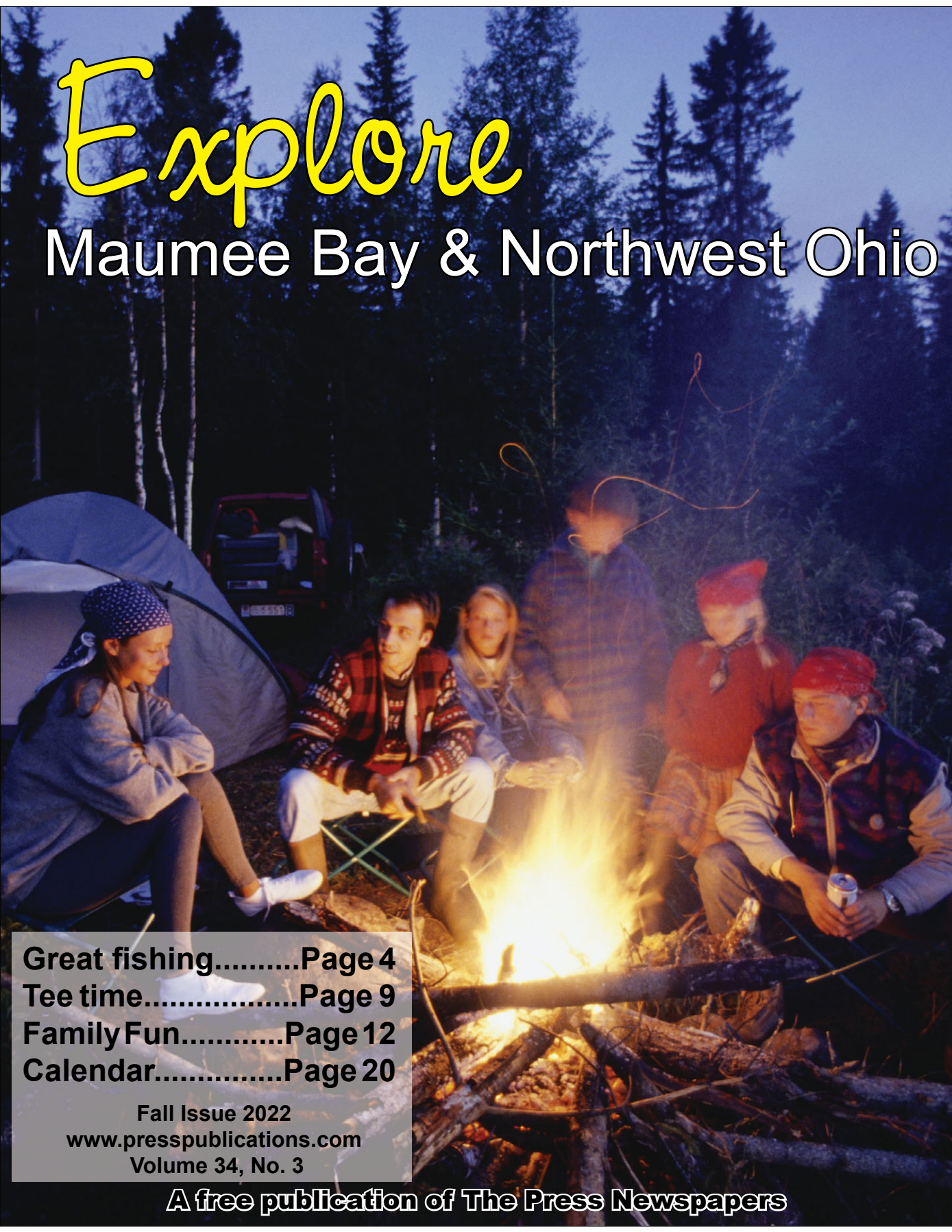


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# Drop a line for great fishing in Lake Erie



Great news for fishermen

Lake Erie maintains its title as The Walleye Capital of the World thanks to science-based management guiding regulations that conserve and ensure long-term angling opportunities across Ohio's waters.

Additionally, a strong yellow perch population in Lake Erie's west zone is providing good fishing in 2022, while low catch rates are expected to continue in the central and east zones.

Lake Erie walleye and yellow perch fisheries are managed through an inter-agency quota system. Each jurisdiction regulates its catches to comply with annually determined safe harvest levels that ensure sustainability. The most recent quotas were announced March 25.

**Walleye** – The walleye daily limit on Lake Erie is six fish per angler with a 15-

inch minimum length limit. Walleye hatch success has been exceptional for six of the past eight years. Anglers will mostly catch abundant 2- to 4-year-old fish ranging from 15 to 22 inches. Larger fish from 2015 and earlier hatches will provide chances to reel in a Fish Ohio qualifying walleye (minimum 28 inches).

Abundant young fish should show up in the catch and range from 9 to 14 inches, with an increasing number of 2-year-olds reaching 15 inches as the season progresses. Anglers are encouraged to release these sub-legal fish

with as little handling as possible so they can contribute to the future fishery.

**Yellow perch** – Yellow perch abundance in the west zone from Toledo to Huron was above average in 2021 and is expected to remain strong in 2022, supported by consistent hatch success. The 2021 season occasionally provided good fishing in the west zone and should again in 2022. The best success is anticipated during July through mid-August during warm-water periods, and again during mid-October through November as adult perch move to shallow water to feed.

Lake Erie's central zone from Huron to Fairport Harbor continues to experience low yellow perch abundance, primarily driven by poor to moderate hatches during the past decade. Conservative quotas continue to be set each year. In the east zone from Fairport

Harbor to Conneaut, catches have been similar to the central zone with a slightly larger adult population. Catch rates are expected to remain low during the 2022 season, except for times such as late fall when adult perch congregate in larger schools near harbors.

**Bass** – Smallmouth bass and largemouth bass fishing in 2022 will provide good fishing with the opportunity for trophy catches. The daily limit is five bass per day.

Lake Erie fishing reports, information on Lake Erie research and management programs, fisheries resources, maps, and links to other Lake Erie web resources are available at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov). The current fishing regulations can be found on the HuntFish OH app, at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov), or locations where fishing licenses are sold.

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# Kelleys Island an important stopover for owl migration

By Art Weber

The Owl Fest event every November on Kelleys Island is a crowd pleaser, only without the big crowds.

It's only part of a fall filled with great scenery and birds.

The 10th annual Fest is set for Nov. 4-6, but the public is welcome at the banding site any evening it's in operation, as well as daytime banding of migrating songbirds.

It all calls attention to Kelleys Island's important role as a stopover for owls during bird migration, and it's done in an up-close and personal way. Really close – photo opportunity close – like sometimes as close as a few feet.

The Fest is centered on netting and banding northern saw-whet owls by master bander Tom Bartlett and his wife Paula, with help from Kelleys Island State Park Manager Chris Ashley and Jackie Taylor, director of the Kelleys Island Field Station.

Also featured is the Owl Prowl led by Pat Hayes, Kelleys Islands Audubon president, which is an island-wide search for owls held Friday evening, Nov. 4.

"Last year we walked all the way to the tower at North Pond State Nature Preserve calling for owls," Pat said. "We heard saw-whet owls, screech, great-horned, and we even thought we heard a barred owl. Everyone loved it."

It's a good bet that most readers have never seen or heard a saw-whet owl, one of the smallest owl species in North America. Those who see this secretive species are wowed by its catlike face, oversized head, and bright yellow eyes.

They're only one of many bird species that drop in on the Erie islands during migration. Most of them are songbirds that move through during the daytime hours on their way across the lake. You can enjoy them close-up, too, by visiting Tom and Paula at the nets they set up earlier in the day and work on many mornings.

And you'll enjoy the island, too. Island residents will tell you fall is the

very best time to be on the Erie islands – fewer crowds, fall colors, crisp weather, and ferry service still available, though on a more limited schedule.

No need to pack the swimsuit or shorts and sandals. Fall-weight clothing is in order, along with comfortable walking shoes. A flashlight or a headlamp is a darn good idea, too. So's a camera.

The birds love it, too. Some are permanent residents; others pause on their way south to rest and refuel after crossing Lake Erie from Ontario. The island – Kelleys is the largest American island in Lake Erie, is dotted with natural ar-

eas protected in the state park, state nature preserves and parcels preserved by Cleveland Museum of Natural History,

The Bartletts begin their fall banding in early September following a schedule that takes them to South Bass and Middle Bass islands, as well as Kelleys, and doesn't end until the Christmas Bird Count in December. Saw-whet owl netting and banding doesn't begin on Kelleys until mid-October and is most active during November.

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*Education is an important function of the banding stations, this one at Kelleys Scheele Preserve. Here Tom Bartlett holds a saw-whet for close inspection. (Photo by Art Weber)*



## Owl migration

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The goal is to capture the tiny owls, interrupting their migration from Ontario southward across Lake Erie long enough to record their measurements and band them, before sending them unharmed on their way again. That means working at night, setting up and monitoring 15 nets. They're set up in groups of five in three different locations spaced along the island's northern shore.

They'll keep the effort going on various nights until the Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 20.

These small secretive owls, like most owls, move at night.

"It seems like the owls come from Ontario's Point Pelee, head over the lake to the closest land they can see – Pelee Island, then to Middle Island and Kelleys," Tom said.

From there they'll leave Kelleys and make the short flight to the Marblehead Peninsula.

"Once they're there it seems they go wherever the wind blows them."

The work on Kelleys Island is helping fill in some blanks about this tiny reclusive owl. Because of their size and nocturnal behavior, they're poorly understood birds. While you might hear them, they're seldom seen. In daytime they hunker down silently on roosts in dense conifers.

Tom's work with saw-whets began in 2003.

"Friends banding at Holiday Beach (Ontario, near Point Pelee) called and said they're having a phenomenal year banding saw-whet owls," Tom said. "They said 'Why don't you try banding at Kelleys?'"

"So I did, and within an hour, I had my first saw-whet," he said.

He and Paula have been banding them every fall since. Last fall, he captured his 1000th saw-whet.

"The good news is I caught our 1000th owl on Nov. 3, (2021)," Tom said. "The bad news is I released it without putting on a band. We took all the data, but after releasing it, I saw the band was still in the pliers."

"Fortunately, Chris came in a few minutes later with another owl, so we still put on our 1000th band that night."

Since that first year, they've added nets, locations, and more nights in the field banding owls. Every night is different. Some nights there are no owls,



Close-up of a saw-whet owl shows off its beautiful face, large head and bright yellow eyes. (Photo by Art Weber)

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sometimes one or two, sometimes they just keep coming.

"It seems like we have the best luck with east winds," Tom said.

Each net is about 50 feet long and about 8.5 feet high, designed to catch the birds unharmed. The five nets are arranged three in a row one direction, with one on each side running perpendicularly to form a cross. The nets are rolled up when not in use.

Last year, their peak nights came back-to-back.

"We netted 42 saw-whets the first night and 40 the second," Tom said. "We stayed out until 1 a.m."

All the information collected at the Kelleys Island Bird Banding Station is shared with other stations. The Ohio OwlNet combines information from 12

banding stations specifically aimed at learning more about owl migration.

Banding is a way of life for Tom and Paula. For over 50 years they've spread the wealth of their efforts, banding on other Lake Erie islands as well, adding to our understanding of things that, even in our modern world, are mysteries.

They've learned important things along the way. The main points sound simple, but the points were contested not so long ago.

"We know now that the islands are vital to migratory birds," Tom said. "And we know they do fly across water. Within the last two years, I have experienced another reason for banding. My data from the Lake Erie Islands has been used to help purchase valuable pieces of land on three islands."

Along the way, he's shared his knowledge with thousands of visitors who are welcome to drop in and visit the banding stations, observing the work underway.

For more information on the Owl Fest, banding dates and locations, and accommodations start with [KelleysIslandNature.org](http://KelleysIslandNature.org) and [KelleysIsland.com](http://KelleysIsland.com).

Pat and his wife, Lori, own and operate the Inn on Kelleys Island where birding enthusiasts are always welcome in the fall. For more information call 419-746-2258, which is also a good number to call for bird banding information.



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Gilbert, a retired teacher, will share his historical research and findings on a variety of topics, including Amelia Earhart, John C. Fremont and Rutherford B. Hayes in honor of Hayes' 200th birthday this October.

Six sessions are offered on Saturdays in September and October. Sessions are from 10-11:30 a.m.

Online admission is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six. Pre-registration and pre-payment for both in-person and virtual sessions are required.

Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. To register and pay, contact Julie Mayle, curator of manuscripts, at [jmayle@rbhayes.org](mailto:jmayle@rbhayes.org).

History Roundtable is sponsored by the Randolph J. and Estelle M. Dorn Foundation.

The schedule of sessions is:

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- **Sept. 17 – Amelia Earhart** – What motivated one of America's most famous female pilots? This discussion will take an in-depth look at the woman behind the publicity. Did her personal motivations affect her disappearance? You be the judge as the session focuses on one of our country's greatest mysteries.

- **Sept. 24 – John C. Fremont** – Curious about the city of Fremont's



History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert, a retired educator who presents on a variety of historical topics, returns in September. (Photo courtesy of Hayes Presidential Library & Museums)

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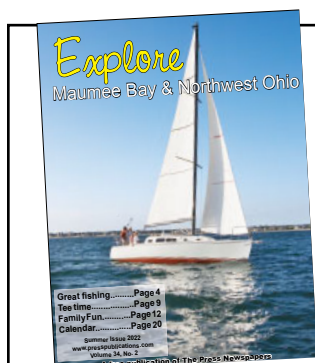
- **Oct. 8 – Rutherford B. Hayes** – Help celebrate the 200th birthday of the 19th president and his ever-lasting effect on the local community. Follow along as the session pays tribute to his years as a small-town lawyer, a soldier in the Civil War, serving as president of the United States and return to his beloved Spiegel Grove.

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- **Oct. 22 – Things that go bump in the night** – Vampires and werewolves lead the way as this session investigates the spooky creatures lurking in nightmares. In a change from Gilbert's traditional ghost stories, this session will delve into the origins of these mythical beings that have intrigued millions throughout the world.

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Current and upcoming exhibitions include "Chameleon Effects: Glass (Un) Defined", through March 31, 2023; Momentum | Intersection, Sept. 15-Oct. 16, State of The Art: Revealing Works From the Conservation Vault, Sept. 24-Feb. 5, 2023 and Matt Wedel: Phenomenal Debris, Nov. 5-April 2, 2023.

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A wide range of programs, special events and activities add to the fun throughout the year including Senior Discovery Days (September and October), Little Boo (Oct. 20-21) and Pumpkin Path (Oct. 22-23); Pumpkin Stomp & Chomp (Oct. 29), Lights Before Christmas (Nov. 18-Dec. 31) and a Noon Year's Eve celebration (Dec. 31).

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[toledo zoo.org](http://toledo zoo.org)

## **Imagination Station**

Visitors of every age can engineer a day of fun with hundreds of hands-on exhibits and demonstrations that bring science to life at Imagination Station.

The KeyBank Discovery Theater – located within the science center – features a massive, 58-foot, 4K screen that offers an exciting and immersive experience for movie-goers. Shows and showtimes are available at [imaginationstationtoledo.org/key-bank-discovery-theater](http://imaginationstationtoledo.org/key-bank-discovery-theater).

A number of special exhibits, events and programs are offered throughout the year. Check the website for details.

One Discovery Way, Toledo  
419-244-2674,  
[imaginationstationtoledo.org](http://imaginationstationtoledo.org)

## **Toledo Botanical Garden**

A museum for plants, Toledo Botanical Garden offers visitors the opportunity to share, discover and enjoy nature's beauty. With more than 60 acres of display gardens and relevant plant collections, TBG is a place of beauty, tranquility and opportunities for exploration and reflection.

Green thumbs come to the Garden to learn more about the varieties of annuals and perennials nestled within the various beds and look for ways to incorporate new ideas into their home landscapes.

The Doneghy Inclusive Garden is an accessible, sensory experience of sights, sounds, tastes and textures.

Art lovers are inspired by the Artisan Village, original sculptures located throughout the Garden.

The Secret Forest, an engaging children's playscape, immerses young visitors in nature and adventure.

5403 Elmer Dr. Toledo  
419-536-5566, [metroparkstoledo.com](http://metroparkstoledo.com)



*Earlier this year, the Toledo Zoo welcomed four new sea lions.  
(Photo courtesy of The Toledo Zoo)*

## **Toledo Mud Hens**

The Toledo Mud Hens, the Detroit Tigers' Triple A minor league affiliate, play home games at Fifth Third Field in the city's Warehouse District.

Future major leaguers are among those on the Mud Hens' roster, and occasionally fans can see current Tigers sent down for rehab or to better hone their skills.

A number of special events, promotions and giveaways are held at games throughout the season, including fireworks held after a number of games. At every Sunday home game, Hens players sign autographs and kids get to run the bases after the game.

Fans can also enjoy the game with rooftop views of Fifth Third Field from beyond the outfield in Hensville, a \$21 million redevelopment project in Toledo's Warehouse District. Relax with a refreshing drink, have something to eat, or meet up with friends at Hensville's popular restaurants.

Hensville Park, located at the corner of Summit and Monroe, is the green gateway to Hensville and the Warehouse District, and hosts a variety of outdoor events, including movies, concerts and kids' activities.

406 Washington St., Toledo

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419-725-HENS, milb.com/toledo

### Toledo Walleye

The Toledo Walleye, an ECHL hockey league affiliate of the Detroit Red Wings and the Chicago Blackhawks, play from October until early April at the 8,000-seat Huntington Center, which is also home to a number of concerts, shows and special events throughout the year.

500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo  
419-725-WALL, toledowalleye.com

### ARCA/ Toledo Speedway

ARCA/Toledo Speedway features ARCA-sanctioned, late-model stock car and Sportsman, factory stocks and various other racing into the early fall. The 2022 schedule tentatively runs through Oct. 8.

The speedway features a half-mile, semi-banked oval and quarter-mile figure eight in the middle. Events include the sportsman, figure-8, street stocks,

winged sprint cars and 4-cylinder racing, special Kids Nights, smashing school bus figure-8 races and more.

5639 Benore Rd., Toledo  
419-727-1100, toledospeedway.com

### Tony Packo's Café

Tony Packo's is world-famous not only for its Hungarian-style hot dogs, but also for the hot dog buns, which have been signed by movie stars, other celebrities and U.S. Presidents. Packo's was also frequently mentioned by Toledo's Jamie Farr on the TV series M\*A\*S\*H\*.

In addition to the flagship eatery, Packo's has a location across from Fifth Third Field, home of the Toledo Mud Hens.

1902 Front St., Toledo  
800-366-4218, tonypackos.com

### Sundance Kid Drive-In

The drive-in, located across from Pearson Park in Oregon, is open for its final season in 2022, featuring two first-run films on two screens spring through fall. The 50's-style drive-in offers all the nostalgia with the best in state-of-the-art Digital Camera projection and FM stereo sound.



Tony Packos Café

4500 Navarre, Oregon  
419-691-9668,  
greateasterntheatres.com

### Ntl. Museum of the Great Lakes

Located at the base of the Veterans' Glass City Skyway Bridge in Toledo, the National Museum of the Great Lakes tells the awe-inspiring stories of

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our Great Lakes through breathtaking photography, more than 300 artifacts, a number of powerful audio-visual displays and 40 hands-on, interactive exhibits, including the 617-foot iron ore freighter Col. James M. Schoonmaker Museum Ship and the historic Museum Tug Ohio. (Museum ships open May-October.)

A number of special programs and events are held throughout the year.

Learn more, get updates on hours and visitor policies and take a virtual tour by visiting the website. 1701 Front St., Toledo 419-214-5000, nmgl.org

### Fort Meigs State Park

Fort Meigs, a War of 1812 battlefield in Perrysburg, features a reconstructed fort and museum. Under the command of future President William Henry Harrison, Fort Meigs helped defend the Northwest Territory against attacks by the British and the Native Americans during the War of 1812.

A replica of America's largest walled fort, Fort Meigs offers several re-enactments featuring soldiers in period costumes throughout the year, such as After Dark Lantern Tours (Aug. 27 and Sept. 30); Life in Early Ohio (Oct. 1-2); Garrison Ghost Walks (Oct. 21, 22, 28 and 29); The World at War – Miniature Gaming Day (Nov. 5) and a Holiday Open House (Dec. 11) and more.

The reconstructed fort and Visitor Center & Museum are open April through October. The Visitor Center & Museum are open year-round. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays and holidays except Memorial Day and July 4. Visit the website for hours.

29100 W. River Rd., Perrysburg 800-283-8916, fortmeigs.org

### Toledo Firefighters Museum

The Toledo Firefighters Museum brings to life over 150 years of firefighting history and tells the tale of the heroes

of the Toledo Fire Division.

Located in the "Old Number 18 Fire House," the display includes many large pieces of vintage firefighting equipment, fire gongs, antique fire toys, vintage uniforms and more.

918 Sylvania Ave., Toledo 419-478-3473 (FIRE)



Reenactors welcome visitors at the Canal Experience

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### Hollywood Casino Toledo

Penn National Gaming extends the red carpet to Hollywood Casino Toledo, located just off I-75 on the banks of the Maumee River.

The casino offers more than 2,000 slot machine and table games, a poker room, a sports bar, restaurants and an entertainment lounge.

777 Hollywood Blvd., Toledo

[www.hollywoodcasinotoledo.com](http://www.hollywoodcasinotoledo.com)

### Canal Experience

Step back in time at the Canal Experience and get a taste of life on the Miami and Erie Canal in 1876. Providence Metropark is located in what was once the canal town of Providence, Ohio. Today, the Metropark has one of the greatest concentrations of canal-era features in the country, including:

- The Volunteer, a reproduction of a mule-drawn canal boat.
- The Isaac Ludwig Mill, a working water-powered saw and gristmill.
- More than a mile of the original Miami and Erie Canal and towpath.
- Lock #44, one of the last functioning 19th century limestone locks.
- Scenic Providence Dam, constructed across the Maumee River to maintain water levels in the canal.
- Characters in period attire welcoming visitors to a time gone by.
- Visit the Heritage Center to view The Volunteer and Lock 44 in action.

Visit Providence Metropark through Oct. 30. Group reservations for tours of the Isaac Ludwig Mill welcome. Providence Metropark, Old US 24 at SR 578, Grand Rapids 419-407-9741, [metroparkstoleado.com](http://metroparkstoleado.com)

### Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society Brandville School

Built in 1882, the historic Brandville School has been restored and is now part of the Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society complex. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994.

Brandville School houses artifacts from Native Americans who lived in the Great Black Swamp area. There is also a military room with artifacts from all the major conflicts in which the United States has been involved, dating from 1812 to the present.

The Carriage House includes vi-

gnettes of the old Metzger General Store, a doctor's office and an old post office. The one-room schoolhouse will take visitors back to the turn of the 20th Century.

The museum is open Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call to arrange tours for groups of four or more. No charge; donations accepted.

1133 Grasser St., Oregon  
419-693-7052, [ojhs.org](http://ojhs.org)

### Harbor View Historical Society & Museum

Located in the historical neighborhood of Harbor View in the city of Oregon, the Harbor View Historical Society and Museum continues to attract visitors from all over the country and Canada.

The Society Complex is situated on the land originally deeded to the Ottawa chief named OTT-TO-KEE (Autokee) for his assistance to the American Forces during the War of 1812.

Located nearly 100 yards outside of the Harbor View Yacht Club entrance on Autokee Street, the museum offers a glimpse of the War of 1812 and the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813.

The British long gun and the American carronade on display are from the 2003 movie "Master and Commander Far side of the World," starring Russel Crow, and due to popularity, have been continued for another season. The cannons allow visitors to get an up-close view of the cannons that were used at the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813. Other exhibits include "The United States Navy, Toledo " from 1933 to 1997, and the nearly 100-year-old Harbor View Post Office that has provided service to the small communities on Maumee Bay.

The Museum hosts many other special attractions throughout the year including 1862-LIVE, a Civil War encampment at the end of June, 1812-LIVE with members from the Old Northwest Military History Association along with re-enactors from Fort Meigs, Halloween Night at the Museum and a Christmas Holiday Open House.

Open Wednesdays 5-9 p.m. Admission is free.

2083 Autokee St., Oregon  
419-691-1517  
[harborviewhistoricalsociety.org](http://harborviewhistoricalsociety.org)

### Historic Genoa

Among the many mercantile, entertaining, and historical treasures the Village of Genoa, (founded in 1857) has to offer, the Historic Town Hall (built in 1883) is a must-see for a variety of reasons.

Located at 509 Main St., it is clas-



African Safari Park

sified as the oldest free-standing municipal building in Ottawa County and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Built in the Gothic revival style, the structure features eight ornamental chimneys, and a hand-carved sandstone mask of Dionysius, the Greek God of theater, which rests over the main entrance. The first floor houses the mayor's office and the village council chambers; the second floor is used by Genoa Civic Theater.

Genoa Privy, built to serve as Genoa's first school, is believed to be the only brick outhouse on the National Register of Historic Places. Downtown Genoa [genoaohio.org](http://genoaohio.org)

### Elmore Depot

The Elmore Historical Society purchased 1860s Elmore Depot in 1981, along with 2.5 acres of land. The society undertook an extensive renovation, and the building now houses memorabilia from Elmore's past.

In 1983, society members dismantled, relocated and rebuilt the 1940s Heckman log cabin, adding an elaborate flagstone fireplace and porch, and furnishing it with artifacts from its era. Depot Park, Elmore 419-260-1282, [facebook.com/ElmoreHistoricalSociety](https://facebook.com/ElmoreHistoricalSociety)

### Schedel Arboretum & Gardens

Each year, the beauty and serenity of Schedel Arboretum & Gardens brings thousands to the 17-acre estate on the banks of the Portage River in Elmore.

The legacy of Joseph and Marie Schedel, the estate features an 1800s Manor House, some 10,000 annual flowering plants, an extensive bonsai collection and themed gardens including roses,

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perennials, tropicals, irises and peonies. Other highlights include a Japanese garden, two lakes, numerous water features, a working vegetable garden and a fruit tree orchard.

Schedel is also home to the Blair Museum of Lithophanes, the largest collection of the 19th-century of the artform in the world. The McAlear Gallery, located in the Brown Welcome Center, features art exhibits each year showcasing the works of international, national and regional artists.

A number of special events, classes and programs are offered throughout the year. Learn more at [schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html](http://schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html).

Regular hours through October are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday 10-8 p.m., Sunday 12-4 p.m. Closed Mondays, Labor Day and Sept. 11 for annual fundraiser.

19255 W. Portage River South Rd., Elmore  
419-862-3182, [schedel-gardens.org](http://schedel-gardens.org)

### Woodville Historical Museum

Woodville Historical Museum, operated by the Woodville Historical Society, features materials and artifacts documenting the rich history of the small village located on the banks of the Portage River about 20 miles east of Toledo on U.S. 20.

Museum visitors can learn about the 1900s oil boom, Native Americans in the Woodville area, lime plants, early schools, the Lake Shore Electric rail system that once traveled between Toledo and Cleveland and more.

107 E. Main St., Woodville  
419-849-2349

### Pemberville highlights

The Pemberville Opera House is the crown jewel in properties restored and maintained by the Pemberville Historical Society. The Opera House is a "Theatre on the Second Floor." Built in 1892 and completely restored in 1999, it is one of the oldest operating opera houses in the state of Ohio. An elevator tower was added in 2016 so this theatre space is handicapped accessible.

The opera house is home to annual events such as "Live! In The House" a concert series, the Children's Theatre Workshop, "For the Love of Art Show" and the annual Festival of Trees.

Pemberville's historic Pember-Furry House and One-Room School takes visitors back in time to the 19th century.

Believed to be the community's oldest existing building, the Furry House was built by village founder James Pember, and eventually was home to long-time residents Jacob H. Furry and his daughter, Minnie.

Featuring unique architectural details and authentic period furnishings, the house sits adjacent to the One Room School, where Pemberville's youth learned "readin' and writin'" at the turn of the century.

Admission is free, by appointment or during town events. Call 419-287-3274.

324 E. Front St., Pemberville  
419-287-3274.

### Wood County Museum

Step back into time at The Wood County Museum.

The Museum is the site of the former County Infirmary, which operated from 1869-1971, and became a museum in 1975.

Visitors can expect a variety of educational experiences, including several exhibit rooms depicting the original uses of the building as well as a wealth of information on the significant history of Wood County and Northwest Ohio. Exhibits include "Allure & Illusion: A Rose-Colored Romance," showcasing wedding dresses once worn by local community members; "The Mary & Carl Bach Story," "For Comfort & Convenience," "A Clean Bill of Health: Societal Response to Disease," and "Chasing the White Rabbit: An Historical Look at American Mental Illness."

The center also offers a variety of special programs and events throughout the year, including historical teas, several Demonstration Days, Wood County Living History Day (Aug. 28); German American Day (Oct. 5) and more.

Free admission is offered the first Friday of each month. Visit the website and follow on social media for hours and updates.

13660 County Home Rd., Bowling Green  
419-352-0967, [woodcountyhistory.org](http://woodcountyhistory.org)

### North Coast Veterans Museum

The North Coast Veterans Museum opened in 2004 as a tribute to those who have served in the uniformed service of the United States, especially those who have lost their lives in combat or training.

Military displays include weapons, uniforms, pictures, memorabilia, military accessories, tents and first aid from the Civil War to present.

The park also includes a Veterans'



*Verandah concert at the Hayes Museum*

Memorial and a Public Safety Services Memorial. The memorial features a 36-foot, 7,000-pound antenna that sat atop the North Tower of the World Trade Center; black granite meditation seats and a One World Trade Center Sculpture. The pentagonal design is in honor of the U.S. Pentagon, and the design on the floor represent the Pennsylvania countryside and Flight 93. (Learn more at [gibsonburgohio.org](http://gibsonburgohio.org))  
Williams Park, 411 North Main St., Gibsonburg  
419-332-5912

### Hayes Presidential Library & Museums

The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museums is the nation's first Presidential library. It houses 19th U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes' Victorian mansion, the newly renovated museum, presidential library, tomb, and a mile of paved walking trails through his 25-acre wooded estate, known as Spiegel Grove.

Exhibits include interactive components that better tell the story of 19th U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes and First Lady Lucy Webb Hayes. The museum now has a Presidents Gallery, which has artifacts from other U.S. Presidents and has a replica of the Resolute Desk. The original is located in the Oval Office of the White House.

Through at least April 15, 2023, "Mustering Memory: 160 Years of Saluting the Civil War," will be on exhibit, offering context on where Civil War memory has been and insights for those interested in engaging with it today.

HPLM also offers a number of special programs and events throughout the year including genealogy classes, Kids Days @ Hayes, outdoor Verandah Concerts in the summer, a Presidential Book Club and the Hayes Train Special model train display and Horse-Drawn

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Sleigh Rides in Spiegel Grove during the holidays and more.

Corner of Hayes and Buckland Avenues, Fremont

419-332-2081, rbhayes.org

### Ottawa County Museum

Visitors will enjoy historical displays about Ottawa County, including exhibits on Native Americans, early life and industries, Ford Tri-Motor, Lake Erie, military history from the Civil War through WWII, Camp Perry, and the "convict ship" Success. ADA accessible. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Tuesday-Thursday 12-3 p.m.; Labor Day-Memorial Day, Wednesday 12-3 p.m. or by appointment.

126 W. Third St., Port Clinton

419-732-2237

### Sauder Village

Connect with the past at Ohio's largest living-history village located at 22611 SR 2 in Archbold. Enjoy guided tours, period craftsmen, hands-on activities like arts and crafts and several annual events including Home School Days (Sept. 7-9), Apple Week, (Sept. 14-17), a Vintage Base Ball Tournament (Sept. 24), Fiber Arts Fest (Oct. 1), Fall on the Farm (Oct. 8), Woodcarvers' Show & Sale (Oct. 28-29) and more.

Families can now experience the Roaring Twenties at the 1920s Main Street, part of the Walk Through Time Experience at Sauder Village. Guests can explore a theater, candy shop, fire station, soda fountain, grocery store and much more, and see how people worked and spent their hard-earned leisure time during the 1920s.

800-590-9755, saudervillage.org

### Green spaces Metroparks Toledo

Metroparks Toledo preserves many of Lucas County's most unique natural areas, from the Oak Openings to the Lake Erie coastal zone.

- **Pearson Metropark**, located at 761 Lallendorf Rd., Oregon, is one of the last remaining stands of the Great Black Swamp, a notorious forest that once blanketed much of Northwest Ohio. The thick woods and location close to Lake Erie make Pearson a favorite stopover for a wide variety of migrating birds. From birding to baseball to picnicking and fishing, there's something for everyone at Pearson. Open 7 a.m. until dark every

day; extended hours for winter recreation.

Remember what life was like for those settling the Great Black Swamp in the 1860s at the Johlin Cabin, built in 1867. The cabin is part of an addition to the park, accessible from Seaman Road or the park's trail system. Known as Pearson North, this area includes an extensive wetland restoration.

419-407-9700, metroparkstoledo.com

- **Maumee Bay State Park** at Cedar Point and North Curtice roads along the Oregon-Jerusalem Township border offers 1,336 acres of not only the finest of recreational facilities in the Midwest, but also a unique natural environment created by the convergence of the land and Lake Erie.

The park features a two-mile elevated boardwalk plus an observation tower amidst swamplands, marsh, scenic meadows and woods that are teeming with wildlife and birds. Visitors will also enjoy lakeshore and inland beaches, a marina and an Arthur Hills-designed golf course and more. The Maumee Bay Lodge and Conference Center offers lodge room and cottage accommodations designed with comfort and convenience in mind.

419-836-1466,

parks.ohiodnr.gov/maumeebay

- **Magee Marsh Wildlife Area** supports an abundance of wildlife but is probably best known as one of the top birding spots in North America for migrating songbirds, especially warblers.

Birding at Magee Marsh can be done year-round, but the second and third week of May typically provide the most diverse numbers of songbird species for bird watchers. The most popular destination is the boardwalk bird trail, located at the end of the wildlife area road.

The Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center (SMBC) is currently closed for a renovation project. Be sure to visit when the building re-opens in the spring of 2023 to check out the re-designed, fully accessible Magee Marsh Visitor Center.

13229 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor

- **Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge** provides valuable habitat for a diversity of waterfowl and other migratory birds, resident wildlife, and endangered and threatened species.

During migration, the Refuge may host as many as 38 different species of warblers. The shrubs along the boardwalk and trails directly behind the Visitor Center provide excellent views of a variety of warblers and other migratory birds.

The Visitor Center welcomes guests



Kayaking at White Star Park

and tells the Refuge story. Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, the 501(c)3 nonprofit that supports the Refuge, operates a Nature Store in the Visitor Center. Proceeds from the store help to support the Refuge with education and restoration initiatives.

The Refuge features 10 miles of hiking trails and a Wildlife Drive to explore. Check the website or call ahead for updates on safety restrictions in place and other info.

14000 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor

419-898-0014, fws.gov/refuge/ottawa/

- **Howard Marsh**, on SR 2 at Howard Road in Curtice, showcases six miles of water trail for canoeing and kayaking and five miles of dike-top trails for hiking.

The Metropark, which was previously a working farm, is adjacent to the Metzger Marsh State Wildlife Area in a region that also includes Maumee Bay State Park, Magee Marsh State Wildlife Area and the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Together, these local, state and federal public lands are known for their concentration of songbirds, or warblers, especially during spring migration.

The quarter-mile Madewell Trail extends into a marsh, and two overlooks provide access for fishing and viewing birds. The fishery is still being established.

For the paddler, there are two roll-off docks, kayaks available to rent by the hour using smartphone app (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day) and portages between marsh units.

611 S Howard Rd., Curtice

metroparkstoledo.com

- **Middlegrounds Metropark**, located in downtown Toledo, includes a half-mile of river frontage that begins at the Anthony Wayne Bridge and extends southwest of Martin Luther King Plaza. The urban, 28-acre greenspace offers

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a 1.5-mile meandering walk/bike path and tranquil views of the Maumee River. Middlegrounds has a kayak cove with access to the river for those who bring their own boats, and a hub for the Veo Bike Share.

111 Ottawa St., Toledo

419-407-9700, metroparkstoledo.com

• **Glass City Metropark**, offers glass pavilion with rooftop plants and plazas, a sledding hill, walking paths, an event lawn for 5,000 people and incredible views of the city. The new park is a go-to spot beside the largest river on the Great Lakes -- the Maumee. Additional development is underway, 1001 Front Street

Toledo, metroparkstoledo.com.

• **The Wood County Park District** oversees 20 parks and more than 1,125 acres. Experience the floodplains and meadows. Delight in oak savannas and prairies. Locally, visit Cedar Creeks Preserve, a 42-acre tract located east of Walbridge where Woodville Road (SR 51) crosses Walbridge Road.

Wood County Park grounds are open 365 days a year from 8 a.m.-sunset.

419-353-1897, wcparks.org

• **The Sandusky County Park District** includes 16 parks and over, 2,500 acres, including Wolf Creek Park, Blue Heron Reserve, Creek Bend Farm and others. White Star Park, located south of Gibsonburg on SR 300, has a quarry up to 40-feet deep that is used by scuba divers as well as for non-power boating and fishing, a beach and a campground located across from the park's main entrance. 1-888-200-5577, lovemyparks.com

• **East Harbor State Park**, 1169 N. Buck Rd off SR 269 in Marblehead, on the shores of Lake Erie. The park has unlimited opportunities for outdoor recreation, including boating, fishing, swimming, picnicking and camping. Nature enthusiasts will enjoy the abundance of waterfowl, shorebirds and other species of wildlife found in the park's scenic wetlands.

419-734-4424, 1-866-664-6727, odnr.gov

• **Marblehead Lighthouse State Park**, 110 Lighthouse Dr., Marblehead, is one of Lake Erie's best known and most-photographed landmarks, the lighthouse is one of Ohio's newest state parks. The grounds surrounding the lighthouse offer excellent views of Lake Erie, Sandusky Bay, Kelleys Island and South Bass Island.

419-734-4424 ext. 2, odnr.gov

## Religious sites

**Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto** – Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Genoa, features a replica of the Lourdes grotto constructed of “tufa,” fossilized vegetation found in the “blue hole” at Castalia, Ohio, along with a statue of a praying Saint Bernadette Souberious looking admiringly at Our Lady. The grounds also include a small altar, an adjoining bell tower of tufa, arches and outdoor Stations of the Cross in hand-carved Italian bronze.

204 S. Main St., Genoa, 419-855-8501

**Our Lady of Toledo Shrine** – Our Lady of Toledo Shrine is a place of prayer, quiet reflection and healing. All faiths are welcome. The garden and well are open during daylight hours.

655 S. Coy Rd., Oregon

419-697-7742, ourladyoftoledoshrine.org

**Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral** – Holy Rosary Cathedral, the primary church of Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo, is Spanish Plateresque in design – the only one of its kind in North America. Thousands have been inspired by the graceful beauty of its piers and arches, by the richly decorated nave ceiling with scenes from the Old Testament, the half-domed apse embellished by frescoes in the Keim's process, and by one of its most striking gems, the Rose Window.

2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo

419-244-9575, rosarycathedral.org

**Sorrowful Mother Shrine** – Sorrowful Mother Shrine is a Catholic shrine located on 120 acres in Bellevue. The shrine features more than 40 points of interest, including outdoor Stations of the Cross with walking paths through the woods, shrine, and grottos.

4106 SR 269, Bellevue

419-483-3435, sorrowfulmothershrine.org

## African Safari Park

The Midwest's only drive-thru safari, African Safari is home to giraffe, zebra, and much more. Get ready for a wild time feeding exotic animals from your vehicle. Stop by the Walk Thru Safari to learn about the animals during daily education programs, included with admission. Other activities include camel rides, Rabbit Row, educational animal programs and more.

Open through Dec. 4 (subject to change). Open daily rain or shine. 267 S. Lightner Rd., Port Clinton 800-521-2660, africansafariwildlife.com

## Fremont Speedway

Since 1951, Fremont Speedway has been the center of dirt racing in Ohio. The 2021 season will continue to provide the entertainment that has led Fremont Speedway to be known around the world as “The Track That Action Built.”

The Fremont Speedway plays host to exciting open-wheel racing April through October. Races at the Track That Action Built keeps fans on the edge of their seats as 410 and 305 sprint cars and trucks battle wheel to wheel, sliding around the one-third mile semi-banked clay oval.

901 Rawson Ave., Fremont

419-333-0478, fremontohspeedway.com

## Cedar Point Amusement Park

Cedar Point is A Place Like No Other in Sandusky, Ohio. The family destination is home to 70 rides, including record-breaking attractions like Steel Vengeance and Millennium Force. With beach activities, live shows, three kids' areas, overnight accommodations and a Lake Erie setting, it's easy to see why one day is not enough to discover all that Cedar Point has to offer.

Visit the website for updates on hours and special events.

1 Cedar Point Dr. (off US 6), Sandusky

41-627-2350, cedarpoint.com

## Merry-Go-Round Museum

Located in the former U.S. Post Office, the Merry-Go-Round Museum celebrates the history of carousels, the carvers who made the intricate horses and other animals, and enthusiasts who enjoy them.

The stone structure, has a half-ro-tunda at the front and is listed with the National Register of Historic Places.

Take a carousel ride, hear the happiest music on earth, and watch wood carvers create new carousel animals.

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*Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto*



## Family Fun

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Call, visit the website or follow on social media for hours, updates and more info.

301 Jackson St., Sandusky  
419-626-6111,  
merrygoroundmuseum.org

### **Ghostly Manor Thrill Center**

This multi-attraction, family entertainment center was featured on The Travel Channel's "Best Places I've Ever Been," and Forbes Top 10 haunted attractions, and USA Today's Top 20 Haunted Houses. Open every day of the week at noon, experience the scariest haunted house; Ohio's fastest virtual motion theater; a one-of-a-kind interactive 3D, black light miniature golf journey; a skating rink; or for those 12 years or younger, bounce houses, and an indoor playground.

3319 Milan Rd. (US 250), Sandusky  
419-626-4467, ghostlymanor.com

### **Kalahari Waterpark Resort**

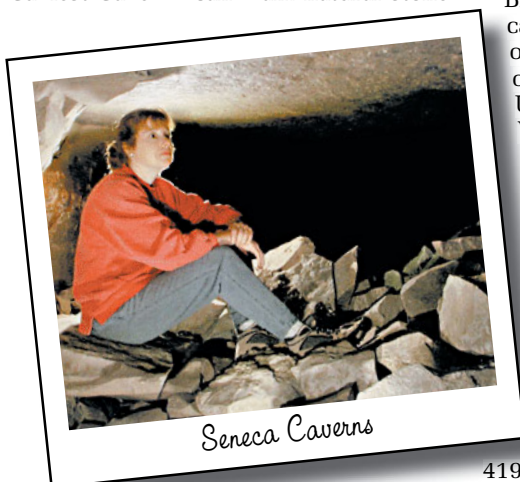
Kalahari Resort boasts hair-raising waterslides, world-class spas, kids' play areas, diverse dining options and much more.

An outdoor waterpark (open during the summer season) features activity pools, hot tubs, sand volleyball courts and more. The Safari Outdoor Adventure Park, also open during the summer season, boasts a zip line tour, ropes course, climbing walls and more.

7000 Kalahari Dr. (off US 250), Sandusky  
877-KALAHARI (525.2427),  
KalahariResorts.com/oh

### **Seneca Caverns**

Visitors to Seneca Caverns – "The Caviest Cave" – can walk natural stone



Seneca Caverns

steps and pathways through "The Earth Crack" and view the Ole Mist'ry River.

15248 E. TR 178, Bellevue  
419-483-6711,  
senecacavernsohio.com

### **Marblehead**

**Keeper's House** – The oldest surviving home in Ottawa County offers visitors the chance to experience the history of lighthouse keepers. The 1822 home was the residence of the first three keepers of the oldest continually operated lighthouse on the Great Lakes.

9999 E. Bayshore Road, Marblehead

**Johnson's Island Confederate Officers Prison Cemetery** – The historic cemetery is the final resting place of more than 200 of the 9,000 Confederate soldiers once imprisoned here.  
Gaydos Road, Marblehead  
johnsonsisland.org

### **Put-in-Bay/South Bass Island**

Visitors have been flocking to the village of Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island for more than 150 years. Hundreds of thousands travel here annually to enjoy family-friendly activities, outdoor recreation and a large variety of special events. Many start their visit with a narrated tram tour. Others choose to explore on their own, renting a golf cart, scooter or bike.

Families will find plenty to keep the kids entertained including a butterfly house, miniature golf, gem mining, cave tours, arcades, a carousel and go-kart racing.

visitputinbay.org

### **Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial**

The memorial was established to honor those who fought in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812 and to celebrate the long-lasting peace between Britain, Canada, and the U.S. Visitors can ride an elevator to the 317-ft. high observation deck for a 360-degree view of the Lake Erie islands, including the U.S. and Canada. The grounds and Visitor Center are open May-October.  
419-285-2184, nps.gov/pevi

### **Heineman's Winery**

The oldest family-owned and operated winery in Ohio, Heineman's was founded in 1888 by Gustav Heineman, an immigrant from Baden-Baden, Germany. Visit the tasting room and wine garden, sample award-winning wines and tour Crystal Cave, the world's largest Celestine geode. Hours vary.

978 Catawba Ave., Put-in-Bay  
419-285-2811, heinemanswinery.com



Historic Lyme Village

### **Kelleys Island**

Kelleys Island is the second largest of the Lake Erie Islands, an archipelago shared between the United States and Canada. The island is roughly three and a half miles north of the Marblehead Peninsula, and approximately 10 miles north of Sandusky.

The island is dominated by natural areas. It appeals to nature and bird lovers as well as those looking for a relaxing, quiet getaway. Its rocky shorelines, pristine beach, lush forests, fragrant vineyards, historical homes and friendly hospitality are inviting. Rent a golf cart or bicycle and encounter the world's largest, most spectacular glacial scoring, find Native American pictographs carved into a limestone boulder, hike miles of trails at the state park or build sandcastles at the beach. kelleysislandchamber.com

### **Glacial Grooves State Memorial**

The world's largest accessible glacial grooves, embedded with fossils that are 350-400 million years old, are located on the north side of Kelleys Island, and can be viewed from a walkway and stairs. Open year-round during daylight hours.

739 Division Street, Kelleys Island  
kelleysislandchamber.com/place/glacial-grooves/

### **Historic Lyme Village**

Experience the past as you tour the 16 buildings of this 19th-century village, including an 1880s Victorian mansion, an 1836 farm home, log homes, barns, a one-room school, a general store, and more

A number of special events are held at the village. Visit the website or follow on social media for updates.

5001 SR 4, Bellevue  
419-483-4949, lymevillage.org

# Calendar Events



The Oak Harbor Apple Fest

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Apple Festival set for Oct. 8-9 in downtown Oak Harbor

The Oak Harbor Apple Festival – a celebration of apples in all their glorious forms – will be held Oct. 8 and 9 in the village's downtown.

Held annually on the second full weekend in October, the festival typically attracts more than 25,000 visitors.

All activities are located within a two-block walking area. In addition to assorted apple and other treats, visitors will enjoy mechanical rides, vendors, entertainment, a beer garden and more.

Come see the crowning of the festival Royalty Court at opening ceremonies held Saturday. Other highlights include a Baby Contest, a Grand Parade, a corn-hole tournament, a talent show, and other activities.

Sunday's festivities include a Classic Car Show, 5K Run, Kids 1 Mile Fun Run and local performers and more.

For more information, visit [oakharborapplefestival.com](http://oakharborapplefestival.com) or [oakharborohio.net/apple-festival.html](http://oakharborohio.net/apple-festival.html).

### Ongoing

Ongoing: "Mustering Memory: 160 Years of Saluting the Civil War,"  
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Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont. Special exhibit provides the often-overlooked history of how people have chosen and still choose to remember the Civil War. 419-332-2081, [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org).

**Thursdays through Sept. 29, Sandpiper Picnic Lunch Cruises,** J&M Cruise Lines, 1 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 11:30 a.m. A two-hour tour of the Maumee River. Catered by Los Toros Catering or bring

your own lunch. 419-537-1212.

**Saturdays through Oct. 1, Sandpiper Discover the River Cruise,** J & M Cruise Lines, 1 Jefferson Ave, Toledo. A two-hour cruise along the Maumee. [jmcruiselines.com/calendar](http://jmcruiselines.com/calendar).

**Saturdays through November: Toledo Farmers Market,** 525 Market St., 8 a.m.-2 p.m. [toledofarmersmarket.com](http://toledofarmersmarket.com).

**Fourth Tuesday of the Month through September: Pemberville Garden Parties,** 5-8 p.m. Farmers market events featuring local vendors, entertainment, food and more. [beekersgeneralstore.com](http://beekersgeneralstore.com).

**First and Third Wednesday of the Month through October: Rollin' Food & Farmers Market,** 5401 Starr Ave. Ext. Soccer Fields, Oregon. Farmers Market, food trucks, vendors and more. [facebook.com/rollinfoodandfarm/](http://facebook.com/rollinfoodandfarm/).

**Second Friday through September: Northwood Nights,** Central Park, 4-7 p.m. Food trucks, vendors, crafters, handmade items, adult beverage tent, and live entertainment. [ci.northwood.oh.us](http://ci.northwood.oh.us).

### September

**Sept. 2-5: Milan Melon Festival,** Village Square, SR 113, Milan, Ohio. [sites.google.com/view/milанmelonfest/home](http://sites.google.com/view/milанmelonfest/home).

**Sept. 2-5: Sandusky County Restorers of Antique Power (S.C.R.A.P.) Antique Tractor & Engine Show,** White Star Park, SR 300, a mile south of Gibsonburg. Displays of antique tractors, engines,

cars, trucks, motorcycles and farm equipment, demonstrations, live entertainment, food, a large flea market and more. [s-c-r-a-p-inc.org](http://s-c-r-a-p-inc.org).

**Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28: Senior Discovery Days,** Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Trail, Toledo. Seniors are treated to free admission, great perks and activities on Wednesdays in September during Senior Discovery Days and exclusive discounts during the rest of the week. 419-385-4040, [toledo-zoo.org](http://toledo-zoo.org).

**Sept. 9-11: 47th Greek-American Festival,** Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 740 N. Superior St., Toledo. A celebration of the Orthodox faith, Greek culture, entertainment, food, pastry and hospitality. [toledogreekfest.com](http://toledogreekfest.com).

**Sept. 9-11: Black Swamp Arts Festival,** downtown Bowling Green. Juried art displays from artists from around the country, plus food, music, kids' activities and more. [blackswamparts.org](http://blackswamparts.org).

**Sept. 10: Grub N' Suds Motorcycle Festival,** Depot Park, Elmore. Sponsored by the Elmore Historical Society and A.B.A.T.E of Ohio Region 7, the festival features motorcycles, a poker run, live bands, bike games and contests with lots of food and beer. Visit Grub 'n Suds Motorcycle Rally Elmore, Ohio on Facebook.

**Sept. 10-11: Pioneer Days,** Historic Lyme Village, Bellevue. Travel back in time as history comes alive. Experience various aspects of life in the 1700s and 1800s. [lymevillage.org](http://lymevillage.org).

**Sept. 7-9: Home School Days,** Sauder Village, Archbold. Connect children to local history; special admission deals for homeschool families. [saudervillage.org](http://saudervillage.org).

**Sept. 11: Grandparents Day,** Toledo Zoo. The Zoo celebrates grandparents. [toledozoo.org/events](http://toledozoo.org/events).

**Sept. 10-11: 18th Toledo Harbor Lighthouse Waterfront Festival,** Maumee Bay State Park, Oregon. Island music, food, boat rides available around the lighthouse, nautical arts and crafts, children's activities, and more. [toledoharborlighthouse.org](http://toledoharborlighthouse.org).

**Sept. 11: Gibsonburg 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony,** Williams Park, time TBA. Gibsonburg remembers 9/11 at the Public Safety Service Memorial that was constructed with the antenna of the North World Trade Center. [gibsonburg-ohio.org](http://gibsonburg-ohio.org).

**Sept. 10-11: Fremont Flea Market,**

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Sandusky Co. Fairgrounds, Fremont. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. sanduskycountyfair.com.

**Sept. 14-17: Apple Week**, Sauder Village, Archbold. Celebrate fall with apple cider pressing and other apple-themed events. saudervillage.org.

**Sept. 17: Fremont Pigeon Show & Shop**, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, Fremont, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 419-483-3484.

**Sept. 23-24: Crop Circle Arts & Music Festival**, downtown Fremont. An extraterrestrial event for the whole family featuring crafts, games, glassblowing, food, drones, glow biking and more. Downtownfremontohio.org.

**Sept. 23-25: Luckey Fall Festival**, Basic Park, located on Adams Street in Luckey between Krotzer Avenue (SR 582) and Gilbert Road. An old-time fall festival weekend with entertainment, craft and flea markets, antique tractor pulls and displays, apple-butter festival and more. luckeyfallfestival.com.

**Sept. 24: Vintage Base Ball Tournament**, Sauder Village, Archbold, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Cheers from an old-time baseball game will fill the air as the Sauder Village Windmills, the Great Black Swamp Frogs, and the Elkhart County Railroaders play. saudervillage.org.

**Sept. 24: Roche de Boeuf Festival**, downtown Waterville, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. A fun family festival with crafts, food, business and non-profit vendors, carnival rides, a car show, live entertainment and more. watervillechamber.com.

### October

**Oct. 1: Fiber Arts Fair**, Sauder Village, Archbold. Artisans from throughout the region will gather to demonstrate and share their love of fiber arts. saudervillage.org

**Oct. 1-2: Life in Early Ohio**, Fort Meigs State Memorial, Perrysburg. See historic trades and skills and learn about a different side of life in early Ohio. fortmeigs.org.

**Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26: Senior Discovery Days**, Toledo Zoo. Seniors are treated to free admission, perks and activities every Tuesday during Senior Discovery Days and special discounts during the rest of the week. 419-385-4040 or toledozoo.org.

**Oct. 2: Wreath-laying at President Hayes' Tomb**, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Fremont, 1-1:45 p.m. In honor of President Hayes' 200th birthday, which is Oct. 4, the President will send U.S. military representatives

to lay a wreath at his tomb at Spiegel Grove. rbhayes.org.

**Oct. 8: Fall on the Farm**, Sauder Village, Archbold, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Take a step back in time and help prepare the farm for the winter ahead. saudervillage.org.

**Oct. 8: Northwood Community Fall Festival**, Central Park, Wales and Oram roads, Northwood. The event kicks off with a parade on Woodville Rd., followed by the festival at Central Park with children's activities, entertainment, games, food trucks and more. facebook.com/northwoodfall-festival.

**Oct. 8-9: Fremont Flea Market**, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, Fremont. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. sanduskycountyfair.com.

**Oct. 20-21: Little Boo at the Zoo**, Toledo Zoo. Toddlers and preschoolers will enjoy trick-or-treating, games and activities and lots of other Halloween fun that's just for them. 419-385-4040, toledozoo.org.

**Oct. 21-22, 28-29: Garrison Ghostwalks**, Fort Meigs State Memorial, Perrysburg. Enjoy a "spirited" stroll at the fort with an 1812 guide and encounter the spookier side of this historic place. fortmeigs.org.

**Oct. 22-23: Pumpkin Path**, Toledo Zoo. Kids of all ages will enjoy trick-or-treating, games and activities and lots of Halloween fun. 419-385-4040 or toledozoo.org.

**Oct. 15-16: Fremont Gun Show**, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, Fremont, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sat. and 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sun. 419-332-8189.

**Oct. 22: Civil War Winter Camp**, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Fremont. Experience what life was like for President Hayes' Civil War regiment while it camped for winter. fbhayes.org.

**Oct. 22: Pemberville's Harvest Gathering**, downtown Pemberville. beekers-generalstore.com.

**Oct. 29: Pumpkin Stop & Chomp**, Toledo Zoo, Toledo. Visitors are invited to watch as zoo animals make a meal (and a mess) of the pumpkins left over from trick-or-treating activities. toledozoo.org.

**Oct. 29: All Wheels Swap Meet**, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, Fremont, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. sanduskycountyfair.com.

**Oct. 28: Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove**, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Fremont. Enjoy a spooky evening at Spiegel Grove with lantern tours through the dark wooded grounds. Times and details TBA. rbhayes.org.



*Toledo Harbor Lighthouse Festival*

**Oct. 28-**

**29: Woodcarver's Show & Sale**, Sauder Village, Archbold. A special weekend filled with unique artistry and family fun. Founder's Hall will feature skilled carvers showcasing handcrafted wildlife, fish, birds, caricatures, bowls, plaques, ornaments, pens and more. saudervillage.org.

**Oct. 29: Count Krumnow's Tombstone Derby**, Elmore Depot Grounds, 353 Ottawa St., 12-6 p.m. Elmore, Ohio has always had a rich tradition in celebrating Halloween and Count Krumnow's Tombstone Derby is one of the best celebrations of the holiday. <https://sites.google.com/view/elmoreohiohistorical-society/events/count-krumnows-tombstone-derby>.

### November

**Nov. 5: The World at War: Miniature War Gaming Day**, Fort Meigs Memorial, Perrysburg. Miniature war gaming experts help visitors play more war games and learn about this family-friendly hobby. fortmeigs.org.

**Nov. 12-13: Fremont Flea Market**, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, Fremont. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. sanduskycountyfair.com.

**Nov. 18-Dec. 31: Lights Before Christmas**, Toledo Zoo, Toledo. The zoo's holiday tradition is a treat for people of all ages, with millions of lights, animation displays, model trains, and Santa, too. 419-385-4040 or toledozoo.org.

**Nov. 25-Jan. 8, 2023: Opening of the Hayes Train Special Model Train Display**, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Fremont. Get in the holiday spirit with model trains that run through intricate Victorian Holiday scenes. 800-998-PRES, rbhayes.org.

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**Nov 26-27: Christmas in the Village and Festival of Trees**, downtown Pemberville. [beekersgeneralstore.com](http://beekersgeneralstore.com).

### December

**Dec. 3: 50th East Toledo Christmas Parade**, 11 a.m. East Toledo.

**Dec. 3: Olde Fashioned Christmas**, downtown Oak Harbor. At 4:15 p.m., Santa's friends from the Portage Fire District will be guiding him through the streets of the village as he announces his arrival and opens the holiday season. Festivities include horse-drawn carriage rides, visits with Santa, and more. [oakharborohio.net](http://oakharborohio.net).

**Dec. 3-4: Fremont Flea Market**, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, Fremont. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. [sanduskycountyfair.com](http://sanduskycountyfair.com).

**Dec. 3-11: Holidays in the Manor House**, Wildwood Preserve Metropark, Toledo. The grand mansion is decorated top to bottom for the holiday season and is ready for tours from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. each day. Other activities include s'mores-making, carriage rides and more. [metroparktoledo.com](http://metroparktoledo.com).

**Dec. 8: Lights of Spiegel Grove**, Hayes Presidential Library & Museumss, Fremont, 6-8 p.m. Get in the holiday spirit by seeing Spiegel Grove light up for Christmas. Sip warming hot chocolate and snack on popcorn by the campfire. Enter the gingerbread house contest and see the "Hayes Train Special" model train display. Admission is free. Some events require paid tickets. Details to be announced. [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org).

**Dec. 11: Holiday Open House**, Fort Meigs Memorial, Perrysburg. Holiday music, hot cider and cookies, and hands-on activities. [fortmeigs.org](http://fortmeigs.org).

**Dec. 26-31: Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides** in Spiegel Grove, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Fremont, 1-4 p.m. [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org).

**Dec. 31: Noon Year's Eve**, Toledo Zoo. Ring in the new year at the stroke of... noon! Kids and families can start their New Year's a little early by building party hats and noise makers, choosing a reZOOlution, and gathering for the big countdown at noon. [toledozoo.org](http://toledozoo.org).

*For more events, be sure to visit [press-publications.com](http://press-publications.com), [visittoledo.org](http://visittoledo.org), [shoresandislands.com](http://shoresandislands.com) or [sandusky-county.org](http://sandusky-county.org). Submit event information to*



Paddlers, birders, anglers and nature enthusiasts are invited to enjoy the Portage River Trail is a 36-mile stretch of the Portage River that winds through Wood, Ottawa and Sandusky counties. (Ohio Department of Natural Resources photo)

## Portage River Water Trail designated Ohio's 17th state water trail

On July 19, Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director Mary Mertz designated the Portage River Water Trail as the 17th official water trail in the State of Ohio. This brings the total number of miles of designated water trails to more than 1,000.

"This trail provides even more exceptional opportunities for people to explore our state from the water," Mertz said. "Whether you're looking for a scenic kayak trip down the trail, a perfect place to cast a line, or a spot to soak in the sights and sounds of nature; this trail offers all that and more."

The 36-mile stretch of the Portage River winds through Wood, Ottawa and Sandusky counties. Paddlers, birders, anglers, and nature enthusiasts can connect with local parks and businesses by using one of the 12 access points between Pemberville and Port Clinton.

Efforts to obtain a "state water trail" designation for the Portage River began in 2019. With assistance from the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, stakeholders in the Portage River Watershed formed a partnership to work collaboratively on the project. The partnership included the City of Port Clinton, the Friends of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, the Oak Harbor Development Group, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio's Lake Erie Shores and Islands, the Ohio Sea Grant, the Ottawa County Commissioners, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the village of Elmore, the village of Oak Harbor, the village of Pemberville, the village of Woodville, and the Wood County Park District.

"We're thrilled to be able to offer this new resource for people in our region," said Ottawa County Commissioner Mark Coppeler, chair of TMACOG's Portage River Basin Council. "The new water trail creates so many opportunities to experience everything the Portage River and the communities along its banks have to offer."

The Ohio Water Trails program was created to promote public awareness to paddling access while working with local communities to develop water trails throughout the state of Ohio. The trails are planned on the local level with ODNR partnering with communities, user groups, park districts, and others.

Ohio's diverse system of water trails is statewide. Among others, it includes the Blanchard, Cuyahoga, Great Miami, Kokosing, Mahoning, Maumee and Olentangy rivers. These water trails pass through a variety of surroundings including natural, rural, suburban and urban areas. For a full list of Ohio's designated water trails, visit [ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/land-water/rivers-streams-wetlands/ohio-water-trails](http://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/land-water/rivers-streams-wetlands/ohio-water-trails).

ODNR recommends that paddlers check weather conditions before getting on the water and always wear a life jacket. Learn more about how to keep yourself and others safe while paddling at [ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/recreational-safety/paddling-safety](http://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/recreational-safety/paddling-safety).

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit [ohiodnr.gov](http://ohiodnr.gov) for more details.





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## Upcoming Events

### Fall Events

#### Home School Days

Wednesday - Friday, September 7 - 9

#### Apple Week

Wednesday - Saturday, September 14 - 17

#### Vintage Base Ball Tournament

Saturday, September 24

#### Fiber Arts Fest

Saturday, October 1

#### Monarchs and More Family Fun Day

Sunday, October 2 - FREE at Little Lake Erie

#### Fall on the Farm and Scout Day

Saturday, October 8

### Historic Village Open

#### Fall Hours - Sept. 7 til Oct. 29:

Wednesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Closed on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays

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