Welcome to the Lake Erie Scenic Byway!

If you are planning a trip or about to drive the Coastal Trail you are in for a truly unique experience that will showcase this region in a new light. Following the Lake Erie Coast, the drive alone is a great experience! Take time to enjoy our coast and savor the sights and area.

As you plan for your trip, take this guide along and remember that the byway is about time- landscapes that have been changing since the glaciers, human evidence throughout the ages, and cultural experiences that immerse you in the region and it’s past. Each town along the byway has character unto itself, so relax and take time to journey along our treasured coast.

The Lake Erie Coastal Trail spans a route of 293 miles—which follows the coast of Lake Erie, traveling from Toledo east to the Pennsylvania border. The trail is split into three sections- the northwest including Lucas, Ottawa, Erie, and Lorain counties, and the Lake Erie Islands. The northcentral encompasses Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties, and the northeast region encompassing Ashtabula and Lake Counties. Along the route you will notice that our history, culture, and natural areas blend together making the Coastal Trail a distinctive journey.

Facts and Figures about the Trail

- The Scenic Byway is a 293-mile route that will be approximately one day drive to experience the journey.
- Travel through seven counties along the southern shore of the Lake Erie Coast
- Over 300 Inventory Sites highlighting the various activities and experiences along the shore.
- The trail’s Intrinsic Qualities focus on the Historic and Natural Qualities of the area.
- Places to visit along the trail include: Historic Sites, Natural and Protected Areas, Beaches and Parks, Arts and Cultural Sites, Museums, Recreational Fishing, Marinas, Historic Maritime Sites, Wineries, Amusement Parks, Educational Centers, Religious Sites, and Arboretums.

Safe Travels!

Thank you Lake Erie Shores and Islands

Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail Scenic Byway

“Seeking to improve tourism and quality of life by telling the story of Lake Erie while advocating for the preservation and enhancement of the Lake’s natural, historical, and cultural resources.”
What is the Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail?
The Lake Erie Coastal Ohio is a National Scenic Byway and thus is a nationally distinctive byway tour. This trail follows that Lake Erie Coast and is a road map to guide the development of heritage tourism along the coast. Along this route you will find signs that say Lake Erie Circle Tour and The Coastal Trail. These are two different routes. To stay on the byway you will need to follow the Coastal Trail signs when the two trails depart each other. The majority of the trail follows local roads instead of highways like the Circle Tour.

Along the route you will find many Discovery Sites, locations along the trail for travelers to visit, that possess historic, natural, recreational, scenic, cultural, or archeological qualities. Each region has its own list of Discovery Sites and they are the suggested locations to visit to have the true experience of the Coastal Trail. These lists are expansive and have numerous different activity choices, allowing everyone on your byway trip to enjoy something special to them.

Inside This Brochure
You will find driving directions that will guide you along the Lake Erie Coastal Scenic Byway. The route is marked by Coastal Byway Signs to guide you along the route. For information on Discovery Sites, the visitors bureaus along the route can provide you with information for their area. For more information you can also visit the Trails’ webpage on ODOT’s website. www.dot.state.oh.us/OhioByways/Pages/LakeErieCoastalOhio.aspx

Northwest Region
• Toledo
• Port Clinton
• Marblehead

North Central Region
• Lorain
• Cleveland
• Mentor Harbor

Northeast Region
• Fairport Harbor
• Ashtabula
• Conneaut

Where to find information
Visit Lorain County CVB
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Cuyahoga County CVB
334 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114
Phone: 216-875-6600 Website: www.thisiscleveland.com

Lake County CVB
1 Victoria Place, Suite 265A, Painesville OH 44077
Phone: 440-975-1234 Website: www.lakevisit.com

Ashtabula County CVB
1850 Austinburg Road, Ashtabula, OH 44004 Website: www.visitashlabula.com
Phone: (440) 275-3202

Where to find information
Destination Toledo CVB
401 Jefferson Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604
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Lake Erie Shores & Islands Visitor Center
Ottawa County
270 Southeast Catawba Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452
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Sandusky, OH 44870
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Driving Directions

Read in 3 columns top to bottom

Ashtabula County (PA Border)
- From the Pennsylvania border, take Route 20, 1.87 miles to intersection of Main and Harbor Sts.
- Follow Harbor St 81 yards and turn left on State St.
- Take State St 200 yards to Broad St (Route 7) and turn right.
- Take Broad St 1.21 miles to Lake Rd (Route 331). Turn left on Lake Rd.
- Just east of Ashtabula, Lake Rd (Route 331) becomes Harmon Rd and E. Sixth St near the intersection with Route 11 approximately 12.5 miles.
- Follow E. Sixth St (Route 331) 93 miles from the intersection with Route 11. Turn right on Hubert Ave.
- Hubert dead ends at Walnut Blvd in approximately 189 yards. Turn left on Walnut Blvd and follow 1.3 miles to W. Ninth St (Route 331).
- Turn right on W. Ninth St (Route 331) which becomes Lake Rd.
- Follow Lake Rd 7.98 miles. At intersection with North Broadway (Route 354) turn left.
- Follow North Broadway (Route 354) approximately four miles to W. Main St. Turn right. Turns into North Ridge Rd. Follow three miles to Deck Rd and turn right.

Lake County
- Follow Deck Rd approximately 3 miles to Lake Rd and turn left on Lake Rd E. Take Lake Rd E 1.21 miles and turn left on Bennett Rd.
- Follow Bennett Rd 349 yards and turn right on Lake Rd E. Continue on Lake Rd E, for 1.7 miles and turn left on Red Bird Rd. Follow Red Bird Rd. 7.91 miles to Chapel and turn right.
- Follow Chapel Rd 1.73 miles to McMackin Rd and turn left.
- Continue on McMackin Rd for .61 mile to Lockwood Rd and turn right on Lockwood Rd.
- Follow Lockwood Rd 1.37 miles to Antioch Rd and turn left.
- Continue on Antioch Rd 138 miles to North Ridge Rd (Route 20) and turn right. Take North Ridge Rd (Route 20) 2.88 miles to Parmony Rd and turn right.
- Take Parmony Rd 1.75 miles and turn left on Perry Park Rd near the Perry Township Park.
- Head south on Perry Park Road 1.52 miles until intersection with North Ridge Rd (Route 20) and turn right.
- Take North Ridge Rd (Route 20) 3.44 miles to Fairport Nursery Rd (Route 353) and turn right. Follow Fairport Nursery Rd (Route 353) 3.2 miles and turn left on East St.
- East St becomes Richmond St after 9 miles. Continue on Richmond St another 6 miles and turn right on River St.
- Follow River St 1.37 miles to Olive St and turn left. Follow Olive St 29 miles to Heisley Rd (Route 44) and turn right.
- Continue on Heisley Rd (Route 44) for .8 miles to Headlands Rd and turn right. Take Headlands Rd .46 miles and turn left on Jordan Dr.
- Follow Jordan Dr 1.3 mile turn left on Corduroy Rd.
- Continue on Corduroy Rd 1.35 miles and turn right on Lake Shore Blvd. (Route 283)
- After following Lake Shore Blvd. for 3.16 miles, turn left on Andrews Rd (Route 283) and follow for on mile until Lake Shore Blvd. turn right.
- Follow Lake Shore Blvd. 20 miles to Martin Luther King Parkway.

Cuyahoga County
- At Martin Luther King Parkway, follow the signs for Interstate 90 and Route 2, and enter onto Route 2/ Interstate 90 heading west.
- Follow 1-g0 to E. 55th St. Turn north and follow North Marginal Rd into downtown Cleveland. Follow North Marginal Rd to E. Ninth St. (North Marginal Rd changes to Erie Avenue).
- Follow Erie Avenue past North Coast Harbor, the Steamship W. M.athers and Port of Cleveland. At the entrance to the Port of Cleveland, the name changes from Erie Avenue to W. Third St.
- Follow W. Third Street to Lakeside Ave and re-enter Route 2 and the Main Avenue Bridge.

Lorain County
- Route 2 joins with Route 20 and Route 6. Route 20 will veer south. Stay on Route 6 and follow this route for another 40.4 miles until you reach the City of Huron.

Erie County
- Just after crossing the bridge as you approach Huron, turn right on Main St.
- Main St will zig zag for approximately 3 miles until Cleveland Rd W. Turn left on Cleveland Rd West.
- After 2.25 miles, Cleveland Rd West will also become Route 6. Continue another 5.3 miles to the Cedar Point Causeway Dr.
- Take the Cedar Point Causeway Dr. 6 miles and turn left on First St.
- Turn left on First St 1.28 miles to Meigs St and turn right. Follow Meigs St 54 miles to E. Water St and turn left.
- Continue on E. Water St for 25 miles until you reach Shoreline Dr. Continue on Shoreline Dr 64 miles to Lawrence St and turn left.
- At the next street (in approximately 32 yards) turn right on W. Water St. Follow W. Water St 325 yards to Shelby St and turn left.
- Take Shelby St 300 yards to W. Washington St (Route 6) and turn right.
- W. Washington St turns into Tiffin Ave. Follow 1.09 miles. Follow Route 6 to the right as it becomes Venice Rd.
- Follow Venice Rd (Route 6) another 1.92 miles. Route 6 will head to the left. Continue straight on Venice Rd. Venice will become Barrett Rd as it enters Bay View. After 3.1 miles, turn left on Martins Point Rd (Route 286). Continue another half-mile until you can head west on Route 2.

Ottawa County
- Take Route 2 another three miles across the bridge to Route 285 Exit (Marblehead). Take Route 285 Exit (Dunrury Rd) 3.6 miles to Route 295. Turn right.
- At next intersection (in 195 yards), turn left on E. Bayshore Rd (Route 153). Follow this route around the tip of the peninsula. After about 7.5 miles, the route changes to Route 163.
- Keep following Route 163 another 8.5 miles back to the peninsula. The route will change from Main St to E. Harbor St. At N.E. Catawba Rd (Route 33), turn right.
- Follow Route 33 around the tip of the Catawba Peninsula. At the tip, the road will change to N.W. Catawba Rd (Route 30), and then it will become Township Rd 31 as you return to the mainland. The entire trip around the peninsula is 11 miles.
- At Perry St (Route 163) turn right. Take Route 163 2.3 miles into Port Clinton and across the drawbridge. After the drawbridge, the route becomes W. Lakeshore Dr. Continue for 3.9 miles until you reach Route 2. Turn right.
- Follow Route 2 for 15.6 miles to N.-currie Rd (Route 202) and turn right. Take N.-currie Rd 2.5 miles to Cedar Point Rd (Route 179) and turn left.

Lucas County (Westernmost County)
- Follow Cedar Point Rd 3 miles and turn right on N. Wynn Rd.
- Take N. Wynn Rd one mile to Bayshore Rd and turn left. Bayshore Rd becomes Otter Creek Rd. Follow this 2.73 miles to Millard Ave and turn right.
- Take Millard Ave 3 miles to Front St. Turn left.
- Continue on Front St for approximately two miles until you reach the I-80 bridge. Enter onto bridge heading toward Toledo and Detroit.
- At Greenbelt Parkway exit (approximately 1.3 miles) exit right on Greenbelt Parkway and follow approximately 243 yards to Galena St. Turn right.
- Follow Galena St 3 miles to N. Summit St and turn left.
- Follow N. Summit St to the Michigan State Line, which will occur in approximately 4.8 miles.

Oak Openings Region Spur Route
- From I-80 Greenbelt Parkway Exit, heading south or west.
- Exit at Greenbelt Parkway Exit (Route 23). Follow 1.6 miles until it merges with Cherry St (Route 235/ Route 120). Turn left.
- Follow Cherry St. 4. miles to intersection with North Summit St (Route 63). Turn right. Follow North Summit St (Route 63) 1.5 miles till it intersects with Broadway St. (Route 2).
- Turn right on Broadway St and follow 3 miles until it becomes River Road. Continue for 3.56 miles to Michigan Ave and turn right.
- Follow Michigan Ave 3 miles to Route 24 (Anthony Wayne Trail). Follow 7.8 miles to Route 64 (Farnsworth Rd) and turn right.
- Follow .4 miles to Providence St in Whitehouse. Farnsworth Rd becomes Michigan Ave and then Waterville-Swanton Rd.
- Turn right on Providence and follow 3 miles to Steiner St. Turn left and follow 209 yards to Centerville St (Route 65). Turn right.
- Follow one mile to Route 295 and turn right on Berkey Southern Rd. Follow 3.2 miles to Route 20 and turn left.
- Follow 1.5 miles to Route 2/Route 205 (Airport Highway) and turn right.
- Follow .8 miles to Berkey Southern Rd (Route 295) and turn left. Follow 6.3 miles to Route 120 and turn right. This becomes Central Ave.
- Follow Route 120 (and then Central Ave) approximately 20 miles to Galena Rd and turn right. After about 19 miles, Route 20 follows Cherry St. Stay on Central Ave.
- Follow Galena Rd 380 yards to the Parkway.