, wine, baked goods, kitchen items, and more. Open yearround, daily.

#### **Port Clinton**

#### **O** The Lake House

3874 Harbor Light Landing Dr. (off SR 53) 419.960.7627

facebook.com/thelakehousecoastalboutique The boutique will spark your creativity with

gifts, home décor, and displays of kitchenware, candles, garden art, clothing, jewelry, and pet items. Accessible. Open year-round.

#### O Liberty Aviation Museum Gift Shop

3515 E. State Rd. | 419.732.0234 libertyaviationmuseum.org

Find one-of-a-kind items and artwork including models, books, clothing, souvenirs, toys, and museum related and aviation-themed memorabilia. Open year-round.

#### • Northern Exposure

136 Madison St. | 419.967.5556 facebook.com/northernexposurecandleco The most nautical store on the Lake Erie shore. Nautical and camp décor, jewelry, candles, gifts, and souvenirs.





### **Spas** Marblehead



#### O Spa Catawba

140 S. Bridge Rd. (SR 269) | 419.341.4540 spacatawba.com

A premier spa offering massage, facials, body treatments, float therapy, and infrared sauna. Med Spa services including Botox, fillers, and microneedling are also available.

### **Fishing Charters**



#### O Dunlap's Fishing Charter Service

at East Harbor State Park Marina 2188 N. Buck Rd. (SR 269) | 877.797.4361 dunlapscharterservice.com

Full-day charters, for one boat or 10! Fish for walleye, perch, or bass. "We find 'em, you wind 'em." Open Apr-Oct.

#### • Tibbels Fishing Charter Service

6965 E. Harbor Rd. (SR 163) | 419.734.1143 tibbelsfishing.com

Private, group fishing charters for up to 19 people, and individual walk-on charters are available. Call in advance for reservations. Fish for walleye, perch, and small mouth bass.

#### **Port Clinton**

#### **O** Shore Nuf Charters

at Drawbridge Marina 247 W. Lakeshore Dr. (SR 163) 419.734.9999 | shore-nuf.com

Go fishing with Lake Erie's largest fleet of headboats. Catch walleye and perch, and enjoy Lake Erie. Offering walk-on or private charters with boats ranging from 38 to 60 ft.



#### Catawba

#### O Catawba Cruising

at Catawba Landing Marina 2021 N.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53) 419.202.9553 | catwabacruising.com

Catawba Cruising's mission is to deliver a personalized, VIP experience for every customer. Like chartering a private jet, you'll feel like a celebrity on your Lake Erie adventure.

#### Lakeside

#### • Lakeside Chautauqua Watercraft Rentals

236 Walnut Ave. | 419.798.4461 ext. 266 lakesideohio.com

Offering Sunfish sailboat, stand-up paddleboard, and kayak rentals, as well as week-long Sunfish sailing lessons. Watercraft rentals available from Memorial Day-Labor Day.

#### O Lakeside Chautauqua Wooden Boat Rides & Charters

236 Walnut Ave. | 419.798.4461 866.952.5374 | lakesideohio.com

Enjoy 30-minute or one hour-long cruises aboard *Amazing Grace*, a fully-restored 1937 Richardson Cruiseabout. Wooden boat rides run Mondays and Thursdays from mid-June to mid-Aug.

#### **Port Clinton**

#### O Lake Erie Sailing Charters

at Brand's Marina | 451 W. Lakeshore Dr. (SR 163) | 419.250.2078 | sailvalkyrie.com Relax and sail the beautiful waters of Lake Erie and the islands aboard a captained 56-ft. sailing yacht. Specializing in sunset cruises, day sails, and custom charters.



#### Catawba

#### O Catawba Island Museum at Union Chapel

5258 E. Porter St. (off SR 53) 419.967.5363

catawbaislandhistoricalsociety.com Learn about the area's beginning, Native Americans, settlers, farming, and more. Historic Union Chapel houses the displays of artifacts and stories of Catawba Island. Open May-Oct.

#### Lakeside

#### • Heritage Hall Museum

236 Walnut Ave. | 419.798.5519 lakesideheritagesociety.org Housed in the original 1875 Methodist Church, Heritage Hall Museum showcases 150 years of Lakeside, Marblehead, and Danbury Township history.

#### O Lakeside Chautauqua

236 Walnut Ave. | 419.798.4461 lakesideohio.com

For 150 years, Lakeside Chautauqua has welcomed families to the Lake Erie shore to nurture mind, body, and spirit. Admission fees apply during the summer Chautauqua season.

#### O Lakeside Heritage Society Archives

210 Walnut Ave. | 419.798.5519 lakesideheritagesociety.org The Lakeside Heritage Society Archives houses photographs and print documents related to Lakeside, the Marblehead Peninsula, and the history of the Chautauqua Movement.



#### Port Clinton

#### **O** Port Clinton Lighthouse

at Waterworks Park | 52 E. Perry St. (SR 163) 419.797.2504 | portclintonlighthouse.org Tour the restored 1896 lighthouse and replica Lightkeeper's Boathouse displaying artifacts, keeper's rowboat, and gift shop. Tours offered Memorial Day-Labor Day, Sat 12-5 pm.

#### Marblehead

#### • Johnson's Island Confederate Officers Prison Cemetery

Gaydos Rd. (off Bayshore Rd.) johnsonsisland.org

This is the final resting place of more than 200 of the 9,000 Confederate soldiers once imprisoned here. A toll is required to visit the cemetery. Open year-round, daily dawn-dusk.

#### **O** Wolcott Keeper's House

9999 E. Bayshore Rd. ottawacountyhistory.org

The restored frontier-style stone house was home to the first lightkeepers. Built in the early 1800s, the house is three miles from the Marblehead Lighthouse. Visit website for full schedule.

#### **Port Clinton**

#### **O** Liberty Aviation Museum

3515 E. State Rd. | 419.732.0234 libertyaviationmuseum.org Showcasing operational, historic aircraft and vehicles including Georgie's Gal (a WWII B-25 Mitchell Bomber), a U.S. Navy WWII TBM Avenger, WWII PT-boat, and more.

#### O Ottawa County Museum

126 W. Third St. | 419.732.2237

Enjoy historical displays covering the history of Ottawa County. Accessible. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Wed 12-3 pm, or by appointment.



#### Marblehead

#### O Marblehead Lighthouse State Park

110 Lighthouse Dr. (off SR 163) parks.ohiodnr.gov

The oldest continually-operating lighthouse on the Great Lakes offers stunning views. Tours available Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily 12-4 pm. On-site museums open the same hours.

Eat & DRINK	Price	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Lake Erie Fish	Late Night Menu	Bar	<b>Outdoor Seating</b>	Waterfront	Dockage	Live Entertainment	Accessible	Open Year-round		
CATAWBA															
The Coop at Ørchard Farm Stand 3350 N.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53) 419.573.6003 orchardoncatawba.com	\$\$		-	•		•	•	•			•		•		
<b>Gideon Owen Wine Company</b> 3845 E. Wine Cellar Rd.   419.797.4445 American, Seafood gideonowenwine.com	\$\$\$	•	•	•	•		•	•			•	•	•		
Ørchard Bar & Table 3266 N.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53) 419.797.7324   American, Seafood, Steak orchardoncatawba.com	\$\$\$\$	•	•	•			•	•			•	•	•		
<b>Ørchard Farm Stand</b> 3350 N.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53) 419.573.6003 American, Coffee, Pizza orchardoncatawba.com	\$\$\$	•	-	•			-	•			-	-	•		
LAKESIDE															
Lakeside Table & Tearoom 150 Maple Ave.   419.798.4461 ext. 257 American, Pizza, Seafood lakesideohio.com	\$\$\$	•	•	•				•	•						
MARBLEHEAD													_		
Forest RV Park Cafe & Bar 8232 E. Harbor Rd.   419.967.0418 American, Pizza forestrvpark.com	\$\$			•			•	•							
<b>Hidden Beach Bar</b> 530 Hidden Beach Rd.   419.734.2818 American, BBQ   hiddenbeachbar.com	\$\$		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•			
<b>Red's Restaurant &amp; Bar</b> 9268 E. Bayshore Rd.   419.702.7047 American redssummerhouse.com	\$\$		•	•			•	•			•		•		
PORT CLINTON															
<b>1812 Food and Spirits</b> 2590 E. Sand Rd.   419.960.7588 Italian, American, Seafood, Steak 1812foodandspirits.com	\$\$\$\$		•	•			•	•				•	•		
<b>Ciao Bella Ristorante Italiano</b> 3880 Harbor Light Landing Dr. (off SR 53)   419.734.2426 American, Italian, Pizza, Coffee ciaobellaohio.com	\$\$		•				•	•				•			

The Que Barbecue & Brew

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<b>Clinton House Restaurant</b> 106 W. Perry St. (SR 163) 419.967.9037 American, Seafood clintonhousepc.com	\$\$	•	•	•	-		•	•			•		
Fast Eddie's Sports Park Bar & Kitchen 280 S.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53) 419.734.7070 American, Italian, Pizza fasteddiescatawba.com	\$\$		•	-	-		•	•				-	
Mr. Ed's Bar & Grille & Off The Rock 255 W. Lakeshore Dr. (SR 163) 419.734.2243 American, Pizza, Seafood, Steak mredsportclinton.com	\$			-	-	-	•	•					
<b>Nagoya Hibachi Express</b> 3984 Harbor Light Landing Dr. (off SR 53)   419.734.6400 Asian   nagoyaexpress.com	\$\$		•	•				•				•	•
<b>The Que Barbecue &amp; Brew</b> 3975 E. Harbor Rd. (SR 163) 419.797.2211 American, BBQ   thequeohio.com	\$\$		•	•			•	•				•	•
<b>Rosie's Bar &amp; Grill</b> 117 Madison St.   419.960.7310 American, BBQ, Seafood rosiesbarandgrillpc.com	\$\$		•	•	•	•	•				•		
<b>The Sushi Room</b> 3984 Harbor Light Landing Dr. (off SR 53)   419.734.6400 Asian   nagoyaexpress.com	\$\$		•	•			•					•	•
<b>Tin Goose Diner</b> in Liberty Aviation Museum 3515 E. State Rd.   419.732.0236 American, Coffee facebook.com/tingoosediner	\$\$	•	•									-	
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Explore NATURE	Trail(s)	Beach	Waterfront	Swimming	Fishing	Restrooms	Pets Permitted	Play Area	Shelter	Grills	Birding	Watercraft Rental	Small Boat Launch	Accessible	
CATAWBA															
Catawba Island State Park 4049 E. Moore's Dock Rd. (off N.W. Catawba Rd.) 419.734.4424 ohiodnr.gov		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	
Catawba Point Preserve 4060 N.W. Catawba Rd. 419.797.4131 catawbaislandtownship.com	•										•				
<b>Cedar Meadow Preserve</b> 4822 E. Cemetery Rd. (off SR 53) 419.797.4131 catawbaislandtownship.com	•						•				•				
<b>Heigel Park</b> Catawba Woods Dr. (off N.W. Catawba Rd.)   419.797.4131 catawbaislandtownship.com						•		•	•	•					
West Harbor Landing SR 53   419.898.0014 friendsofottawanwr.org	•		•		•						•		•	•	
LAKESIDE															
<b>Bettinger Park</b> 150 Maple Ave.   419.798.4461 lakesideohio.com		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			

#### check out where to have the Best Water Adventures

#### Mainland Water Trail

18-mile water trail

Access points at Catawba Island State Park, West Harbor Public Boat Launch Ramp, Great Egret Marsh, West Harbor Landing, East Harbor State Park Marina, East Harbor State Park, Mazurik Access Area, Lucien M. Clemons Park, and Marblehead Lifesaving Station

ohiodnr.gov

#### Paddling Access Points

Dempsey Sandusky Bay Wildlife Area and Bettinger Park



# Explore

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MARBLEHEAD														
Bark Until Dark Dog Park 310 S. Bridge Rd. (SR 269) 419.732.3039 danburytownship.com							•		•					
Dempsey Sandusky Bay Fishing Access Bayshore and Hartshorn rds. wildlife.ohiodnr.gov			-		•	•							•	
East Harbor State Park 1169 N. Buck Rd. (SR 269) 419.734.4424 ext. 2 866.644.6727 parks.ohiodnr.gov	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Great Egret Marsh Preserve Buck Rd. and Twp. Rd. 139 A (off SR 269)   614.717.2770 nature.org/ohio	•		•		•		•				•		•	•
<b>James Park</b> 710 Prairie St.   419.798.4074 marbleheadohio.org						•		•	•	•				
Lakeside Daisy State Nature Preserve Alexander Pike (off SR 163) naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov	•										•			
Lions Park at Lake Point 11257 E. Bayshore Rd. 419.732.3039 danburytownship.com	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Lucien M. Clemons Park 114 Lifeboat Ln.   419.798.4074 marbleheadohio.org	-		-		•						•	•		
Marblehead Lighthouse State Park 110 Lighthouse Dr. (off SR 163) 419.734.4424 parks.ohiodnr.gov			•		•	•								
Mazurik Fishing Access N. Shore Blvd. (off SR 163) wildlife.ohiodnr.gov			•		•	•							•	•
<b>Meadowbrook Marsh</b> 8577 E. Bayshore Rd. 419.732.3039 danburytownship.com	•		•		•	•	•		•		•			•
<b>Radar Park</b> 1305 W. Main St. (SR 163) 419.798.4047 marbleheadohio.org									•		•			

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PORT CLINTON	1														
Adams Street Park Perry and Adams sts. 419.734.5522   portclinton.com							•		•						
Lakeview Park & Port Clinton City Beach 1100 E. Perry St. (SR 163) 419.734.5522 portclinton.com	-		•	•	•	•	-	•	•	•	•				
Port Clinton Lakefront Preserve E. Perry St. (SR 163) 419.734.5522 blackswamp.org	-	-	•								-				
Portage Park (Taft Hill) 1130 Taft St.   419.734.5522 portclinton.com						•	•		•						
Waterworks Park 205 E. Perry St. (SR 163) 419.734.5522 portclinton.com	•				•	•	•								
West End Community Park 823 Kentucky St.   419.734.5522 portclinton.com								•	•	•					







<i>Boat</i> AROUND	Electric Hook-up	Water Hook-up	Fuel	Pump-out	Hoist	Launch Ramp	Dock & Dine	Restrooms & Showers	Marine Store	Seasonal Slips	<b>Transient Slips</b>	Accessible	
MARBLEHEAD													
<b>Shrock's Marina</b> 530 Hidden Beach Rd.   419.798.4635 shrocksmarina.com	•	-	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		
<b>Tibbels Marina</b> 6965 E. Harbor Rd. (SR 163)   419.734.1143 tibbelsfishing.com	•		•	•		•		•	•	•	•		

# **B** & Bs, Inns & GUEST HOUSES

Breakfast	Kitchen	<b>Children Welcome</b>	<b>Pets Permitted</b>	Wi-Fi	<b>Private Bath</b>	Beach	Waterfront	<b>Open Year-round</b>	Accessible	
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#### MARBLEHEAD

Captain's Lodge 9491 E. Bayshore Rd. | 877.797.4361 thecaptainslodge.com

Waterworks Park, Port Clinton

Camp GROUNDS	Outdoor Pool	Waterfront	Beach Access	Pets Permitted	Wi-Fi	Tent Sites	Dump Station	Laundry	Showers	<b>Campfires Permitted</b>	Full Hook-up	Camp Store
LAKESIDE												
<b>Lakeside Chautauqua Campground</b> 236 Walnut Ave.   419.798.4461 ext. 248 lakesideohio.com/accommodations	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	
MARBLEHEAD												
<b>Tibbels Motel and RV Park</b> 6965 E. Harbor Rd. (SR 163)   419.734.1143 tibbelsfishing.com		•		•			•		•		•	•

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Hotels & MOTELS	Suites/Family Rooms	Wi-Fi	Outdoor Pool	Indoor Pool	Pets Permitted	Beach	Waterfront	Breakfast	Kitchenette	Restaurant	Open Year-round	Accessible
LAKESIDE												
Fountain Inn 225 Maple Ave.   419.798.4461 ext. 230 866.952.5374 ext. 230 lakesideohio.com/accommodations	•	•	•			•		•	•	•	-	
Hotel Lakeside 150 Maple Ave.   419.798.4461 ext. 230 866.952.5374 ext. 230 lakesideohio.com/accommodations	•	•	•			•	•	•		•		•
MARBLEHEAD												
<b>Tibbels Motel &amp; RV Park</b> 6965 E. Harbor Rd. (SR 163)   419.734.1143 tibbelsfishing.com												
PORT CLINTON												
<b>Arlington Inn</b> 121 E. Perry St. (SR 163)   419.734.2101 866.629.3991 arlingtoninnportclinton.com		•					•	•		•	•	
<b>Beachfront Resort</b> 252 W. Lakeshore Dr. 419.732.6684 beachfrontresortpc.com	•	•				•	•					
<b>Best Western Port Clinton</b> 1734 E. Perry St. (SR 163)   419.734.2274 800.528.1234 bestwestern.com/portclinton	•	•	•		•			•			-	
<b>Commodore Perry Inn &amp; Suites</b> 255 W. Lakeshore Dr. (SR 163) 419.732.2645 commodoreperry.com	•	•	•		•	•	•			•		
Fairfield Inn & Suites Port Clinton Waterfront 1811 E. Perry St. (SR 163)   419.732.0007 marriott.com	•	•		•			•	•			-	•
Holiday Inn Express & Suites-Port Clinton 50 N.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53) 419.732.7322   800.465.4329 sanduskyhotels.com	•	•									-	
OurGuest Inn & Suites 220 E. Perry St. (SR 163) 419.734.7111 ourguestinnandsuites.com	-	•	•					•				•
Sleep Inn & Suites-Port Clinton 947 S.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53) 419.732.7707 choicehotels.com	•	•		•				•				•



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rentals! Follow the QR code or find the complete listing of lodging properties available at SHORESandISLANDS.com/places-to-stay.

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419.732.1111 rentalsonlakeerie.com

Vacation RENTALS	<b>Outdoor Pool</b>	Indoor Pool	Waterfront	Beach	Accessible	<b>Pets Permitted</b>	Wi-Fi	Kitchen	<b>Open Year-round</b>	Laundry	<b>Daily Rentals</b>	Dockage
LAKESIDE												
Lakeside Cottage Rentals Powered by Lakeside Real Estate Group 236 Walnut Ave.   419.798.4461 ext. 348 lakesideohio.com/accommodations			•	•			•	•		•		
MARBLEHEAD												
Little Ted's Cottages 8390 N. Shore Blvd.   419.520.5266 littletedscottages.com	•		•			•	•	•				
PORT CLINTON												
Lake Erie Vacation Rentals 220 E. Perry St. (SR 163), Ste. 402 419.732.1111	•		•	•			•	•	•	•	•	



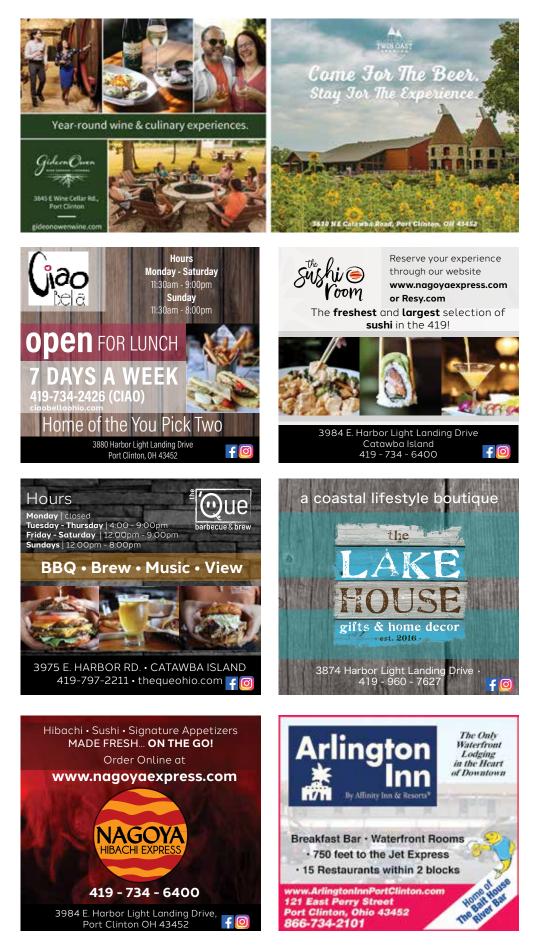


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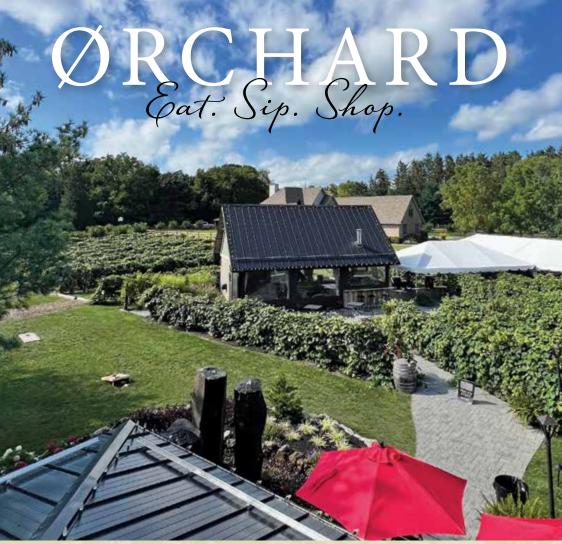


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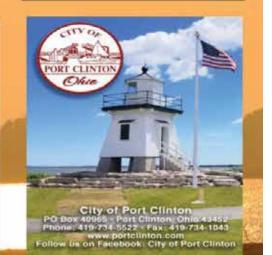
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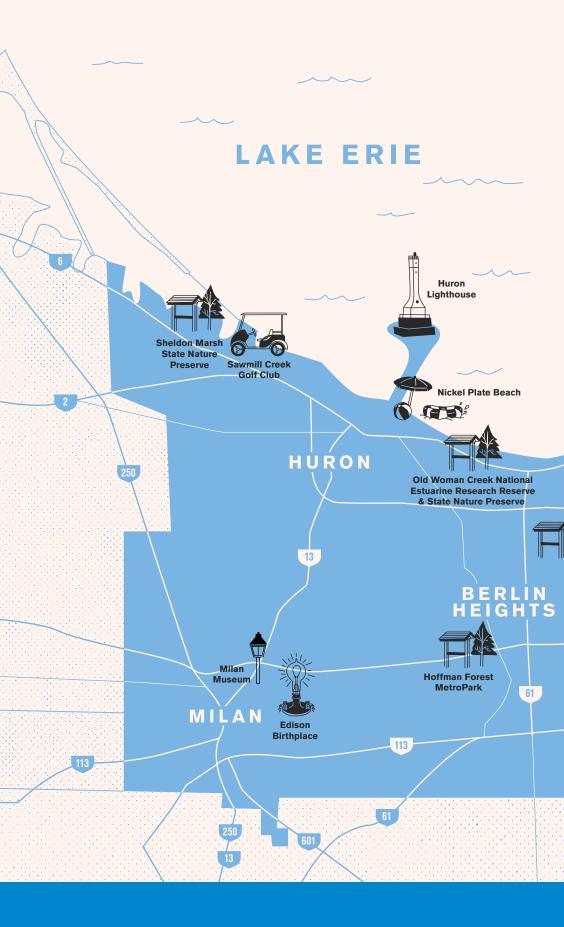
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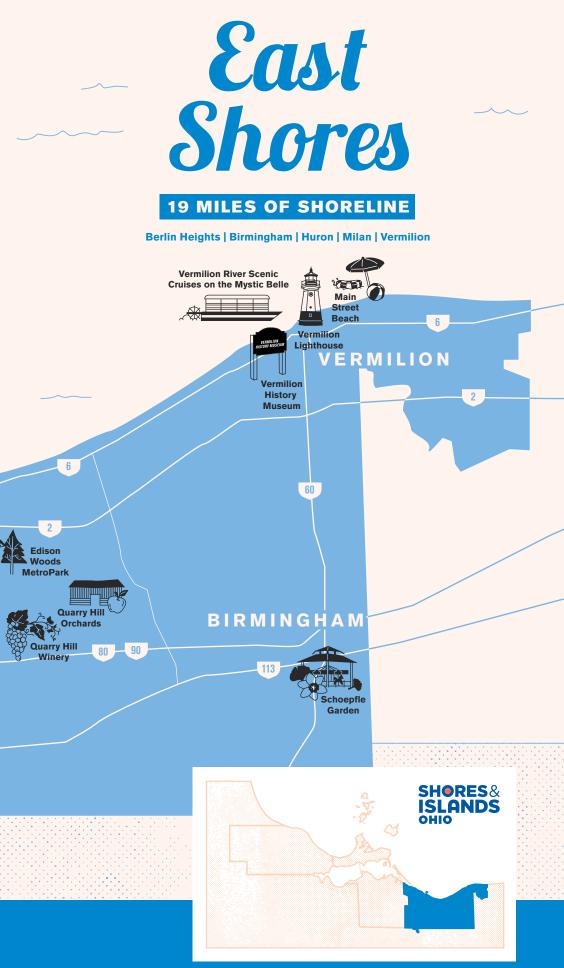




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# EAST SHORES About The Region

Endless treasures are found throughout the East Shores region. Coastal parks and beaches, quaint downtowns, historical gems, and quiet wooded walks await.

#### **RELAXING TO THRILLING COMMUNITIES**

#### VERMILION

Fill a day sightseeing, shopping, and dining, or sitting at the beach, getting in a kayak, on a boat, and more. There's history to explore and new experiences awaiting. The **Vermilion Lighthouse** stands watch over the harbor and draws visitors all year round. Or, let **Vermilion River Scenic Cruises on the Mystic Belle** show you the beautiful sights and wildlife found along the river. This is a place where it's as easy to relax as it is to stay entertained.



#### HURON

Amazing Lake Erie views, natural sandy beaches, excellent fishing opportunities, championship golf courses, and serene canoeing and hiking along the **Huron River**. Its popular live outdoor entertainment at the **Huron Boat Basin Amphitheater**, such as Movies by the River, Arts at the Amphitheater, or the annual **River Fest**, shouldn't be missed.

#### **BERLIN HEIGHTS**

This charming village is known for its abundant orchards and farm markets including **Quarry Hill Orchards**. Rural Berlin Heights is also home to **Edison Woods MetroPark**. The park features over six miles of trails that are ideal for hiking, cross country skiing, birding, and horseback riding.

#### BIRMINGHAM

This quiet community offers the amazing Schoepfle Garden, 70 acres containing topiaries, rose gardens, garden paths, and forrested hiking trails along the river. Birmingham School MetroPark is now home to a playground and picnic area. It's also near wineries and Common Ground Zipline Canopy Tours.

#### MILAN

Milan is most recognized as the birthplace of inventor Thomas Edison, but visitors to this scenic village will discover much more. Here you can stroll a picturesque town square, encircled by unique specialty and antique shops housed in historic buildings. Tour **Edison Birthplace** and **Milan Museum**, a seven-building historical museum complex, or enjoy special events in the town square.



# EAST SHORES Get Out Into Nature

Outdoor recreational areas abound in East Shores from river exploration to lakeside lounging, hiking and biking trails, and sensational natural views.

#### <u>Woods</u> to Water



#### Vermilion

Huron

Enjoy Lake Erie and the Vermilion-Lorain Water Trail with **West River Paddle Sports** sightseeing along Vermilion's shale bluffs and parks. ACA-certified staff offers hourly, daily, and overnight rentals, lessons, and excursions. Another must-see spot is **Vermilion River Reservation** which spans two adjacent areas separated by the Vermilion River—**Mill Hollow** on one side and **Bacon Woods** on the other—this park is great for family picnics, and nature lovers. Or, let **Vermilion River Scenic Cruises on the Mystic Belle** show you the beautiful sights and wildlife found along the river.

Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve, with its contiguous wetlands, is known to attract nearly 300 bird species and is home to many wildflowers. If you're looking for a great year-round fishing spot and one of Ohio's "hot spots" for birding, then take a walk on the **Huron Harbor Lighthouse & Mile-Long Fishing Pier** where you can also view the **Huron Lighthouse**. The 573-acre **Old Woman Creek State Nature Preserve** is one of Ohio's best examples of a natural estuary, serving as a scientific field laboratory. The preserve has a visitor's center, trails, restrooms, and an observation area.

#### **Berlin Heights**

Edison Woods MetroPark is 1,300 acres of sandstone cliffs, woodlands, wetlands, and meadows. Find a variety of seasonal wildflowers, rare plants, amphibians, reptiles, and birds. Explore six miles of wooded and prairie trails, the Adventure Walkway Boardwalk, and geocaching. The park also has bridle trails. Cross-country skiing and restrooms are available seasonally.





#### **Schoepfle Garden**

Schoepfle Garden is truly beautiful—70 acres of botanical gardens and natural woodland bordered on one side by the Vermilion River. The garden features collections of rhododendrons, roses, cannas, hostas, shade plants, and a variety of shrubs, topiaries, and trees. Enjoy the natural beauty of the garden by participating in a guided tour or wandering at your own pace.

# EAST SHORES Dining & Drinks

Whether it's a quick lunch on the beach, jacket and tie four-star dining, or a local beer and burger, East Shores can satisfy any appetite. Great food makes it a perfect spot for a meal while exploring Shores & Islands Ohio communities.

# A Flavor For Every Palate



#### Vermilion

#### Chez François/Touché Wine & Martini

Bar is a French gem on the Vermilion River, where the sumptuous menu and professional staff earn the top rating for food and service in the area. Cruise, bike, or boat in to Quaker Steak & Lube and enjoy waterfront dining, award-winning chicken wings, cold beer, and unique memorabilia. For a more local vibe, stop in to Rudy's Bar and Grill and play a game of pool or darts, enjoy a full bar, plus great wings, and burgers. Finally, treat yourself to 32 flavors of Toft's ice cream at Granny Joe's Ice Creamatorium.

#### Huron

One taste of **The Miller's Table** at Sawmill Creek by Cedar Point Resorts and you'll know you're being treated to the best in local flavors. This upscale eatery is open to the public and features an extensive seasonal menu. Or, after a round on the links at **Sawmill Creek Golf Club**, relax at **Mulligan's Pub**, a popular casual tavern located at the clubhouse giving you unparalleled views of the course. Or, if you're looking for waterfront views, **Old Fish House** is the perfect spot.

#### Milan

Located on the historic square, the **Milan Wine Post** offers a great selection of fine wine and craft beer for carryout or to enjoy on site.

#### **Berlin Heights**

Well-known for estate-grown grapes and fruit wine, **Quarry Hill Winery**'s vantage point and distant Lake Erie views make it the perfect combination of delicious wine and atmosphere.

#### INDULGE YOUR SWEET TOOTH



Brummer's Chocolates is a must-stop for anyone traveling through the East Shores. Familyowned and operated, they have been candy makers since 1904. This shop features homemade chocolates, candies, sugar-free treats, many gift items, and a large selection of Polish pottery. Almost everything is homemade with the same 100-year-old family recipe.



# NED THE NATURALIST **Woolly Bear**

Belonging to the species Pyrrharctia Isabella, in late-summer they hatch from eggs and spend the fall as the woolly bear caterpillar. While they can withstand freezing temperatures, it's important to leave some leaf debris in your yard as it provides a cozy winter blanket! As spring arrives, they pupate and emerge as the Isabella tiger moth.

Can woolly bears predict the weather? Many people believe that each colored segment represents one week of winter, therefore, fewer orange segments may indicate milder weeks, while more black ones foreshadow added weeks of severe winter weather, however, many factors influence seasonal weather patterns.

The Woollybear Festival held in Vermilion is the largest one-day festival in Ohio. In 2024, the festival will be celebrating its 52nd year! Especially fun to see is the Woollybear 500 caterpillar race!







#### Huron

• City of Huron 417 Main St. | 419.433.5000 cityofhuron.org

Huron is a "Great Lake Place" to live, work, and explore. For municipality and economic development information or local resources, visit the website, call, or stop in.

#### Vermilion

#### O Vermilion Chamber of Commerce

5495 Liberty Ave. (US 6) | 440.967.4477 vermilionohio.com

Drop anchor in Vermilion, OH! Relax at the beach, stroll the sidewalks, shop the boutiques, and grab a bite to eat because Vermilion is the place to be!

#### **O** Main Street Vermilion

685 Main St. (SR 60) | 440.963.0772 mainstreetvermilion.org

A "Small Town on a Great Lake." Fill your day with sightseeing, shopping, sitting on a beach, and more. Make Main Street Vermilion your first stop for complete visitor information.





#### Huron

• Sawmill Creek Golf Club 600 Mariner Village (off US 6) 419.433.3789

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Designed by world-renowned architect, Tom Fazio, this public, daily-fee golf club is located on the shores of Lake Erie and is situated 45 minutes from downtown Cleveland and Toledo.



#### Vermilion

#### • Vermilion River Scenic Cruises on the Mystic Belle

600 Sandusky St. (off US 6) | 440.315.1907 donparsonsmarina.com

Enjoy a historical scenic Vermilion River Cruise. Tours run Memorial Day-Labor Day, Tues-Sun 2 pm and 4 pm, and Fri-Sat an additional sunset cruise.





#### Huron

#### O Firelands Symphony Orchestra

1 University Dr. | 419.621.4800 firelandssymphony.com

A full symphony orchestra performs a spectacular concert season, plus outdoor and community concerts, special ensemble performances, and educational events for all ages and styles.

#### Vermilion

#### • Vermilion Arts Guild

685 Main St. (SR 60) | 440.963.0772 mainstreetvermilion.org/artsguild

A collective of local artists and craftspersons working together to provide opportunities that promote and identify Vermilion as an exciting art community. A program of Main Street Vermilion.

# Wineries

#### **Berlin Heights**

#### O Quarry Hill Winery

8403 Mason Rd. #2 | 419.588.3179 quarryhillwinery.com

Well known for estate-grown grapes and fruit wine, Quarry Hill's vantage point and distant Lake Erie views make it the perfect combination of delicious wine and atmosphere.





#### **Berlin Heights**

#### **O** Quarry Hill Orchards

8403 Mason Rd. #1 | 419.588.2858 quarryhillorchards.com

For three generations the Gammies have been slicing and sharing their homegrown fruit. Shop for local produce, artisan goods, pick-your-own apples, and enjoy a sliver of farm life.

#### Huron

#### O Beagle Bay Knot Works

507 Main St. (SR 13) | 330.465.0890 beaglebayknotworks.com

Unique hand-tied, nautical gifts, décor, wreaths, bracelets, and more. Also, the place to find knot-tying supplies including cordage, rope, tools, and instructional books.

#### O Mulberry Creek Herb Farm

3312 Bogart Rd. | 419.433.6126 mulberrycreek.com

Foodies and gardeners will enjoy the knowledge, diversity, and seasonal events at Mulberry Creek. Specializing in unusual herbs, miniature perennials, houseplants, and vegetables.

#### Milan

#### O Milan Inn-tiques

29 E. Church St. | 419.706.3252

Offering antiques and collectibles in an original 1845 stage coach inn. The 2nd floor offers daily/weekly stays in the furnished inn with new deck. Visit Coffee Station on the main floor. Open year-round.

#### O Milan Wine Post

1 N. Main St. (off SR 113) | 419.499.0235 facebook.com/milanwinepost Offering wine, beer and cocktails, live

entertainment, light menu, and space for private parties. Open year-round.

#### Vermilion

#### **O** Brummer's Chocolates

672 Main St. (SR 60) | 440.967.2329 brummers.com

Local candy-makers offering a wide variety of homemade chocolates, candies, sugar-free candy, gifts, kitchen items, and wines from around the world. Closed Jan 1-22, and Mon in winter.

#### O Erie and Anchor

5499 Liberty Ave. (US 6) | 440.963.9447 erieandanchor.com

A nautical-inspired clothing and home goods boutique with well-designed products tied directly to the lake! 5% of profits are donated to researching ways to keep Lake Erie clean.

#### O The Shop at Cleveland Stone Companies

850 W. River Rd. | 440.963.4008 theshopatclevelandstone.com

The Shop is a unique home décor and gift shop that features home accents, furniture and art, as well as many other seasonal gift items.

#### **O** Tiffany's

686 Main St. (SR 60) | 440.967.9996 tiffanysflowers-gifts.com

Tiffany's carries all the brands you love! Located near the shores of Lake Erie, find amazing selections of Brighton, Hammitt, Hobo, Liverpool Jeans, Coco and Carmen, and many more!





## PADDLE & Explore





#### Vermilion

#### **O** West River Paddle Sports

at Captain's Corner Marina | 655 W. River Rd. 440.967.5292 | westriverkayak.com

Voted #1 in paddle board, kayak, and canoe rentals in northern Ohio by *Sandusky Register's* Reader's Choice Awards. ACAcertified staff offers hourly, daily, and overnight rentals, lessons, and excursions.

## Historical & Educational

#### Milan

#### O Edison Birthplace

9 N. Edison Dr. (off SR 113) | 419.499.2135 tomedison.org

Visit the early boyhood home of Thomas Edison, featuring a collection of rare early inventions, artwork, photographs, documents, and family mementos.

#### O Milan Museum

10 N. Edison Dr. | 419.499.2968 milanhistory.org

Just steps from Thomas Edison's birthplace, offering visitors a range of historic buildings, engaging exhibits, and beautiful grounds yearround. Explore history, art, glass, sculpture, programs, family events, and more!

#### Vermilion

#### **O** Vermilion History Museum

727 Grand St. | 440.967.4555 vermilionoh.org

Vermilion photographs and original printed materials, two small linotypes, and four-letter presses on display. A weekly newspaper was composed and printed on site from 1904-1964.





#### Huron

• Huron Lighthouse & Fishing Pier end of N. Main St. | 419.433.8487 cityofhuron.org

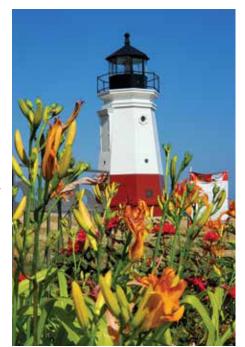
Federally-maintained, the lighthouse is not open for tours, however, visitors can walk the pier – a great fishing spot year-round and designated as one of Ohio's birding "hot spots."

#### Vermilion

#### • Vermilion Lighthouse

480 Main St. | 440.204.2400 cityofvermilion.com

This lighthouse is a 34-ft. replica of the original. Known as the "Town of Sea Captains," Vermilion was without a lighthouse for 63 yrs. Visitors can walk up to, but not enter the lighthouse.



Eat & DRINK	Price	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Lake Erie Fish	Late Night Menu	Bar	<b>Outdoor Seating</b>	Waterfront	Dockage	Live Entertainment	Accessible	Open Year-round	
HURON														
Gathering Grounds Coffee House 404 Main St.   419.616.0002 Coffee gatheringgroundscoffeehouse.com	\$	-	•					•				•	•	
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VERMILION														
<b>Chez François/Touché Wine</b> <b>&amp; Martini Bar</b> 555 Main St. (US 6)   440.967.0630 French, Seafood   chezfrancois.com	\$\$\$\$			•			•	•	•	•				
Granny Joe's Ice Creamatorium 5598 Liberty Ave. (US 6)   440.967.3663 American, Coffee, Ice Cream	\$	•	•	•	•			•				•	•	
Quaker Steak and Lube Vermilion 5150 Liberty Ave. (US 6)   440.967.3724 American, Steak thelube.com	\$\$		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
<b>Rudy's Bar and Grill</b> 5665 Liberty Ave. (US 6)   440.967.4534 American, Seafood rudysbarandgrillvermilion.com	\$\$		•	•		•	•	•			•	•	•	

Gathering Grounds Coffee House



Explore NATURE	Trail(s)	Beach	Waterfront	Swimming	Fishing	Restrooms	Pets Permitted	Play Area	Shelter	Grills	Birding	Watercraft Rental	Small Boat Launch	Accessible
BERLIN HEIGHTS														
Edison Woods MetroPark 10186 SR 61 (south of SR 2) 419.625.7783   eriemetroparks.org	•					•	•		•		•			•
Hoffman Forest MetroPark 5159 Huff Rd. (between Arlington and Chapin rds.) 419.625.7783   eriemetroparks.org	•				-	•	•				•			•
BIRMINGHAM														
Birmingham School MetroPark 15215 SR 113   419.625.7783 eriemetroparks.org							•				•			•
Schoepfle Garden 11106 Market St. (off SR 113) 440.965.7237 Ioraincountymetroparks.com	•		•		•	•		•			•			•
HURON														
Andrew L. Fabens Memorial Park 1 Fabens Way   419.433.8487 cityofhuron.org	•					•		•	•					
Enchanted Cottage 4011 Cleveland Rd. W (US 6) 419.625.7783 eriemetroparks.org			•		•		•	•			•		•	•
Huron River Path MetroPark 1805 River Rd.   419.625.7783 eriemetroparks.org	•		•			•					•			•
James H. McBride Arboretum at BGSU Firelands College 1 University Dr.   419.372.0665 firelands.bgsu.edu	•					•			-		•			•
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Old Woman Creek Barrier Beach 2005 Cleveland Rd. E (US 6) 419.433.4601 ohiodnr.gov/oldwomancreek	•	•	-								•			

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HURON (CONTINUE	<b>)</b> )													
Old Woman Creek State Nature Preserve & National Estuarine Research Reserve 2514 Cleveland Rd. E (US 6) 419.433.4601 ohiodnr.gov/oldwomancreek	-		-			•					-			
<b>Osborn MetroPark</b> 3910 Perkins Ave.   419.625.7783 eriemetroparks.org	-					•	•	-	•	•	-			
Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve 2715 Cleveland Rd. W (US 6) 440.839.1198 naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov	•	•	•			•					-			
Wyandot MetroPark 5401 Cleveland Rd. W (US 6) 419.625.7783   eriemetroparks.org	•		•				•				•			•
MILAN														
The Coupling MetroPark 11618 SR 13   419.625.7783 eriemetroparks.org	•		•				•		•	-	-	•	•	•
<b>Edison Park</b> 6 East St.   419.499.2354 milantwp.org						•		•	•	•				
Milan Towpath MetroPark 99 N. Main St.   419.625.7783 eriemetroparks.org	•		•				•				•			
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Main Street Beach 480 Main St. (off US 6) 440.204.2490   cityofvermilionohio.gov		•	•	•	-	•	•				•	-	•	
<b>Nokomis Park</b> end of Minnie Wawa St. (off Liberty Ave.)   440.204.2490 cityofvermilionohio.gov		•	•	•	•								•	
Sherod Park US 6 and Coen Rd.  440.204.2490 cityofvermilionohio.gov	-			•	-	•	•	-	•	•			•	
Showse Park 3325 Edgewater Dr.   440.204.2490 cityofvermilionohio.gov	•	•	•	•		•		•	•				•	
Vermilion River Reservation, Mill Hollow, and Bacon Woods 51211 N. Ridge Rd.   440.967.7310 loraincountymetroparks.com	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•				
<b>Victory Park</b> Ohio and Main sts.   440.204.2490 cityofvermilionohio.gov						•	•	•	•					
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## check out where to have the best Water Adventures

#### Huron Paddling Access Points

Huron River Boat Access, Nickel Plate Beach, Old Woman Creek Barrier Beach

#### **Milan Paddling Access Point**

The Coupling MetroPark

#### Vermilion-Lorain Water Trail

27-mile water trail

Access points at Main Street Beach, Showse Park, and Vermilion/Mill Hollow. Additional paddling access points: Nokomis Park, Sherod Park

<i>Boat</i> AROUND	Electric Hook-up	Water Hook-up	Fuel	Pump-out	Launch Ramp	Dock & Dine	Restrooms	Showers	Marine Store	Seasonal Slips	<b>Transient Slips</b>	Wi-Fi	Accessible
HURON													
<b>Sawmill Creek Marina</b> 609 Mariner Village   419.627.2334 sawmillcreekresort.com/explore/marina	•	•	•	•				•		•	•		
VERMILION													
Municipal Docks at McGarvey's Landing 5150 Liberty Ave. (US 6) 440.204.2474 (summer) 440.759.2977 (winter) cityofvermilionohio.gov	-					-	-	-			•		
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Romp's Water Port 5055 Liberty Ave. (US 6)   440.967.4342 romps.com	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	
Valley Harbor Marina 1295 W. River Rd.   440.967.5225 valleyharbor.com	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•		
<b>Vermilion Marina</b> 710 Vermilion Rd.   573.434.6320 vermilionmarina.net	•			•	•		•			•	•		
Vermilion Port Authority-South Street Boat & Kayak Ramp 777 W. River Rd. 440.204.2474 (summer) 440.759.2977 (winter) cityofvermilionohio.gov					•		•					•	

Hotels & MOTELS	Suites/Family Room	Wi-Fi	<b>Outdoor Pool</b>	Indoor Pool	<b>Pets Permitted</b>	Beach	Waterfront	Breakfast	Kitchenette	Restaurant	Open Year-round	Accessible	
HURON													
<b>Comfort Inn-River's Edge</b> 132 N. Main St.   419.433.8000 855.754.0457 comfortinn.com		•		-			•	•			•	•	
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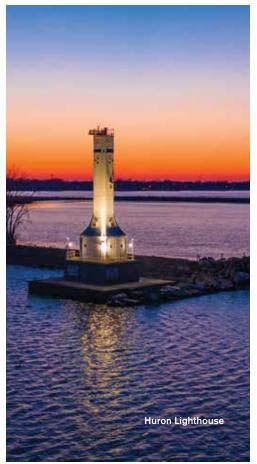




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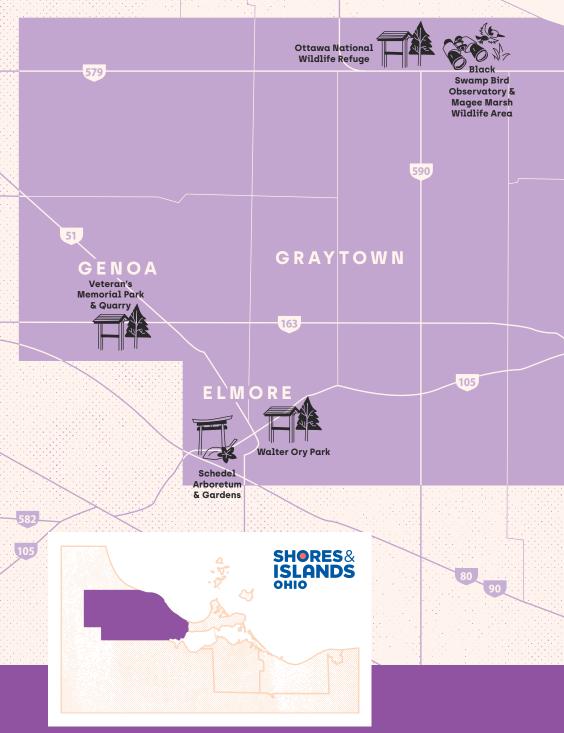
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# west shores About The Region

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#### **CREATE MEMORIES IN THE WEST SHORES**

#### GENOA

Several historic landmarks, some on the National Register of Historic Places, await visitors to this one-of-a kind village. Local artists sell their crafts in many delightful shops. Genoa also has a rich heritage, including **Our** Lady of Lourdes Grotto and restored Opera House.



#### ELMORE

Take a step back in time! If you are looking for unique shops, antiques, historic sites, and beautiful gardens, then Elmore is the place for you. This riverfront village, home of **Schedel Arboretum & Gardens**, has a charming small-town atmosphere. Elmore hosts many festivals and events all year long for you to enjoy.



#### OAK HARBOR

Oak Harbor is home to plenty of birdwatching spots and natural attractions, but it also has well-known sites like **Oak Harbor Golf Club**. The picturesque Portage River surrounds this 18-hole course, making it both scenic and challenging. It's also visited by the many bald eagles that are native to the area, along with other various wildlife. If you are looking for something more active, check out **Portage River Paddling Company**, a premier outdoor water recreation and adventure destination. Spend an hour, or the day, enjoying abundant wildlife up close and cover the best 20 miles the **Portage River** has to offer!

#### **Did you know?**

In 2015, Magee Marsh was voted USA Today's #1 Birding Destination in North America.

#### **Schedel Arboretum & Gardens**

A 17-acre hidden treasure with unparalleled beauty and tranquility. Features include a Japanese garden, a kitchen garden with many varieties of ornamental hot peppers, a world-class bonsai collection, water gardens, perennial gardens, and dozens of flower gardens featuring nearly 10,000 annuals. Enjoy the tranquility the gardens have to offer. Guests are invited to purchase a glass of wine or beer as well as an assortment of meat and cheese plates. Schedel is now the permanent home of the **Blair Museum of Lithophanes** on display.

# NED THE NATURALIST

During the month of May, you can reasonably expect to see over 30 warbler species (including vireos) at Magee Marsh (mageemarsh.org).

The migration arrival of the warbler to the Lake Erie shores is predictable within a few days period, as day-length is their driving factor. Weather systems also play a role in hastening or delaying their flights and therefore their arrival. For example, intensely warm fronts in the early spring can bring species that normally nest further south of the lake, as they can overshoot their intended destinations while caught up in warm southerly winds. The New World Warblers or Wood-Warblers are renowned for their bright tropical colors, intricate songs, and lengthy migration paths. Considered neotropical migrants, "our" warblers breed throughout various habitats in the US and Canada, and winter from the southern U.S. to the tropics of central South America.

> While warblers can be found nearly anywhere during migration, they tend to accumulate near the shores of Lake Erie, and move to lower areas within the vegetation where they are more easily viewable (bsbo.org).

# west shores Get Out Into Nature

West Shores is best known as a birdwatcher's paradise. With a number of excellent locations for viewing both spring and fall bird migrations, the region has so much to offer outdoor lovers.

#### Nature Has so Much to Offer

If you're looking for a place to camp, bird watch, or head out into nature, West Shores is the place to be.

West Shores is a wildlife enthusiast's destination. If your forte is hunting, fishing, birding, or just enjoying nature's opportunities, **Magee Marsh Wildlife Area** has it all. It's also home of the **Magee Marsh Visitor Center**, a wildlife museum containing items relating to natural and local history, including dioramas focusing on wetland conservation, and bird identification and migration.

The **Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge** is home to a wide array of ever-changing birds and wildlife—including rare species. The Refuge has a beautiful three-story visitor center filled with history and wildlife information. A wildlife drive is offered during certain seasons which allows you to see a wonderful variety of wildlife from the comfort of your vehicle. If you're heading out on foot to view the wildlife, there are plenty of well-maintained trails throughout the property.

#### A West Shores River Adventure

Your on-water adventure arises with Portage River Paddling Company. With locations in Oak Harbor and Port Clinton, the canoe, paddle board, and kayak livery offers a number of fun ways to enjoy the Portage River. Spend an hour, or the day, floating or paddling and see eagles, heron, turtles, and other wildlife along the way. While rentals are offered at both locations, the Oak Harbor site offers unique river adventures. Select from two-trip options and you will be shuttled upstream either four or nine miles away and you will paddle back. The longer trip is from Riverbend Park in Elmore back to Oak Harbor and is a scenic trip on a winding and uncrowded portion of the river. Canoes are the perfect family recreational watercraft, with 3 seats and plenty of room for small children in between. Single and double paddlers can go by kayak. The Port Clinton location also offers a unique opportunity to visit with and paddle board with goats!

Yellow Warbler

### **3 Best West Shore Birdwatching Spots**

#### Black Swamp Bird Observatory

It's the unofficial epicenter of the Biggest Week in American Birding and is located just outside Magee Marsh in Oak Harbor. BSBO features a visitor center with free birding checklists, a gift shop, walking trail, restrooms, and window on wildlife. It's open year-round with extended hours during migrations.



#### **Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge**

2 Established in 1961, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge protects a network of wetlands, grasslands, and forests to provide habitat for a variety of migratory birds, resident wildlife, and threatened and endangered species-protecting more than 10,000 acres. Over ten miles of hiking trails through a variety of habitats including marshes, grasslands, wooded areas, and forested wetland remnants of the Great Black Swamp.

#### Little Portage Wildlife Area

3 Little Portage which area located five miles east A 407-acre state wildlife area located five miles east of Port Clinton. Small footbridges are maintained for access over the channels surrounding most of the flooded marsh units. It's also a stop on the Lake Erie Birding Trail.

#### THE WARBLER CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

When it comes to birding hot spots, there is no place "hotter" than Shores & Islands Ohio. In May, during Black Swamp Bird Observatory's Biggest Week in American Birding, birders checked off more than 240 species of birds, including 37 warbler species. All those birds in just TEN days!



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#### Elmore

#### O Schedel Arboretum & Gardens

19255 W. Portage River S Rd. | 419.862.3182 schedel-gardens.org

A 17-acre hidden treasure including Japanese, kitchen, and water gardens; as well as a bonsai collection, and the world's largest collection of lithophanes from the 1800s at the Blair Museum.

#### **Oak Harbor**

#### O Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife **Refuge and The Rookery Nature Store**

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#### **Port Clinton**

#### O Civilian Marksmanship Program

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**Oak Harbor** 

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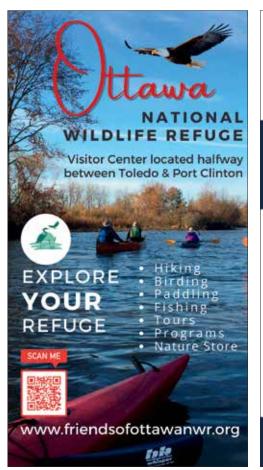
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### WELL, HEY THERE NEIGHBOR!

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### Helena

### O Chateau Winery & Vineyard

525 SR 635 | 419.638.5411 chateauwineryandvineyard.com

A French chateau with a wide selection of dry and sweet wines and delicious food. Walk the vineyards, sit by the koi pond, or relax by the fireplace. Events, live music, and craft beer.

### Norwalk

#### • Sandy Ridge Vineyards & Mercantile 180 SR 61 E | 419.504.8884 sandyridgevineyards.com

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### Wellington

### **O** Heron Creek Wine and Brady Vineyards of Ohio

52185 W. Griggs Rd. | 440.506.7022 heroncreekwine.com

The grapes to produce the award-winning Heron Creek Wine are grown, processed, fermented, and bottled or canned at Brady Vineyards' 140-acre farm; including nine different varietals.



### **Bellevue**

### O Bellevue Area Historical Society

108 N. West St. | 419.228.0833 bellevuehistoricalsociety.com

Preserving the history of the Bellevue area for future generations through the preservation of historic buildings and artifacts pertaining to the growth and development of Bellevue, OH.

### O Historic Lyme Village

5001 SR 4 | 419.483.4949 lymevillage.org

A 19th-century village featuring 16 buildings, including an 1880s Victorian mansion, an 1836 farm home, log homes, barns, a one-room school, a general store, and more.

#### • Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum

253 Southwest St. | 419.483.2222 madrivermuseum.org

A 1976 bicentennial project, the museum showcases engines, buildings, freight and passenger cars, and cabooses. The cars are filed with displays that await you or your group. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily; May and Sept-Oct, weekends.

### **O** Seneca Caverns

15248 E. Township Rd. 178 (off SR 269) 419.483.6711 | senecacavernsohio.com

A fascinating guided, one-hour walking tour inside a unique cavern that leads you through seven rooms or levels to a depth of 110 ft. The largest room is 250 ft. in length.

### **O** The Sorrowful Mother Shrine

4106 SR 269 | 419.483.3435 sorrowfulmothershrine.org

An inspirational place where God and nature touch. Paved pathways are dotted with 35+ grottos. A day or a few hours at the Shrine will bring you rich spiritual and personal rewards.

### Fremont

### • Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums

Spiegel Grove | 419.332.2081 800.998.7737 | rbhayes.org

Visit President Rutherford B. Hayes' wooded estate of Spiegel Grove. Tour his mansion and museum, see his tomb, explore the library, and walk the paved trails. Open year-round.

### Norwalk

#### • Firelands Historical Society Complex 4 Case Ave. (off SR 61) | 419.668.6038

firelandsmuseum.com

Ohio's oldest museum with over 200 years of Firelands history can be found in this complex along with a genealogy/research center. The Giant Sloth made archeological history!





### Amherst

### O Jamie's Flea Market

46388 Telegraph Rd. | 440.986.4402 jamiesfleamarket.com

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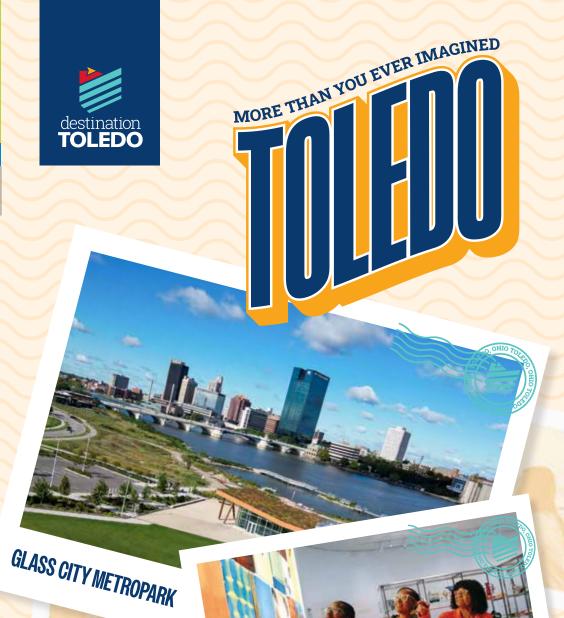
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## Roots To Be Proud Of

Heritage pride runs deep in Shores & Islands Ohio. Go back in time and reconnect to a bygone age as you explore the **Shores & Islands Ohio Heritage Trail**, featuring a wide variety of the region's historcial sites and museums. This trail takes you on a fascinating journey through the history of our area. Delve into the past



as you uncover hidden tales, forgotten anecdotes, and remarkable events that have shaped the very fabric of our communities. Download our free Heritage Trail pass, then visit, check-in, and earn points year-round. We're always in season!



## **Resources** & TRAVELER'S INFORMATION

### **Did you know?**

Lake Erie is the shallowest of all the Great Lakes at an average depth of 62 ft. Compare that to Lake Superior at an average depth of 500 ft.

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## WELCOME CENTERS Our Doors Are Open

We have two Shores & Islands Ohio welcome centers conveniently located in Port Clinton and downtown Sandusky. Stop in to find friendly and knowledgeable travel counselors waiting to assist you with helpful hints and travel tips.

### We're Here to Help!

Visiting the region and not sure where to start? Or, are you just interested in learning about special events, local dining, and attractions that you won't want to miss? No matter what you are looking for, we can make your experience and trip to Shores & Islands Ohio easier and more enjoyable. Stop in and pick up brochures, maps, directions, discount ferry tickets, and a laminated copy of our Shore Savings Discount Card. Both welcome centers feature a 24-hour self-serve brochure center, open even when our lobbies aren't. Can't make it in? No problem! Call, email, or live chat if you're unable to visit one of our two centers. Personalized informational packets are available by request.

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### O Sandusky

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Port Clinton
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 tourism@shoresandislands.com





### 7 Tips for Planning Ahead

- Grab Cedar Point Amusement Park tickets or annual passes before your trip and consider staying somewhere close to arrive early.
- 2 Confirm ferry schedules before traveling to the islands.
- 8 Book a fishing charter early to guarantee time at the Walleye Capital of the World.
- Buy online and print tickets (or save on your smartphone) for African Safari Wildlife Park.
- 5 Reserve a bay at Noble Axes.
- Book your summer vacation rental, campsite, or hotel getaway early and save. Pre-planning will get you the lowest rates.
- Visit our welcome centers to purchase discount tickets to many area attractions.

### **Live Webcam**

Live HD streaming views of the Putin-Bay Harbor, Huron Lighthouse, Lakeside Beach, and more.

### **Get Social**

Follow us! Our experts are all over social media to help you plan for, and get excited about, your Shores & Islands Ohio getaway.

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## sustainability Respect The Lake

Taking steps now to maintain the health of Lake Erie for future generations is more important than ever. With everything from awareness and education to physical clean-up, we are taking a hands-on approach to keeping the region clean.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

It's no secret that Shores & Islands Ohio is home to some of the most beautiful beaches, unique wildlife, and gorgeous waters in the Great Lakes region! But did you know, Lake Erie contains approximately 381 metric tons of plastic, according to a 2020 estimate? This negatively affects not only those humans who enjoy taking a break on or by our beautiful lake, but can have detrimental effects on the natural habitat, ecosystem, and all the diverse wildlife that call it home. So, what can we do to help?



## INVEST IN A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE

Many beach guests bring along disposable plastic water bottles for convenience's sake. These bottles are often left behind on the sand, or end up being washed into basins or rivers, ultimately landing in the lake. Instead, buy a water filter from your local grocery store and use a reusable bottle.

### RECYCLE YOUR CIGARETTE WASTE

Cigarette butts are made out of plastic and can last for up to 150 years. Put your cigarette refuse in a collection pile or recycle it for free through an organization such as TerraCycle, which accepts cigarette waste.

## REPLACE YOUR SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS WITH A REUSABLE OPTION

Instead of keeping your snacks in plastic bags or other single-use plastic receptacles, consider reusable plastic containers or reusable bags as an alternative in order to reduce the amount of debris that lands in the ponds, basins, rivers, and lake.

Do your part! If you see trash on the beach, in the water, or out in nature that isn't yours, please pick it up! Every little bit makes a difference and may inspire others to do the same. We appreciate your help keeping Shores & Islands Ohio beautiful and clean.

### **Did you know?**

Last year Eriesponsible directly removed over 1,000 lbs. of debris that washed up on our shores.

#### Want to help on a larger scale?

Visit eriesponsible.org, a local non-profit, environmental charity, for updates on area beach clean-ups, tips and tricks to improve your environmental impact, donation opportunities, and more!





### Information Resources



### Medical

• Firelands Regional Medical Center 1111 Hayes Ave. (SR 4), Sandusky 419.557.7400

firelands.com

A 287-bed hospital, full-service ER, Level III trauma center. Certified chest pain, heart attack, and stroke receiving center. Open 24/7, 365 days a year.

#### **O** Firelands Regional Medical Center Urgent Care

at Park Place Plaza 5420 Milan Rd. (US 250), Sandusky 419.557.6490 firelands.com/urgentcare For the prompt treatment of minor injuries and illnesses.

### **Publications**

#### O Lake Erie Restaurant & Entertainment Guide

419.798.1155 lakeeriereguide.com

A great source to help visitors plan a trip to Lake Erie and the islands. Providing information, entertainment schedules, coupons, and websites for the area.

### O Lake Front Publications

P.O. Box K, Port Clinton 419.356.8772 lakeerievacations.com Travel and leisure information including maps, events and happenings, and feature stories. Visit the website and Facebook for coupons and lodging information.

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