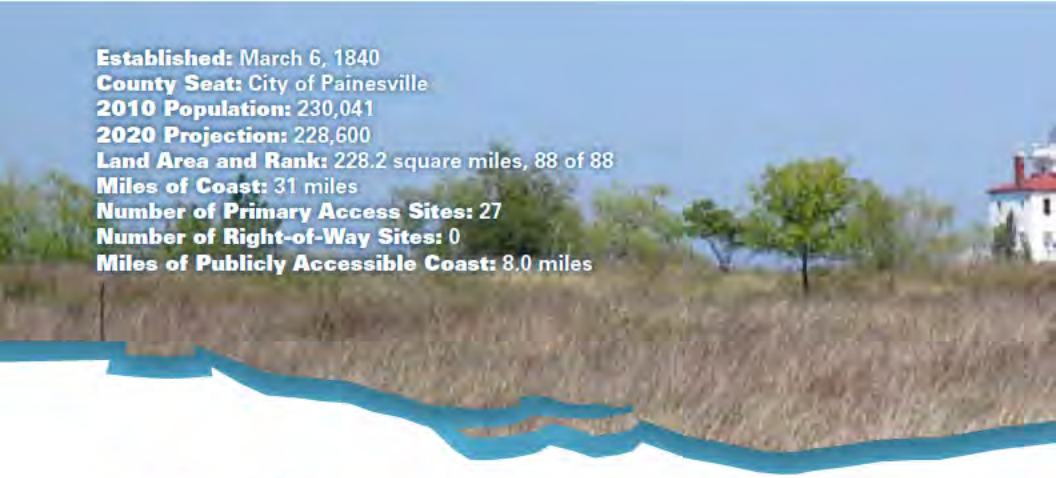

Established: March 6, 1840
County Seat: City of Painesville
2010 Population: 230,041
2020 Projection: 228,600
Land Area and Rank: 228.2 square miles, 88 of 88
Miles of Coast: 31 miles
Number of Primary Access Sites: 27
Number of Right-of-Way Sites: 0
Miles of Publicly Accessible Coast: 8.0 miles

Lake County

Lake County, Ohio's smallest county by land area, is adjacent to Cuyahoga, Geauga and Ashtabula counties. Its name is derived from its location on the southern shore of Lake Erie. Lake County was formed in 1840 from parts of Cuyahoga and Geauga counties. While small territorially, Lake County has experienced significant population growth and ranks 11th among all Ohio counties.

Lake County has 31 miles of Lake Erie shore. Along much of the lakeshore, bluffs composed of glacial till covered with layers of laminated clay and/or sand are present. Bluff height generally increases west to east. Lower relief occurs at the Chagrin and Grand river mouths and also at Mentor Harbor and Arcola Creek. Parts of the Lake County shore feature lengthy stretches of beach. The beach between Mentor Harbor and the Grand River includes a large buildup of sand immediately west of the harbor structures at Fairport Harbor. This accumulation comprises Headlands Beach State Park and Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve.

Mentor Marsh, a designated National Natural Landmark (1966), occupies an ancestral section of the lower Grand River channel. The original Grand River mouth at Mentor Lagoons in Mentor is located roughly 4.5 miles west of the river's current mouth at Fairport Harbor. Erosion from Lake Erie scoured a sufficient amount of land near present-day Headlands Beach State Park and caused a breach in the river, creating a new outlet. The redirected watercourse gradually transformed the abandoned river channel into marshland. Today, the 673-acre Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve (established in 1971 as Ohio's first state nature preserve) encompasses one of the largest remaining natural marsh areas along the Lake Erie shore.

Many of Lake County's early residents were Mormon. In 1831, Joseph Smith, Jr., founder of the Latter Day Saint movement, and his followers moved to Kirtland (then Geauga County) from upstate New York. In 1833, construction of the Kirtland Temple commenced. Dedicated in 1836, it was the first church constructed by the Church of Latter Day Saints. The congregation grew to an estimated 2,500 people. However, many Ohioans opposing the Mormon faith and its practices feared the impacts of its growth and influence. In 1838, increasing opposition drove Smith and many of his followers westward, out of Ohio. The Kirtland Temple was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969.

President James A. Garfield made his home in Mentor from 1876 until his assassination in 1881. Garfield, a farming enthusiast, purchased the Lake County property, which he called the "Mentor Farm," while serving in the House of Representatives. To accommodate a large family, Garfield and his wife, Lucretia, expanded the nine-room farmhouse to twenty rooms. A front porch was also added, from which Garfield campaigned for president in 1880. Reporters covering the election dubbed the estate "Lawnfield," after its expansive front lawn. Garfield served as the twentieth President of the United States (1881). A memorial library was added after his death. Today, the James A. Garfield National Historic Site (designated in 1980), which includes the restored home, a visitor center and grounds, is managed by the National Park Service as and is open to the public for tours. The house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1966.

Lake County offers many recreational opportunities and cultural attractions. The Fairport Harbor Marine Museum and Lighthouse in Fairport Harbor is a popular tourist attraction on Lake Erie. The Lake Metroparks includes over 8,000 acres of parkland in Lake County. The 3,600-acre Holden Arboretum, one of the largest arboreta and botanical gardens in the country, is located in Kirtland.

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Coastal Cities

Eastlake
Mentor
Mentor-on-the-Lake
Willoughby
Willowick

Coastal Villages

Fairport Harbor
Lakeline
North Perry
Timberlake

Coastal Townships

Madison Township
Painesville Township
Perry Township

Public Access Management

Local	16
Metropark	6
State	2
Port Authority	2
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Top: Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve (LA14), Painesville Township

Public Access Site Public Access Entrance Alternate Entrance

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ASHTABULA COUNTY
North Perry
Perry
Madison
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Lake
Shore
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McMackin
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Green
Hubbard
Bennett
Dock
North Ridge
Burns
Bates
Parmly
Clark
Perry Park
Blackmore
Center
Middle Ridge
Townline
Wood
Dayton
Davis
Narrows
Hardy
Bacon
Hale
Shepard
Keener
South Ridge
Webb
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River
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Summer
Girdled
Burrows
Leggett
Sidley
Morgan
Hart
Kile
Bascom
Old State
Pearl
Robinson
Brown
Clark
Hosford
Auburn
Ravenna
Liberty
State
Mantle
Park
Lane
20
84
307
90
528
166
86
44
608
6
N
Interior Access Site
Right-of-Way Access Site
3 Miles

Lakefront Lodge

Location:
30525 Lakeshore Boulevard (State Route 283)

Jurisdiction:
Willowick

Latitude:
N 41° 38.42'

Longitude:
W 081° 28.42'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational
Scenic

Shore Access:
Yes
Terrain

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 10-acre Lake Metroparks-managed Lakefront Lodge is located on Lakeshore Boulevard (State Route 283) east of the East 305th Street/Bayridge Boulevard intersection in Willowick. Amenities at Lakefront Lodge include picnic tables, grills, a gazebo and the lodge itself, which was once a private residence. The lodge offers rentable meeting and banquet space. Benches overlook Lake Erie. Swimming and wading are prohibited.

Quentin Road Park

Location:
Lakeshore Boulevard (State Route 283) at Quentin Road

Jurisdiction:
Eastlake

Latitude:
N 41° 39.29'

Longitude:
W 081° 27.56'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
No
Fence

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 1-acre Quentin Road Park is located on Lakeshore Boulevard (State Route 283) at Quentin Road in Eastlake. Amenities at the park include playground equipment, picnic tables and benches overlooking Lake Erie. A fence lining the top of the bluff prohibits access to the shore. This city-maintained park is not marked with a sign.

Eastlake Fishing Pier

Location:
End of Erie Road, north of Halsey Drive

Jurisdiction:
Eastlake

Latitude:
N 41° 40.49'

Longitude:
W 081° 26.43'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
Yes
Shore Structure

Location Map:

Amenities:

The Eastlake Fishing Pier is located at the northern terminus of Erie Road, just north of Halsey Drive in Eastlake. The pier is actually a seawall that provides 555 feet of fishing access along the shore. It is adjacent to the east of the FirstEnergy Corp. Eastlake Plant. The site is open 24 hours to anglers with a valid Ohio fishing license. It is closed between 11:00pm and 6:00am to all other activities. An admittance fee is required for non-residents of Eastlake. Swimming and boat launching are not permitted.

LA4

Willoway Beach Park

Location:
37559 Lakeshore Boulevard (State Route 283), east of Traymore Boulevard

Jurisdiction:
Eastlake

Latitude:
N 41° 41.32'

Longitude:
W 081° 24.91'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
No
Fence

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 1-acre Willoway Beach Park is located on Lakeshore Boulevard (State Route 283) east of Traymore Boulevard in Eastlake. Amenities at the park include playground equipment, picnic shelter and basketball court. A fence lining the top of the bluff prohibits access to the shore. This city-maintained park is not marked with a sign.

Sunset Park

Location:
Beachview Road, at Westwood and Elmwood drives

Jurisdiction:
Willoughby

Latitude:
N 41° 41.84'

Longitude:
W 081° 24.19'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Scenic

Shore Access:
Yes
Terrain (Fence at edge of terrain)

Location Map:

Amenities:

Sunset Park is a passive park located along approximately 570 feet of Beachview Road, west of Elmwood Drive in Willoughby. The park is primarily a scenic overlook and includes picnic tables and benches atop a 40-foot sloping bluff. A concrete-capped bulkhead is positioned at the bottom of the bluff. Beach access is prohibited. A chain-rope fence restricts access to the lake. Fishing is permitted from the top of the bulkhead. Limited pull-off parking is available.

Beachview Road Scenic Access
(A, B & C)

Location (A):
Beachview Road, at Windemere Drive

Location (B):
Beachview Road, at Hayes Avenue

Location (C):
Beachview Road, between Shadowrow Road and Peach Boulevard

Jurisdiction:
Willoughby

Access A:
Lat: N 41° 41.92'
Long: W 081° 24.07'

Access B:
Lat: N 41° 41.95'
Long: W 081° 24.02'

Access C:
Lat: N 41° 42.01'
Long: W 081° 23.92'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Scenic

Shore Access: No
Edge of Bluff

Location Map:

Amenities:

Access A

Access B

Access C

Three city-maintained scenic access sites are found along North Beachview Road in Willoughby just east of Sunset Park. From west to east, these pocket parks are referred to in this guidebook as Beachview Road scenic accesses A, B and C. Sites A and B are located just west of Windemere Drive and at Hayes Avenue, respectively. Both have a swinging bench. Site C is located just east of Shadowrow Road. It includes a swinging bench and a picnic table. All three sites sit atop a steep 40-foot bluff. These scenic accesses are unmarked and limited street parking is available.

Osborne Park

Location:
Lakeshore Boulevard (State Route 283), between Eaglewood Drive and Orchard Road

Jurisdiction:
Willoughby

Alternate Entrances:
Pedestrian access from Eaglewood and Erie drives

Latitude:
N 41° 41.83'

Longitude:
W 081° 23.69'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
Yes
Path to Shore
Terrain

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 43-acre Osborne Park is located on Lakeshore Boulevard (State Route 283) between Eaglewood Drive and Orchard Road in Willoughby. Pedestrians can also access the western and extreme northeastern parts of the park from Eaglewood and Erie drives, respectively. Osborne Park features many active-use recreational amenities, including a baseball field, football field, soccer fields, basketball and tennis courts, playground equipment, swimming pool with waterslides, sand volleyball court and disc golf course. A 1,400-foot walking path leads from the main parking lot toward Lake Erie. The re-graded two-tiered bluff gently slopes to a beach that is protected by a zigzagging seawall. Fishing is permitted. Additional amenities at Osborne Park include picnic shelters, bathhouse, concession stand and benches overlooking the lake.

Overlook Beach Park

Location:
Reynolds Road at Thunderbird Drive and Salida Road

Jurisdiction:
Mentor-on-the-Lake

Latitude:
N 41° 42.69'

Longitude:
W 081° 22.69'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
Yes
Stairs to Shore
Path to Shore

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 3-acre Overlook Beach Park is located at the end of Reynolds Road at Thunderbird Drive and Salida Road in Mentor-on-the-Lake. The park features a three-tiered wooden observation platform at the bluff. A series of staircases connect the platform levels and lead to a 370-foot long swimming beach. The beach is also accessible via a dirt walking path located in the eastern part of the park. Additional amenities at Overlook Beach Park include a gazebo, playground equipment, picnic tables, grills, basketball court and benches overlooking Lake Erie. Fishing is permitted.

LA11

Mentor Beach Park

Location:
7779 Lake Shore Boulevard (State Route 283), at Andrews Road (State Route 283) and Twilight Drive

Jurisdiction:
Mentor-on-the-Lake

Alternate Entrance:
Pedestrian access from Twilight Drive

Latitude:
N 41° 43.20'

Longitude:
W 081° 21.68'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
Yes
Stairs to Shore

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 9-acre Mentor Beach Park is located at the end of Andrews Road (State Route 283) at Twilight Drive and Lake Shore Boulevard (State Route 283) in Mentor-on-the-Lake. It is owned and maintained by the city of Mentor. The park was first established in 1899 as Mentor Township Park. Between 1931 and 1956, it was connected to Mentor Beach Playland, an amusement park adjacent to the south of Twilight Drive. The small amusement venue featured a dance hall, arcades, rides and games. Today, the amenities at Mentor Beach Park include a reservable pavilion, picnic areas, playground equipment and soccer fields. The park's 1,260-foot shore is accessible via two staircases on either side of the pavilion. Dirt trails also navigate the sloping vegetated bluff, leading to a protected beach. Swimming is prohibited.

Lake County

Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve

Location:
8365 Harbor Drive, north of Lake Shore Boulevard (State Route 283)

Jurisdiction:
Mentor

Alternate Entrance:
Trail access from Headlands Road

Main Entrance:
Lat: N 41° 43.59'
Long: W 081° 20.29'

Headlands Road:
Lat: N 41° 44.38'
Long: W 081° 19.61'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Natural

Shore Access:
Yes
Path to Shore

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 450-acre Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve is located at the end of Harbor Drive, just north of Lake Shore Boulevard (State Route 283) in Mentor. Pedestrians can also access the extreme northeastern part of the preserve from Headlands Road via the 1.1-mile Lakefront Trail. Five additional trails are found throughout, including the Lakefront Loop, Marina Overlook Trail, Marsh Rim Trail, Shoreline Loop and Woods Trail. Combined, the trail network is nearly four miles long. Electric carts are available for physically challenged visitors. Bikes are not permitted on certain trails. The preserve also boasts a 1.5-mile undeveloped beach. Swimming is prohibited. Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve contains a variety of habitats, including rare dunes, marshland and upland forest. Many species of breeding and migratory birds, including songbirds and shorebirds, can be viewed at this site. A boat ramp is available to Mentor residents only.

LA13

Headlands Beach State Park

Location:
9601 Headlands Road, at Heisley Road (State Route 44)

Jurisdiction:
Mentor
Painesville Township

Latitude:
N 41° 45.17'

Longitude:
W 081° 17.30'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
Yes
Path to Shore
Terrain

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 123-acre Headlands Beach State Park is located at the northern end of State Route 44 at the intersection of Headlands Road and Williams Street in Painesville Township. The western portion of the park extends into Mentor. The nearly 3,100-foot long swimming beach at the state park is connected to the 1,540-foot beach at Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve, providing nearly one mile of publicly accessible beach. It is Ohio's largest natural sand beach. Headlands Beach State Park also includes picnic areas, a reservable shelter, grills, playground equipment and concessions. Trails at the park include 1.5 miles of the statewide Buckeye Trail and a 0.4-mile fishing access trail that leads to the federal breakwater. Additionally, the trailhead to Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve's 5-mile Zimmerman Trail is located off Headlands Road near the southwest corner of the park. The preserve is adjacently located to the south.

Lake County

Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve

Location:
9601 Headlands Road, at Heisley Road (State Route 44) Within Headlands Beach State Park

Jurisdiction:
Painesville Township

Latitude:
N 41° 45.62'

Longitude:
W 081° 17.09'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Natural

Shore Access:
Yes
Path to Shore
Terrain

Location Map:

Amenities:

Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve is located east of the adjacent Headlands Beach State Park and west of the Fairport Harbor West Breakwater. Access to the preserve is through the state park. The park entrance is at the northern end of State Route 44 at the intersection of Headlands Road and Williams Street in Painesville Township. Headlands Dunes is one of the last and finest remaining Lake Erie beach and dune communities in Ohio. Formation of the preserve is the result of the eastern movement of sand along the coast gradually and continually accumulating west of the federal breakwater. The preserve features an abundance of rare plants, including American beach grass, coastal little bluestem and beach pea. Many plant species present are not typically found in northeastern Ohio. The beach and dunes attract many migrating songbirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, gulls and butterflies. Walking paths traverse the dunes and lead to the beach. Swimming is permitted.

LA15/16

Fairport Harbor West Breakwater

and Fairport Harbor Short Pier

Location (West Breakwater):
9601 Headlands Road, at Heisley Road (State Route 44) Accessible from Headlands Beach State Park, Painesville Township

Location (Short Pier):
End of Water Street in Fairport Harbor

West Breakwater:
Lat: N 41° 45.62'
Long: W 081° 17.09'

Short Pier:
Lat: N 41° 45.61'
Long: W 081° 16.79'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie
Grand River

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
Yes
Shore Structure

Location Map:

Amenities:

West Breakwater

Short Pier

The Fairport Harbor West Breakwater is a fishing site accessible via a 0.4-mile trail that leads from the Headlands Beach State Park parking lot. The park is located at the northern end of State Route 44 at the intersection of Headlands Road and Williams Street in Painesville Township. The 42-foot tall Fairport Harbor West Breakwater Light stands near the end of the breakwater.

The Fairport Harbor Short Pier, located on the east side of the Grand River mouth, is accessible from the Fairport Harbor Port Authority Public Boat Launch at the northern end of North Street in Fairport Harbor. The handicapped-accessible Short Pier is 590 feet long and offers fishing access to both the river and lake.

Lake County

LA17

Fairport Harbor Port Authority Public Boat Launch

Location:
End of Water Street, north of Second Street

Jurisdiction:
Fairport Harbor

Latitude:
N 41° 45.53'

Longitude:
W 081° 16.71'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
Yes
Boat Ramp

Location Map:

Amenities:

The nearly 3-acre Fairport Harbor Port Authority Public Boat Launch is located at the northern terminus of Water Street, just north of Second Street in Fairport Harbor. Amenities at the site include a four-lane boat launch, a Jet Ski ramp, 50 vehicle/trailer parking spaces, handicapped-accessible transient dock space, picnic tables and an area to launch smaller boats. Fees are required to park vehicles and launch boats. Fishing and swimming are not permitted. The boating facility provides access to the Fairport Harbor Short Pier fishing access to the west and to Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park to the east.

Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

Location:
301 Huntington Beach Drive, at High Street

Jurisdiction:
Fairport Harbor

Alternate Entrances:
Pedestrian access from Vine and East streets

Main Entrance:
Lat: N 41° 45.48'
Long: W 081° 16.60'

Vine Street:
Lat: N 41° 45.47'
Long: W 081° 16.31'

East Street:
Lat: N 41° 45.49'
Long: W 081° 16.18'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
Yes
Path to Shore
Terrain

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 21-acre Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park is located on Huntington Beach Drive, north of High Street in Fairport Harbor. Pedestrians can also access the eastern part of the park via walking trails from Vine and East streets. The Lake Metroparks-managed site features a swimming beach, seasonal concessions, bathhouse, showers, picnic shelters, grills, amphitheater, playground equipment and sand volleyball courts. The Harbor View Deck, added in 2013, is a handicapped-accessible beach-level boardwalk that extends onto the beach and includes benches and picnic tables. A wheelchair specially designed for beach accessibility is available. The east end of the beach is dog-friendly. A designated dog swimming area is marked. Visitors may launch small watercraft from the beach area. Kayak and paddle board rentals are also available. A parking fee is required during summer. The beach is open to pedestrian and bicycle traffic free of charge.

Painesville Township Park

Location:
1025 Hardy Road,
at Lake Road

Jurisdiction:
Painesville Township

Latitude:
N 41° 46.00'

Longitude:
W 081° 13.91'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
No
Fence

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 37-acre Painesville Township Park is located on Hardy Road at Lake Road in Painesville Township. The park was established in the early 1920s as a popular recreational area featuring a bathing beach, baseball fields, dance hall, picnic areas and an open-air pavilion. The beach and original pavilion have both been lost to erosion. Lake Metroparks has operated and managed the park since 1991. Amenities at the site include five regulation softball fields, picnic areas, playground equipment, concessions and benches overlooking Lake Erie. There is no trail access to the water due to erosion at the base of the bluff. A fence lining the top of the bluff prohibits access. The fully-renovated Painesville Township Park Community Center and Dance Hall is also on site. It is a reservable facility that includes a 5,000-square foot wooden dance floor, kitchen, meeting space and restrooms.

Lake Erie Bluffs

Location (Clark Road Entrance):
2901 Clark Road, east of Blackmore Road

Location (Lane Road Entrance):
3301 Lane Road

Jurisdiction:
Painesville Township
Perry Township

Clark Road:
Lat: N 41° 47.31'
Long: W 081° 10.49'

Lane Road:
Lat: N 41° 47.03'
Long: W 081° 11.02'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational
Natural

Shore Access:
Yes
Path to Shore

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 592-acre Lake Erie Bluffs is a low-impact protected area located on Clark Road, just east of Blackmore Road in Perry Township. A second entrance and parking lot at the northern end of Lane Road was added in 2013. The initial 140 acres opened to the public in 2012. The preserve was expanded by 460 acres in 2013. Lake Erie Bluffs boasts 8,600 feet of undeveloped shore, including 4,220 feet of beach. Low-impact amenities include the 1.28-mile Bluffs Loop Trail, the 0.71-mile Shoreline Trail, the 0.57-mile Eagle View Loop Trail and the 0.48-mile Lakeview Loop Trail, a scenic overlook and restrooms. Kayaks and canoes may be launched from the beach. Fishing and swimming are also permitted. The upland areas of the preserve include woodlands, wetlands and meadows. Lake Erie Bluffs provides habitat for rare, threatened and common plant and animal species as well as migrating songbirds, raptors and butterflies. This site is a prime location for wildlife viewing and photography.

Perry Township Park

Location:
2815 Perry Park Road, at Parmly Road

Jurisdiction:
Perry Township

Latitude:
N 41° 47.66'

Longitude:
W 081° 09.82'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
Yes
Path to Shore
Terrain
Boat Ramp

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 70-acre Perry Township Park is located on Perry Park Road at Parmly Road in Perry Township. The Perry Township Community Center is on site, west of Perry Park Road. The community center sits atop a nearly 50-foot bluff. The beach below can be accessed via a gravel trail in the park's westernmost section. Most of the park's amenities are found east of Perry Park Road. Passive and recreational amenities include a playground, picnic shelters, grills, concession stand, baseball fields, soccer field, tennis courts and a basketball court. Perry Township Park also offers a boat ramp and campground with both electric and primitive sites. Camping rates apply. Use of the boat ramp is limited to campers and Perry Township residents only. To enter the camping area and boat ramp, a gate card/ramp permit must be obtained from the park manager. A second beach can be found east of the boat ramp. Swimming and fishing are permitted.

North Perry Village Park

Location:
4449 Lockwood Road

Jurisdiction:
North Perry

Latitude:
N 41° 48.59'

Longitude:
W 081° 07.79'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational
Scenic

Shore Access:
No
Edge of Bluff Fence

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 9.3-acre North Perry Village Park is located on Lockwood Road, about one-half mile west of Antioch Road in North Perry. Amenities at the park include a baseball diamond, playground and picnic shelter with a patio extension that sits atop the approximately 50-foot high bluff. A fence lining the bluff in the western section of the park prohibits access to the shore.

Lakeshore Reservation

Location:
4799 Lockwood Road, at Antioch Road

Jurisdiction:
North Perry

Latitude:
N 41° 48.68'

Longitude:
W 081° 07.28'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
Yes
Stairs to Shore

Location Map:

Amenities:

Lakeshore Reservation is an 84-acre, Lake Metroparks-owned and managed facility in North Perry. It is located on Lockwood Road at Antioch Road. The reservation features a 2,780-foot undeveloped beach. Fishing is permitted. The beach is accessible via two access staircases at either end of the park. The west staircase is accessible from the dirt-surfaced 0.2-mile Birdwatcher's Trail and the east staircase is accessible from the 0.5-mile All Peoples Trail. Additional trails at Lakefront Reservation are all paved and include the 0.35-mile Meadow Edge Loop and the 0.21-mile Ramble Lane. Scenic views of Lake Erie are available at the Lakeview Overlook. The reservation also includes two picnic shelters (one reservable), restrooms and the Strock Sculpture Garden.

Bill Stanton Community Park

Location:
5585 Chapel Road, between McMackin and Haines roads

Jurisdiction:
Madison Township

Latitude:
N 41° 49.34'

Longitude:
W 081° 05.44'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
No
Edge of Bluff Fence

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 33-acre Bill Stanton Community Park is located on Chapel Road between McMackin and Haines roads to the west and east, respectfully, in Madison Township. The park was established in 1999 and features many recreational amenities, including picnic facilities, grills, playground equipment, basketball courts and tennis courts. In 2013, Compass Pointe Management, LLC, assumed management responsibilities of the township-owned park. Stanton Park was once the site of a YWCA camp. Many of the original camp facilities are available for rent, including a banquet hall, recreation hall, chapel and cabin. Due to erosion, the beach area is no longer accessible.

Tuttle Park

Location:
5825 Northway Drive, between West Tuttle Park and East Tuttle Park roads

Jurisdiction:
Madison Township

Latitude:
N 41° 49.52'

Longitude:
W 081° 04.90'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
No
Edge of Bluff

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 8-acre Tuttle Park is located both north and south of Northway Drive between West Tuttle Park and East Tuttle Park roads in Madison Township. The park's northern portion includes a playground, picnic shelter and grills. The southern portion of the park includes a parking lot, baseball fields, basketball courts and tennis courts.

Madison Township Park

Location:
6717 Lake Road, at Hubbard Road

Jurisdiction:
Madison Township

Alternate Entrance:
Pedestrian access at Hubbard and Swetland roads

Latitude:
N 41° 50.20′

Longitude:
W 081° 02.81′

Waterbody:
Lake Erie

Site Type:
Recreational

Shore Access:
Yes
Stairs to Shore
Boat Ramp

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 12-acre Madison Township Park is located on Lake Road East at Hubbard Road in Madison Township. Pedestrians can access the northwestern part of the park via a paved walkway from Hubbard Road across from Swetland Road. In 2012, three 100-foot long detached breakwaters were installed to help protect and enhance the 630-foot swimming beach and prevent erosion. The park also improved beach access and its boat ramp in 2012. ADA-complaint parking is available at beach level. Fishing is permitted from the shore and ramp. A paved boardwalk with benches overlooks Lake Erie. Additional amenities at the park include a picnic shelter, playground, baseball field, basketball courts, sand volleyball courts and handicapped-accessible restrooms.

Arcola Creek Park

Location:
941 Dock Road, at Lakeshore Boulevard

Jurisdiction:
Madison Township

Latitude:
N 41° 50.93'

Longitude:
W 081° 00.46'

Waterbody:
Lake Erie
Arcola Creek

Site Type:
Natural

Shore Access:
Yes
Path to Shore

Location Map:

Amenities:

The 62-acre Arcola Creek Park is a Lake Metroparks-owned and managed park located at the northern end of Dock Road at Lakeshore Boulevard in Madison Township. The site features one of Ohio's few natural Lake Erie estuaries. An estuary is a transition zone where freshwater from a river is mixed with water from a lake or ocean. Estuaries are ecologically-sensitive habitats that provide sanctuary for many native plant and animal species and filter pollutants that would otherwise impact the lake. In the early 1800s, the area surrounding Arcola Creek at Lake Erie was a thriving ship building and industrial community known as Ellensburg. Industrial activity faded in the 1850s. The estuary and floodplain have been restored back to a natural setting. Arcola Creek Park features a beach, observation deck and fishing access. The 0.16-mile gravel-surfaced Wickert Trail leads to the beach. In 2013, the park district acquired 30 acres, increasing the length of creek frontage from 1,600 feet to 4,900 feet.