

SAFETY TIPS

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) recommends these ice fishing safety tips:

- Always fish with a partner or in an area with several other anglers present
- Let others know exactly where you are going and when you plan to return
- Place a cell phone in a plastic bag to protect it from moisture in case you get wet
- Sprinkle sand around your feet for better traction on the ice
- Always take along a PFD seat cushion or more importantly, wear a life vest in case of an emergency
- Avoid areas near feeder streams, springs, bridge pilings, docks, and dam structures since ice is usually very thin there

If you fall into the water:

- Remain calm
- Slip your boots off to better tread water
- Use ice awls to pull yourself out of the water. If no ice awls are available, call for help and try “swimming out” by letting your body rise up to firm ice and crawl out
- Keep your clothes on once out of the water. This will keep you insulated

If someone else falls in the water:

- Reach using a stick or fishing pole
- Throw a rope or PFD
- Row or push a boat
- Call for help
- Stay flat, distributing your weight on the ice

Be safe when you head out on the ice and remember no ice is safe ice. For more information, please call 1.800.WILDLIFE, contact your local Wildlife District Office (305 E. Shoreline Dr., Sandusky, 419.625.8062), or visit wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/fishing/ice-fishing

ISLAND WINTER LODGING

Put-in-Bay

Commodore Resort

419.285.3101, commodoreresort.com

Black Squirrel Bed & Breakfast

419.285.7181, blacksquirrelbnb.com

Kelleys Island

Memory Manor

419.656.4951, kelleysislandchamber.com/place/memory-manor

For year-round or mainland accommodations, please visit SHORESandISLANDS.com and click on STAY or contact a Lake Erie Shores & Islands welcome center.

BAIT SHOPS

Catawba

Herb's Sportsman Supplies

1713 N.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53)

419.797.2455, facebook.com/herbscatawba

Huron

Armstrong Drive Thru

910 S. Main St.

facebook.com/armstrongdrivethru

Cranberry Creek Marina

4319 E. Cleveland Rd. (US 6)

419.433.3932, cranberrycreekmarina.com

Huron Lagoons Marina

100 Laguna Dr.

419.433.3200, 419.433.5949, huronlagoons.com

Marblehead

Hi-Way Bait & Tackle

7006 E. Harbor Rd. (SR 163)

419.734.3601, hiwaybait.com/store.html

Milan

Fin Feather Fur Outfitters

12400 US 250 N

419.499.1700, finfeatherfur.com

Oak Harbor

Happy Hooker Outdoors

9688 W. SR 2

419.898.9676, happyhookeroutdoors.com

Port Clinton

A-N-J Bait & Tackle

6797 W. Lakeshore Dr. (SR 2)

419.635.4436, anjbaitandtackle.com

Bay's Edge Bait & Tackle Shop

5359 E. Bayshore Rd.

419.732.6155, baysedge.com/bait-shop.html

Fisherman's Wharf & Bait

83 N. Madison St. (off SR 163)

419.734.9002, wecatchfish.com

Sandusky

Cove Carryout

730 E. Washington St.

419.626.9965

Vermilion

Bad Boy Bait & Tackle

4414 Liberty Ave. (US 6)

440.967.2033, badboytackle.com

Central Basin Bait & Tackle

5312 Liberty Ave. (US 6)

440.967.6466, centralbasinbait.com

ISLAND TRANSPORTATION

Erie-Ottawa International Airport

3255 E. State Rd., Port Clinton

419.734.6297, portclintonairport.com

Griffing Flying Service

at Erie-Ottawa International Airport

3255 E. State Rd., Port Clinton

419.734.5400, flygriffing.com

Island Air

at Put-in-Bay Airport

1494 Langram Rd., Put-in-Bay

419.573.2960, islandairtaxi.com

AIR BOAT SERVICE

Air1 Airboats

Tony Muscioni

419.366.8472, air1airboats.com

Fat Boy Charters

Jeff Meyers

440.387.7676, fatboycharters.com

FISHING INFORMATION

Lake Erie Fishing Hotline

888.466.5347

Lake Erie Shores & Islands West

419.734.4386, 800.441.1271

SHORESandISLANDS.com

Call or check website daily for marine forecasts and weekly-updated fishing reports.

ODNR-Division of Parks and Watercraft

1407 Cleveland Rd. (US 6), Sandusky

419.621.1302, 877.426.2837, watercraft.ohiodnr.gov

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

ODNR-Division of Wildlife

305 E. Shoreline Dr., Sandusky

419.625.8062, 800.945.3543, wildlife.ohiodnr.gov

Fishing licenses and the Ohio Fishing Regulations Brochure (Pub. 5084) are available from most sporting goods stores, bait shops, and the Ohio Division of Wildlife website. Ohio Fishing Licenses are required for anyone to fish in Ohio.

U.S. Coast Guard Station

606 Prairie St., Marblehead

419.798.4445, uscg.mil

To report a maritime emergency, suspicious activity, or a violation of law, contact the U.S. Coast Guard on VHF-FM Channel 16 using your vessel's marine radio.

National Weather Service

Marine Radio VHF-FM

162.400 MHZ (WX2)

It's critical that boaters on Lake Erie plan ahead; never wait for the last minute to head for safe harbor. Because Lake Erie is the shallowest of the Great Lakes, it stirs up quickly in stormy weather. Storms that move across the lake may cause choppy waves, and could catch unprepared boaters by surprise. Use this station to keep updated about the weather before heading out.

Marine Forecast

nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/zone/gtlakes/leopen.htm

Click on the colored portion of Lake Erie on the map you'd like to view the forecast for.

Nautical Charts

www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov

BOAT TOWING

Lake Erie Towing

3501 Cleveland Rd. (US 6), Sandusky

877.526.0229, boatus.com

Standing by 24-hrs. a day ready to serve you with licensed captains, experienced crew, and all necessary equipment to handle your emergency and non-emergency needs. Towboats in Sandusky, Cedar Point, Huron, Vermilion, and Lorain.

Rescue Marine

530 N. Hidden Beach, Marblehead

419.798.5194, 877.798.5194, rescuemarine.com

Boat towing, salvage, recovery, unlimited towing memberships, and other marine contracting services to Lake Erie islands area boaters for over 40 years. 24-hr. service available.

Fishing License Rates:

Annual Resident: (persons 16-65 yrs. who have resided in Ohio for the past six months):\$25

* Fishing license good for 365 days following the date of purchase.

Annual Non-resident: \$50.96

* Fishing license good for 365 days following the date of purchase.

One-day Resident or Non-resident: \$14

Non-Resident Lake Erie Fishing Permit: \$14

* Fishing license required for any non-residents fishing the Lake Erie Fishing District from Jan 1-Apr 30

Three-day Non-resident: \$25

Resident Senior: (persons 66 yrs. and older): \$10

Residents born on or before Dec 31, 1937: Free

* Fishing license still required.

Prices are subject to change.

FISHING GUIDES

Lake Erie ice can be inconsistent and change with the wind and weather conditions. For a variety of reasons, including safety, many anglers hire a licensed ice fishing guide.

To see a list of individuals who are licensed as Ohio Fishing Guides and who currently operate on Lake Erie for the purpose of ice fishing, please visit The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife's website:

ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/land-water/lake-erie-watershed/ice-fishing-guides

**A listing does not imply a recommendation/referral by Lake Erie Shores & Islands*. Please refer with the proper authorities for certification and licensing information regarding any of the businesses listed.*

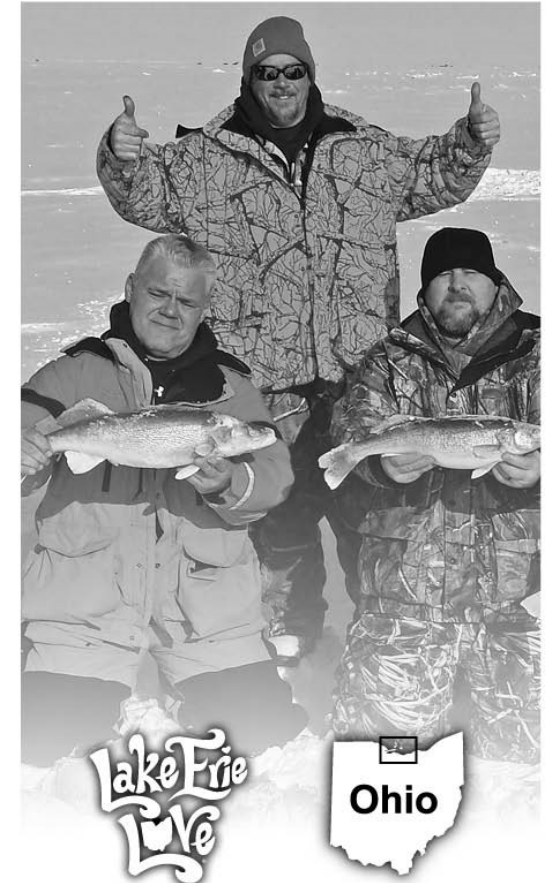


Ice Fishing Guide

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Shores & Islands

SHORESandISLANDS.com



Lake Erie Shores & Islands-East
Sandusky, Ohio
419.625.2984, 800.255.3743

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Port Clinton, Ohio
419.734.4386, 800.441.1271