

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. The following is a list of guides*:

Mainland Guides

Blake Calvert, 419.341.5509

Bob Witt, 419.340.0601, seabreezecharters.com

Charles Oeder, 419.541.1197, ohiosportfishing.com

Christopher Caputo, 724.977.0825,
reelactionsportfishing.com

Chuck Crum, 614.419.8265, chartomcharters.com

Dennis Lowther, 419.656.8534

Gary Lee Smith, 330.808.3561

Jeff Kuelling, 419.270.0397

Jeff Meyers, 440.387.7676, fatboycharters.com

John Gribble, 800.769.1750, dbsportfishing.com

Jon Hershberger, 440.214.4080, eatemupcharters.com

Joseph Snyder, 937.594.1308, fish-on-charters.com

Kyle Weber, 419.565.8313, capthook.com

Mike Patterson 419.308.6925, mikessportfishing.com

Pat Winke, 419.250.2272, winkeguideservice.com

Sam Livas, 419.265.3057, badinfluencecharters.com

Santos Livas, 419.341.8550

Shon Derr, 724.813.3499, epicicefishing.com

Timothy Caruthers, 440.474.2179, tnvcharters.com

Tony Muscioni, 419.366.8472, air1airboats.com

Island Guides

Bud Gehring, 419.461.0165, fishingcharterslakeerie.com

Cory Wisniewski, 440.725.3457, 419.329.4079

Jeff Jessep, 330.360.5106

Joel Byer, 419.656.4951, nachofish.com

Marc Wolfe, 419.341.8701, fishwiththewolfepack.com

Michael Petruska, 216.392.3543

Randy Lebeau, 414.517.5417

Shawn Dages and Jeff Bast, 614.312.7649,
put-in-bayiceguides.com

Scott Straetz, 419.341.9721

William Wilhelmi, 216.409.4505

*Lake Erie Shores & Islands does not make recommendations. Please visit wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/fishing/ice-fishing for a list of licensed guides.

Safety Tips

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources 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 where 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 loose 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
- Stay flat, distributing your weight on the ice
- 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
 - **GO** call for help

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



Ice Fishing Directory



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Lake Erie
Shores & Islands
SHORESandISLANDS.com

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216 E. Water St.
Sandusky, OH 44870
419.625.2984, 800.255.3743
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Lake Erie Shores & Islands - West  
770 S.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53)  
Port Clinton, OH 43452  
419.734.4386, 800.441.1271

## Lodging

Lake Erie Shores & Islands has year-round accommodations. Contact a welcome center or visit [SHORESandISLANDS.com](http://SHORESandISLANDS.com) for options.

### Lake Erie Shores & Islands Welcome Center-West

770 S.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53), Port Clinton

419.734.4386, 800.441.1271

Hours: Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm

Automated weather and weekly fishing report 24/7

### Lake Erie Shores & Islands Welcome Center-East

216 E. Water St., Sandusky

419.625.2984, 800.255.3743

Hours: Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm

### Put-in-Bay Winter Lodging:

#### Commodore Resort

272 Delaware Ave.

419.285.3101, [commodoreresort.com](http://commodoreresort.com)

#### Black Squirrel Bed & Breakfast

85 Cessna Dr.

419.285.7181, [blacksquirrelbnb.com](http://blacksquirrelbnb.com)

#### Freshwater Retreat

1331 Langram Rd.

419.366.1036, [freshwaterretreat.com](http://freshwaterretreat.com)

### Kelleys Island Winter Lodging:

#### Craft's Lakeview Lane

319 W. Lakeshore Dr.

419.746.2254, 419.656.4951, [craftsonkelleysisland.com](http://craftsonkelleysisland.com)

#### Dot's Place

228 Melody Ln.

419.746.2986

#### Fox Den

310 Lower Cliff Ln.

419.541.7099, [kifox.com](http://kifox.com)

#### Memory Manor

203 Memory Ln.

419.656.4951

[kelleysisland.com/properties/memory-manor/](http://kelleysisland.com/properties/memory-manor/)

#### The Quarry

111 W. Lakeshore Dr.

937.298.9468, 937.609.6668

[kelleysislandchamber.com/place/condominium-quarry-seidl/](http://kelleysislandchamber.com/place/condominium-quarry-seidl/)

## Airboat Services

### Air1 Airboats

Tony Muscioni, 419.366.8472, [air1airboats.com](http://air1airboats.com)

### D & B Sportfishing

John Gribble, 800.769.1750

### Fat Boy Charters

Jeff Meyers, 440.387.7676, [fatboycharters.com](http://fatboycharters.com)

## Bait Shops

### Bad Boy Bait & Tackle

4414 Liberty Ave. (US 6), Vermilion

440.967.2033, [badboytackle.com](http://badboytackle.com)

### Bayview Center

803 E. Bayview Dr., Sandusky

419.684.5750

### Dry Dock

5101 South St., Vermilion

440.967.4362, [vermiliondrydock.com](http://vermiliondrydock.com)

### Fisherman's Wharf

83 Madison St. (off SR 163), Port Clinton

419.734.9002, [wecatchfish.com](http://wecatchfish.com)

Call for ice conditions

### Herb's Sportsman's Supply

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

419.797.2455

### Harbor Drive Thru

910 S. Main St, Huron

419.433.4202, [hurondrivethru.com](http://hurondrivethru.com)

### Hi-Way Bait & Tackle

7006 E. Harbor Rd. (SR 163), Marblehead

419.734.3601, [hiwaybait.com](http://hiwaybait.com)

### Magee East Marina Store

10481 SR 2, Oak Harbor

419.607.6089, [mageeeast.com](http://mageeeast.com)

### Rickard's Bait & Tackle

17 N.E. Catawba Rd. (SR 53), Port Clinton

419.734.2496

## Transportation to the Islands

### Erie-Ottawa International Airport

3255 E. State Rd., Port Clinton

419.734.6297, [portclintonairport.com](http://portclintonairport.com)

### Griffing Flying Service

at Erie-Ottawa International Airport

3255 E. State Rd., Port Clinton

419.734.5400, [flygriffing.com](http://flygriffing.com)

### Island Air

at Put-in-Bay Airport

1494 Langram Rd., Put-in-Bay

419.573.2960, [islandairtaxi.com](http://islandairtaxi.com)

