

SHORES&ISLANDS_{OHIO}

Educational Opportunities

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Let Shores & Islands Ohio become your classroom, filled with unique history and wildlife. A range of educational opportunities are available for local schools and incoming student groups interested in exploring the region's natural and cultural heritage. Visit museums and historic sites, nature centers and wildlife refuges, and participate in educational programs at some of the top attractions in the area. Wherever your interest lies, the Shores & Islands Ohio groups team is here to help.

Kelleys Island

Glacial Grooves

Division St., Kelleys Island

Carved 18,000 years ago, the grooves are considered the finest and largest accessible example of glacial scoring in the world.

Inscription Rock

This flat-topped limestone boulder has faint pictographs of persons, birds and animals. Historians believe that Native Americans carved the images between three and four hundred years ago.

Kelleys Island Historical Museum

224 Division St., Kelleys Island

419.746.2399, kelleysislandhistorical.org

The museum features artifacts and photographs from the island's past including the fishing and quarry operations, island boats, and the famous island wineries. The gift shop has many unique items such as books about the island's history. Visit the adjacent historic Stone Church built in 1866. For group visits, please call ahead so a guide can be provided.

Milan

Edison Birthplace

9 Edison Dr., (off SR 113), Milan

419.499.2135, tomedison.org

Visit Thomas Edison's 1847 birthplace. Tour his boyhood home and see displays of some of his accomplishments as one of the world's greatest inventors.

Milan Museum

10 Edison Dr. (off SR 113), Milan

419.499.2968, milanhistory.org

Explore Milan's canal and shipbuilding history, interact with toys from the past, and view a renowned glass collection.

Oak Harbor

Black Swamp Bird Observatory

13551 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor

419.898.4070, bsbobird.org

Located at the entrance to Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, BSBO features a visitors' center with free birding maps, a gift shop, walking trail, restrooms, and window on wildlife.



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Magee Marsh Wildlife Area

13229 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor

419.898.0960, wildlife.ohiodnr.gov

A wildlife enthusiast's destination. Home of the Magee Marsh Visitors Center, a wildlife museum showcasing the history and artifacts of the region through two floors of brand-new displays.

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

14000 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor

419.898.0014, fws.gov/refuge/Ottawa

Over ten miles of hiking trails through a variety of habitats including marshes, grasslands, and wooded areas. This wildlife refuge encompasses 9,700 acres of marshes, uplands, and forested wetlands remaining of the Great Black Swamp. Restrooms, visitors center, handicapped accessible.

Port Clinton

Liberty Aviation Museum

3515 E. State Rd., Port Clinton

419.732.0234, libertyaviationmuseum.org

Showcasing operational, historical aircraft and vehicles, including "Georgie's Gal", a WWII B-25 Mitchell Bomber, U.S. Navy WWII TBM Avenger, PT-boat, and more. Witness the restoration of a 1929 Ford Tri-Motor and dine in the 1950s-era Tin Goose Diner.

Ottawa County Museum

126 E. Third St., Port Clinton

419.732.2237, facebook.com/pages/Ottawa-County-Museum/110711658998159

Small museum with exhibits on the history of Ottawa County including the Battle of Lake Erie, boat building, nature, agriculture, commercial fishing, early settlers, Native Americans, early clothing, and children's toys.

Put-in-Bay

Aquatic Visitors Center

360 Bayview Ave., Put-in-Bay

419.285.1800, ohioseagrant.osu.edu/visit/avc

The Aquatic Visitors Center will be undergoing renovation in fall of 2023 and all of 2024. The new and improved center will open up to the public in 2025.

Lake Erie Islands Historical Museum

443 Catawba Ave., Put-in-Bay

419.285.2804, leihs.org

Displays include over 65 ship models; the South Bass Island Lighthouse Fresnel lens; and artifacts from the Battle of Lake Erie, island life, and the Ford Tri-Motor and great hotel eras.



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Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

255 Meechen Rd., Put-in-Bay
419.285.3037, lakeerieislandswildlife.com

Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center includes an indoor collection of over 240 North American fish, birds, and mammals. Self-guided or narrated tours are offered to help visitors understand some of the creatures on display. The grounds contain a frog pond, nature trail, geo-caching site, phenology and butterfly gardens; also a good birding spot.

Perry's Cave Family Fun Center

979 Catawba Ave., Put-in-Bay
419.285.2283, perryscave.com

Descend into a registered Ohio Natural Landmark at Perry's Cave. It is a natural limestone cave steeped in historical tradition. While here be sure to visit the Butterfly with over 50 types of exotic butterflies inside.

Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial (Visitors Center)

93 Delaware Ave., Put-in-Bay
419.285.2184, nps.gov/pevi

Our nation's third tallest memorial structure, honors Commodore Oliver Perry's victory over the British in the War of 1812. Visit the observation deck of the 352-foot monument and experience amazing views of Lake Erie and the surrounding islands.

Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island

878 Bayview Dr., Put-in-Bay
419.285.1800, ohioseagrant.osu.edu/education

Established in 1895, Stone Laboratory is the oldest freshwater biological field station in the United States and the center of Ohio State University's teaching and research on Lake Erie.

Sandusky

Cedar Point Education Days

1 Cedar Point Dr., Sandusky
800.448.2428 option 1, cedarpoint.com/groups/student-youth-groups

Cedar Point becomes the world's largest classroom each year, on select dates in May. With curriculum driven content for physics, science, math, engineering, and business, Cedar Point has a variety of options.

Cooke-Dorn House Historic Site

1415 Columbus Ave., Sandusky
419.627.0640, oldhouseguild.org

Sandusky is known for its collection of limestone buildings, including this Greek Revival. The three-story mansion features a ruby and cranberry glass collection, antique furnishings, greenhouse, and gift shop.

Erie MetroParks

3910 Perkins Ave., Huron
419.625.7783 ext. 221, eriemetroparks.org/programs

Erie MetroParks offers programs and events throughout the year. Schedule a Naturalist to lead a hike tailored to your group; or, take a class on geology, wild life, nature, or historical aspects of the parks.



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Follett House Museum

404 Wayne St., Sandusky

419.627.9608, sanduskylib.org/locations-directions

Discover Sandusky's past! Sandusky Library's local history museum with four floors of exhibits featuring Johnson's Island Civil War Prison Camp, Cedar Point, and many other artifacts that shaped local life.

Maritime Museum of Sandusky

125 Meigs St., Sandusky

419.624.0274, sandusky maritime.org

This museum interprets the maritime history of the area including boat building, recreational and passenger boats, shipwrecks, wetlands, commercial shipping, fishing, and the boats of Sandusky's Underground Railroad through interactive exhibits and educational programs.

Merry-Go-Round Museum

301 Jackson St., Sandusky

419.626.6111, merrygoroundmuseum.org

This museum has an indoor carousel, enchanting carvings, carving demonstrations, band organs.

Sandusky Library

114 W. Adams St., Sandusky

419.625.3834, sandusky.lib.oh.us

The library offers tours than can be a general tour of the library or prepared to complement a specific lesson plan or topic. Presentations can include the topics of local history, genealogy research, book reviews, and more.

Sidney Frohman Planetarium

2130 Hayes Ave. (SR 4), Ste. A, Sandusky

419.984.1136

The Sidney Frohman Planetarium at Sandusky High School offers students, staff, and the community unique opportunities to fully immerse into the universe.

Bellevue

Historic Lyme Village

5001 SR 4, Bellevue

419.483.4949, lymevillage.org

Experience the past as you tour this 19th-century village. Buildings include an 1880s Victorian mansion, an 1836 farm home, log cabins, barns, a one-room school, general store, log church and more.

Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum

253 Southwest St., Bellevue

419.483.2222, madrivermuseum.org

Opened in 1976 as a bicentennial project, the extensive museum's highlights include several engines and cars that visitors can walk through, plus numerous railroading displays.



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Seneca Caverns

15248 E. Township Rd. 178 (off SR 269), Bellevue
419.483.6711, senecacavernsohio.com

Preserved close to its original natural state, Seneca Caverns provides a fascinating guided, one-hour walking tour through this unique cavern that leads you through seven rooms or levels. The largest room is 250 ft. in length and 110 ft. below the surface. Visitors will also view "Ole Mist'ry River." Available for your use, at no additional charge, is a clean, shaded picnic area.

Fremont

Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums

at Spiegel Grove, Fremont
419.332.2081 or 800.998.7737, rbhayes.org

Visit President Rutherford B. Hayes' wooded estate of Spiegel Grove, home of America's first presidential library. Tour the president's 31-room Victorian mansion, see his tomb, visit the newly-renovated museum, explore the library, and walk the mile of paved trails.

Norwalk

Firelands Historical Society Complex

4 Case Ave. (off SR 61), Norwalk
419.668.6038, firelandsmuseum.com

Ohio's oldest museum, located in an 1836 home. Eclectic collections feature 200 yrs. of Firelands history, including extensive gun collections from pre-Revolutionary War through WWII and a Native American collection.

