

**Shores & Islands Ohio-East** 125 E. Water St. Sandusky, OH 44870 419.625.2984, 800.255.3743 770 S.E. Catawba Rd.
Port Clinton, Ohio
419.734.4386, 800.441.1271

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# East Shores

#### **BERLIN HEIGHTS**

#### 1. Edison Woods MetroPark

10183 SR 61 (Ceylon Rd.)
419.625.7783, eriemetroparks.org
This 1,300-acre, wooded parkland with
550 acres of wetland habitat, 300 acres of
native grassland, and a .5-mile boardwalk
is an excellent place to view the spring
Neotropical migration. Nesting species
include blue-winged and yellow warblers,
ovenbirds, scarlet tanagers, and rosebreasted grosbeaks. Features include six
miles of trails, boardwalk, and Geocaching.
Horseback riding is permitted on the bridle
trail. Year-round, daily 8 am-dusk.

# 2. Hoffman Forest MetroPark

5159 Huff Rd.

419.625.7783, eriemetroparks.org
Home to many species of birds, wildlife,
plants, and trees. The grassy trails of this
40-acre park wind through meadow, mature
forest, and creek habitats. There is seasonal
fishing located in Old Woman Creek with a
valid fishing license and permit obtained
from Erie MetroParks. Year-round, daily
8 am-dusk.

#### **BIRMINGHAM**

# 3. Schoepfle Garden

11106 Market St. (off SR 113 E)

440.965.7237, loraincountrymetroparks.com A 77-acre arboretum and garden containing 20 acres of topiaries, rose gardens, and perennial and annual flowers. A 50-acre forest with trails and the Vermilion River adjacent to arboretum. Year-round, daily 8 am-sunset.

#### **HURON**

# 4. Huron Lighthouse & Fishing Pier

end of N. Main St.

419.433.8487, cityofhuron.org This pier attracts large concentrations of gulls, Caspian and common terns, and blackbirds.

# 5. Huron River Path MetroPark & DuPont Marsh State Nature Preserve

1805 River Rd.

419.625.7783, eriemetroparks.org
The 114-acre preserve is one of the few
remaining river marshes in Ohio and boasts
excellent views of marshland along the
Huron River. A variety of birds and woodland
species can be found along the river and in
the adjacent woods. Accessible trails. NOTE:
Dogs are not permitted within DuPont Marsh
State Nature Preserve. All dogs within the
Huron River Path MetroPark must be leashed.
Year-round, daily 8 am-dusk.

#### 6. James H. McBride Arboretum

at BGSU Firelands College, 1 University Dr. 800.322.4787 ext. 20665, firelands.bgsu.edu In addition to a 50-acre arboretum, this site contains a wooded lot that is an excellent place to see warblers and other Neotropical birds in migration. Bluebird and other nest boxes can be found in the large meadows and grassy areas. Walking, hiking, accessible trail, birding, and botanizing opportunities available. Year-round, daily 8 am-dusk.

#### 7. Joseph Steinen Wildlife Area

4501 Cleveland Rd. W (US 6)
419.625.7783, eriemetroparks.org
One of several key protected natural areas
along the southern shoreline of Lake Erie.
This 155-acre natural area protects an
extraordinary freshwater marsh and uplands
rich in critical wildlife food and cover. Great
birding opportunities, accessible trail, pets
permitted. Year-round, daily 8 am-dusk.

#### 8. Old Woman Creek State Nature Preserve & National Estuarine Research Reserve

2514 Cleveland Rd. E (US 6)
419.433.4601, coastal.ohiodnr.gov
This 573-acre reserve attracts waterfowl,
wading birds, raptors, and Neotropical
migrants. Trails and observation areas offer
excellent views of the estuary, surrounding
uplands, and the shore of Lake Erie. Visitor
center, drinking fountain, restrooms available
(when visitor center is open), and indoor
viewing area. Paved, natural, and boardwalk
trails. Grounds open year-round, daily dawndusk; visitor center open Apr-Sept, Tues-Fri
9 am-4 pm, Sat-Sun 1-5 pm; Oct-Mar, Tues-Fri
9 am-4 pm.

#### 9. Osborn MetroPark

3910 Perkins Ave.

419.625.7783, eriemetroparks.org
This 172-acre park offers a diverse wildlife
habitat. Amenities include shelters and
rooms to reserve, two playgrounds, tennis
and pickleball courts, disc golf, accessible
trails, and more. System also features soccer
fields, hiking trails, the Children's Forest, The
Barnyard & Erie MetroBark Park, an off-leash
dog park near the Maple Grove Center on
Hull Road, and the all-new Discovery Trail!
Year-round, daily 8 am-dusk.

#### 10. Pelton Park

800 Pelton Park Dr.

419.625.7783, eriemetroparks.org Wander the trails through the mature oak woodlot to view the many species of local wildlife and bountiful spring wildflowers throughout this 20-acre park. Pets permitted. Year-round, daily 8 am-dusk.



#### 11. Putnam Marsh Extension

4511 Cleveland Rd. W (US 6)

419.625.7783, eriemetroparks.org

The 966-acre preserve is a protected natural area because of its importance as one of the last undeveloped naturally-functioning marshes on the southern Lake Erie shoreline and it is a critical habitat area for plants and animals. This marsh is also renowned for its waterfowl. It is also an important stopping site for migratory songbirds. Year-round, daily 8 am-dusk.

#### 12. Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve

2715 Cleveland Rd. W (US 6)

866.644.6727, naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov

This 472-acre preserve is known to attract nearly 300 bird species and provides habitat for many wildflowers. Along the barrier sand beach, numerous shorebirds are seen at the water's edge. Summer residents include great blue herons, red-tailed hawks, black-crowned night-herons, wood ducks, common terns, woodcocks, great horned owls, and numerous songbirds. Accessible trail. Year-round, daily dawn-dusk.

#### 13. Wvandot MetroPark

5401 Cleveland Rd. W (US 6)

419.625.7783, eriemetroparks.org

The majority of Wyandot's acres have been reclaimed from farmland to native prairie meadow. The northern portion of the property includes a narrow strip of woods. The observation deck in the northeast portion of the park is perfect for observing waterfowl and birds of prey. Accessible, pets permitted. Year-round, daily 8 am-dusk.



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#### **MILAN**

#### 14. The Coupling MetroPark

11618 SR 13 (Mudbrook Rd.)

419.625.7783, eriemetroparks.org

The Huron River and its floodplain are the highlights of this park. It is an excellent place to view spring and fall migrations, as well as waterfowl. Portable restrooms in season, reservable overnight accommodations, and nature trails. Canoes and kayaks available by advance reservation for use on the Huron River. Year-round, daily 8 am-dusk.

# 15. Milan Towpath MetroPark

99 N. Main St.

419.625.7783, eriemetroparks.org

This .9-mile path is a linear park that follows the path of an early canal and railway. Accessible trails, birding, snowshoeing, and pet-friendly. Year-round, daily 8 am-dusk.

#### **VERMILION**

#### 16. Vermilion River Reservation, Mill Hollow, and Bacon Woods

51211 N. Ridge Rd. (N. Ridge and Vermilion rds.)

440.967.7310, loraincountymetroparks.com

Shale cliffs frame the beauty of this nature park. Birders find an amazing variety of species all seasons. Many of the trails are accessible. Grounds open year-round, daily 8 am-sunset; visitor center open year-round, daily 10 am-4:30 pm.

#### 17. Sherod Park

US 6 at Coen Rd. (2 miles west of town)

440.204.2490, cityofvermilion.com

Offering commanding views of the lake, the majority of the 21-acre park is open green space, thus the primary allure is to look for migrant water birds moving along Lake Erie. The birding here is seasonal and by far best from Oct through early-winter. Featuring green space, trees, natural areas, walking track, and beach.

#### Central Shores

#### **CASTALIA**

#### 18. Castalia Duck Pond

SR 101 (Main St.), lakeeriebirding.ohiodnr.gov This 12-acre pond is at its best from late-fall to early-spring when waterfowl species head to open waters. Ample parking at both sides of the pond.

#### 19. Castalia Quarry MetroPark

8404 SR 101 (Sandusky-Clyde Rd.)
419.625.7783, eriemetroparks.org
This 152-acre former quarry is home to about
240 species of native plants, some that are
rare or threatened. You will also find fossils
that date back 400 million years and glacial
grooves. Excellent views of migrating raptors,
plus habitats for smaller birds. Trails on the
north side of SR 101 are great places to see
migrating wetland species. An observation
tower with ramp allows broad views of the
park. Two miles of natural and gravel trails.
Restroom open seasonally. Year-round, daily
8 am-dusk.

#### 20. Castalia State Fish Hatchery

7018 Homegardner Rd.
419.684.7499, wildlife.ohiodnr.gov
As part of the blue hole aquifer system and diverted water from the Cold Creek, the area provides a unique birding experience on 90 acres of land and three acres of water. See herons, waterfowl, egrets, eagles, and more. Guided tours by appointment and grounds open Mon-Fri 8 am-3 pm; closed holidays.

#### 21. Resthaven Wildlife Area

412 Cement Ave.

419.424.5000, wildlife.ohiodnr.gov
The unique feature here is a large remnant prairie. Many foot trails allow the visitor to explore diverse habitats of this wildlife area, totaling more than 2,200 acres. Indigo buntings, woodcocks, and ring-necked pheasants favor this area. Accessible fishing pier available. Year-round, daily dawn-dusk.

#### **SANDUSKY**

# 22. Community Foundation Preserve at Eagle Point

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#### 23. Erie Sand Barrens State Nature Preserve

Scheid Rd. (off Taylor Rd. in Oxford Twp.) 866.644.6727, naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov This 32-acre preserve features a sand beach ridge plant community with many rare prairie plants. Hike the .5-mile trail and view prairie milkweed, Virginia meadow beauty, and twisted yellow-eyed grass. No pets. Yearround, daily dawn-dusk.

#### 24. Firelands Audubon Society

firelandsaudubonsociety.org
Formed to protect, preserve, and appreciate
natural habitat for birds and wildlife through
conservation and education. FAS offers a
variety of field trips and birding workshops
for all levels of birders. Seasonal bird
walks and bird counts in various locations
throughout the area are fun and informative
for everyone. See website for details.

#### 25. Pipe Creek Wildlife Area

River Åd. (off Cedar Point Dr.) 419.424.5000, wildlife.ohiodnr.gov The 97-acre area is situated on the former Big Island Wetland Complex on the southern shore of Sandusky Bay. Wildlife found in the area include puddle ducks, common snipe, sora and Virginia rail, and Canada geese, as well as bald eagles, common tern, Caspian tern, godwits, sandpipers, and various wetland-dependent species. Closed during waterfowl hunting season. Other times, yearround, daily dawn-dusk.

#### 26. Sandusky Harbor

Downtown Sandusky Waterfront Shoreline Dr.

419.627.5884, ci.sandusky.oh.us A large herring gull breeding colony in and around Sandusky makes this species readily visible, as are large rafts of waterfowl, egrets, and night herons. Shelby Street Boat Launch, Paper District Marina, Jackson Street Pier, Shoreline Park, and Battery Park are along Shoreline Drive and each offers parking and birding opportunities; or bike/walk the paved trail along Sandusky Bay Pathway.

# 27. Willow Point Wildlife Area

Wahl Rd.

419.424.5000, wildlife.ohiodnr.gov This area features a 432-acre public hunting, fishing, and wildlife area on the southern shore of Sandusky Bay. The geographic location and diverse terrain including wetland, marsh, and woods accounts for high numbers of waterfowl, songbirds, shorebirds, and hawks during the spring and fall migrations.

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# North Shores

#### **CATAWBA**

#### 28. Cedar Meadow Preserve

4822 E. Cemetery Rd. (off SR 53), Port Clinton 419.797.2684, catawbaislandtownship.com An excellent spot for migratory songbirds that are preparing to cross the lake in spring, or have just made the crossing in fall. Marked entrance is located near the township water tower. Approximately three miles of mowed trails. Leashed dogs permitted.

# 29. Dr. Robert Nehls Memorial Nature Preserve

4400 Muggy Rd. (off SR 53), Port Clinton 419.833.1025, blackswamp.org The preserve provides excellent opportunities to view migratory and resident bird species. A walking trail through a restored pollinator meadow and along the water's edge is open to the public. Yearround, daily dawn-dusk.

#### MARBLEHEAD 30. East Harbor State Park

1169 N. Buck Rd. (SR 269)
419.734.4424, 866.644.6727, parks.ohiodnr.gov Located on the shores of Lake Erie, East Harbor offers a variety of birding habitats. With over seven miles of trails winding through meadows, woods, and wetlands, the visitor is able to view migratory waterfowl and shorebirds in addition to local species. Restrooms, camping, boat dockage, and beach. Year-round, dawn-dusk.

#### 31. Great Egret Marsh Preserve

Buck Rd. and TR 139 A (off SR 269) 614.717.2770, nature.org 150-acre marsh boasts classic Lake Erie marshland. The preserve is a haven for waterfowl and wading birds including great egrets. Visitors will find opportunities for birding, fishing, hiking, kayaking, and canoeing. Small boat launch for kayaks and canoes only. Wheelchair accessible for the first .4 mile of trail. Year-round, daily dawndusk.

#### 32. Meadowbrook Marsh

8577 E. Bayshore Rd.
419.732.3039, danburytownship.com/
service-maintenance
Prime birding location with picnic tables,
benches, observation deck, seasonal
restrooms, paved biking/walking trails, and
grass and mulched walking trails along the
prairie and in the forest. Scenic views of the
wetland marsh. Year-round, daily dawn-dusk.

#### **PORT CLINTON**

#### 33. Port Clinton Lakefront Preserve

E. Perry St. (SR 163)

419.734.5522, blackswamp.org/protected\_land/port-clinton-lakefront-preserve
This preserve is contiguous with Port Clinton
City Beach to the east and Waterworks Park
and Port Clinton Lighthouse to the west.
Collectively, these three sites protect over 3/4
of a mile of lakefront beach and associated
habitats. There is a stone walking trail
through the preserve.

# Islands

## **KELLEYS ISLAND**

Ferry service available from Marblehead or Sandusky.

## 34. Kelleys Island Audubon Club

kelleysislandnature.org
Kelleys Island Audubon Club's mission is
to protect, preserve, and develop natural
habitat for the birds and wildlife that inhabit
the island. Of special interest, the "Nest with
the Birds" program is held in May and the
"Feathers and Foliage Festival" is held in midSeptember with bird-banding at both events.
All programs are free of charge and all are
welcome.

#### 35. Kelleys Island State Park

920 Division St.

419.746.2546, 866.644.6727, parks.ohiodnr.gov Offers great Lake Erie views, easy access to the shoreline, and scenic overnight accommodations. Boating, fishing, birding, and wildlife watching are just a few of the park's favorite activities across its 677 acres. Year-round, daily dawn-dusk.

#### 36. North Pond State Nature Preserve

Ward Rd. (off Division St.) 614.265.6419, naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov Containing a variety of rare plants and animals. Accessible via the trailhead at Ward Rd., opposite the parking lot. Consisting of 30 acres of wetlands with the estuary leading into Lake Erie. Boasting numerous species of ducks and other water birds. Please remain on trails. No pets.

#### 37. North Shore Alvar State Nature Preserve

920 Division St.

614.265.6419, naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov The only undisturbed alvar community in Ohio. An alvar is bare rock such as limestone bedrock with unique plant life growing on and between the rock surfaces. The scouring motion of the waves and ice off Lake Erie maintains the alvar. Accessible via the North Shore Loop Trail within Kelleys Island State Park. Please remain on trails. No pets.

#### 38. Scheele Preserve

Monaghan Rd.

216.231.4600, cmnh.org/Kelleys-Island

This preserve is a 32-acre parcel owned by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. The preserve supports a diversity of habitats showcasing migrant songbirds and Northern Sawwhet Owls. Scheele Preserve is also home to Tom Bartlett's owl banding research project. Located on the east side of Monaghan Rd., just north of Hamilton Rd.

#### **MIDDLE BASS ISLAND**

Ferry transportation available from Catawba or Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island).

#### 39. Kuehnle Wildlife Area

1965 Fox Rd.

614.265.6300, wildlife.ohiodnr.gov

This 20-acre pond and adjacent area harbors an array of plant and animal life, including songbirds, wading birds, fish, turtles, salamanders, and the Lake Erie water snake. Marsh and wildlife viewing only.

#### 40. Middle Bass Island Forested Wetlands Preserve

Fox Rd.

419.285.4772, lakeerieislandsconservancy.org

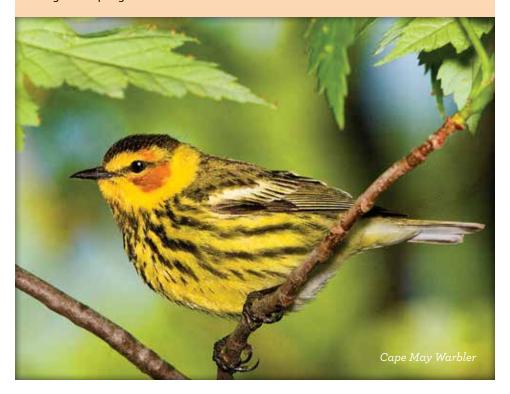
More than 110 species of bird have been documented on Middle Bass Island, including many warbler species. In addition, the 13.4 acres of preserved land are home to multiple species of snake and other wildlife.

#### 41. Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve

North Shore Rd.

419.285.4772, lakeerieislandsconservancy.org

Eight-acre, wooded preserve owned by the Put-in-Bay Township Park District is accessible only via the Lake Erie Islands Water Trail. This park offers a small dock, walking paths, and interpretive signs. With its position at the tip of Middle Bass Island, it is a great place for birding in the spring and fall.



# 42. Middle Bass Island State Park

1719 Fox Rd.

419.285.0311, parks.ohiodnr.gov Migrating songbirds rest here before winging across the lake. Hundreds of different species have been identified, making the state park one of the best birdwatching areas in the country. Several nesting pairs of bald eagles are located in the area.

#### 43. Petersen's Woods

419.285.4772, lakeerieislandsconservancy.org Located adjacent to Kuehnle Wildlife Area, Petersen's Woods provides habitat for bald eagles that have nested at the airport across the street as well as for Lake Erie water snakes. The woods provide important feeding and resting habitat for migratory birds. Marsh and wildlife viewing only.

#### NORTH BASS ISLAND

Only accessible by private boat or airplane.

#### 44. Fox's Marsh

southwest corner of North Bass Island 419.734.4424, wildlife.ohiodnr.gov The 60-acre marsh, which is the primary feature at the wildlife area, exhibits most of the island's remaining natural coastal wetlands. The marsh's environments support habitat for fox snake, Lake Erie water snake, waterfowl, and migratory shorebirds and songbird populations.

#### 45. North Bass Island State Park

419.734.4424, parks.ohiodnr.gov Open to primitive camping (with a special permit), hiking, picnicking, biking, kayaking, and wildlife viewing. Four public mooring balls are located on the south side of the island, just west of the main pier. There is no fee to tie up; they are first-come, first-served.

#### **SOUTH BASS ISLAND (PUT-IN-BAY)**

Ferry transportation available from Catawba, Port Clinton, or Sandusky.

#### 46. Cooper's Woods

Catawba Ave. (just west of Concord Ave.) 419.285.4772, lakeerieislandsconservancy.org 18-acre area offering hiking trails through wildflowers and trees including sugar maple, oak, red cedar, and hackberry. Migrating songbirds can be seen along with other wildlife.

#### 47. Jane Coates Wildflower Trail

Put-in-Bay Rd. (north of Langram Rd.) 419.285.4772, lakeerieislandsconservancy.org .5-mile loop trail offering views of a variety of wildflowers as well as migratory songbirds.

#### 48. Ladd Carr Wildlife Woods

Put-in-Bay Rd.

419.285.4772, lakeerieislandsconservancy.org This 2.1-acre, wooded parcel is a great place for birdwatching. Year-round, daily dawndusk.

#### 49. Massie Cliffside Preserve

611 Columbus Ave. (SR 357) 419.285.4772, lakeerieislandsconservancy.org This cliffside preserve offers beautiful sunsets and views of Middle Bass Island. With 11 wooded acres, this preserve provides a quiet spot for birding, fishing, and viewing nature. It is a stop on Lake Erie Islands Water Trial for non-motorized watercraft. Columbines and harebells bloom on the cliff in the summer.

# 50. Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve

eastern tip of East Point Rd.

419.285.4772, lakeerieislandsconservancy.org Nine-acre preserve with lakefront on three sides offers opportunities for spotting waterfowl, shorebirds, and migratory songbirds.

## 51. South Bass Island State Park

1523 Catawba Ave.

419.285.2112, 866.644.6727, parks.ohiodnr.gov Migrating songbirds rest here on their way across the lake. Hundreds of different species have been identified, including dozens of migratory waterfowl. The bald eagle has made a dramatic comeback on Lake Erie, with several nesting pairs in the area.

#### West Shores

#### **ELMORE**

#### 52. Schedel Arboretum & Gardens

19255 W. Portage River S Rd.

419.862.3182, schedel-gardens.org Ornate Japanese gardens, with dozens of rare species, anchor this unique site. 17 acres of rose gardens, water gardens, perennial gardens, and 20,000 annuals are surrounded by acres of woodlands and the Portage River. Self-guided daily tours. Restrooms available. Located one mile off Ohio Turnpike (I-80/90) at Exit 81. Admission fees apply. Apr-Oct.



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#### **OAK HARBOR**

# 53. Black Swamp Bird Observatory

13551 SR 2 W

419.898.4070, bsbo.org

Located at the entrance to Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO) features a visitor center with free area birding maps, a gift shop, and a window on wildlife. The site also offers a walking trail and public restrooms. BSBO organizes The Biggest Week in American Birding (see bwiab.com for more information). Year-round, weekends; extended hours during spring and fall migration.

#### 54. Magee Marsh Wildlife Area & Sportsman's Migratory Bird Center 13229 W. SR 2

419.898.0960, wildlife.ohiodnr.gov

With more than 2,000 acres of habitat, Magee Marsh is an American birding "hot spot." The spring migration of warblers is spectacular; ducks, trumpeter swans, bald eagles, shorebirds, and raptors are also common. Visitor center, drinking fountains, restrooms, wheelchair accessible, .7 miles of boardwalk. Access is restricted during Oct to early-Dec for waterfowl hunts. Please note, the Sportsman's Migratory Bird Center will close mid-May 2022 through spring 2023 for renovations. Year-round, daily dawn-dusk.

#### 55. Oak Harbor Station - Interurban Overlook

198 S. Church St.

419.898.5561, oakharbor.oh.us

Wheelchair-accessible overlook deck is open year-round for nature and birdwatching, fishing, and kayak launch.

No swimming permitted.

# 56. Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

14000 W. SR 2

419.898.0014, fws.gov/refuge/ottawa

The 9,700-acre refuge includes over 10 miles of hiking trails through a variety of habitats. The refuge is regarded as one of the premier birdwatching spots in the Midwest. Restrooms, visitor center, accessible, seven miles of pressed-gravel trails. Located approximately 15 miles west of Port Clinton along SR 2. Trails open year-round, daily dawn-dusk; visitor center open year-round, daily 9 am-4 pm.

#### 57. Toussaint Wildlife Area

off SR 19 (five miles north of Oak Harbor) wildlife.ohiodnr.gov

231-acre wildlife area featuring wetland game birds such as puddle ducks, woodcock, snipe, sora, and Virginia rails. Non-marsh units produce some pheasants and rabbits. Plovers, herons, bitterns, yellowlegs, and a variety of other birds can be observed in the area. Spring is an excellent time to observe large numbers of migrating shorebirds, songbirds, and waterfowl.

# **PORT CLINTON**

# 58. Little Portage Wildlife Area

Darr Hopfinger Rd.

419.424.5000, wildlife.ohiodnr.gov 407-acre wildlife area is managed primarily for wetland wildlife and fishing access. Small footbridges are maintained for access over the channels surrounding most of the flooded marsh units. Parking lot and hiking trails on the dikes.

# Neighbors

#### **CURTICE**

#### 59. Howard Marsh

611 S. Howard Rd. (off SR 2) 419.360.9178, metroparkstoledo.com This 1,000-acre wetland marsh showcases six miles of water trails for canoeing and kayaking, five miles of dike-top trails for hiking, and a 1,300-ft. boardwalk. This land is known for its concentration of warblers, especially during spring migration. Restrooms, pets-permitted, and fishing. Yearround, daily 7 am-dusk.

#### 60. Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area

Bono Rd. (off SR 2)

419.424.5000, wildlife.ohiodnr.gov This 558-acre Lake Erie marsh is located approximately 20 miles west of Port Clinton. Bono Road provides access to the area from SR 2, less than .5 mile east of Bono. Portable restrooms. Year-round, daily dawn-dusk.

#### **NORWALK**

#### 61. Milan Wildlife Area

off SR 113 (3 miles northwest of Norwalk) 419.424.5000, wildlife.ohiodnr.gov A 300-acre state wildlife area with diverse terrain such as the Huron River, woods, streams, and brush. The property is in Erie County and offers birding, hiking trails, hunting, and fishing opportunities.

#### **OREGON**

#### 62. Maumee Bay State Park

1400 State Park Rd.

419.836.9117, parks.ohiodnr.gov Excellent birding year-round with gulls and waterfowl at the beach, wintering raptors in open fields, and migrant songbirds along the boardwalk through the forest. Ring-necked pheasants densely populate the meadow areas of the park.

#### **VICKERY**

# 63. Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area

3451 CR 256

419.547.6007, wildlife.ohiodnr.gov
The northern portion of Pickerel Creek lies
in the center of some of the finest wetland
habitat still in existence along Sandusky Bay.
The majority of the area has been restored
to wetlands, making the area particularly
notable for observing waterfowl and
migrating shore birds.

