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Located 2 miles east of SR 46, south of SR 6 access from Brownville Rd and Dodgeville Rd. 690 acres of marshland, woodland, brushland and 54 acre lake. Waterfowl migration area for wood duck, mallard, scaup, ring-necked duck and Canada geese.

### Orwell State Wildlife Area

Located 3 miles west of SR 46 and 1 mile east of SR 45, on Windsor Road. Parking adjacent to Davis Rd. 197 acres of woodland and brushland. Area is also open for public hunting and fishing.

### Pymatuning State Park

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Pymatuning has two natural areas, Blackjack Swamp consists of 725 acres and provides habitat for unique natural communities. In the northern part of Pymatuning Lake is Clark Island which has 161 acres of mature hardwood and white pine forest. Total land acreage in the Ohio State Park is 3,500, and water acreage is 14,000 acres.

### Walnut Beach

Located to the west of Ashtabula Harbor north of Walnut Blvd., this is the largest and finest beach sand dune on Lake Erie. It provides environment for a threatened Lake Erie species of sea grass that grows along the Atlantic seaboard and in Michigan. A 2,500 foot long walking trail runs east along the break wall to the Norfolk Southern coal dock, passing through wetlands and ends at the bridge overlooking the waterway, two observation decks are along the trail.

# Biology Check List

## MAMMALS

Indiana Bat  
Allegheny Woodrat  
River Otter  
Bobcat  
Black Bear

## REPTILES

Copperbelly Water Snake [PT]  
Eastern Plains Garter Snake  
Timber Rattlesnake  
Eastern Massasauga

## AMPHIBIANS

Eastern Hellbender [M]  
Blue-spotted Salamander  
Green Salamander  
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## MOLLUSKS

Snuffbox  
Ebonyshell  
Fanshell [E]  
Butterfly  
Elephant-ear  
Purple Catpaw  
White Catpaw  
Northern Riffleshell  
Long-solid  
Pink Mucket  
Ridged Pocketbook  
Yellow Sandshell  
Eastern Pondmussel  
Washboard  
Hickorynut  
Ring Pink  
White Wartyback  
Sheepnose  
Clubshell [E]  
Ohio Pigtoe  
Pyramid Pigtoe

Rabbitsfoot  
Monkeyface  
Wartyback  
Purple Lilliput  
Rayed Bean  
Little Spectaclecase

## DRAGONFLIES

Hine's Emerald  
Mottled Darner  
Plains Clubtail  
American Emerald  
Uhler's Sundragon  
Frosted Whiteface  
Elfin Skimmer  
Canada Darner  
Tiger Spiketail

## DAMSELFLIES

Seepage Dancer  
**BUTTERFLIES**  
Persius Dusky Wing  
Frosted Elfin  
Karner Blue  
Purplish Copper  
Swamp Metalmark

## MOTHS

Regal Fritillary  
Mitchell's Satyr  
**MOTHS**  
Unexpected Cyenia  
Graceful Underwing  
Hebard's Noctuid Moth  
**BETTERFLIES**  
Kramer's Cave Beetle  
Ohio Cave Beetle  
American Burying Beetle

E = endangered  
T = threatened  
M = monitored in Ohio  
PT = proposed to be listed as threatened.

Source: Ohio Biodiversity Survey.

# Resource Lists

## Contacts & Resources

Ashtabula County Metroparks -  
[www.ashtabulacountyparks.org](http://www.ashtabulacountyparks.org)

Ashtabula Township Parks (Lakeshore Park & Indian Trails) - 440-964-3819

Cleveland Museum of Natural History -  
[www.cmnh.org](http://www.cmnh.org), 216-231-4600 ext. 3219.

Ohio Biological Survey - [www.biosci.ohio-state.edu](http://www.biosci.ohio-state.edu)

Ohio Department of Natural Resources -  
[www.ohiodnr.com](http://www.ohiodnr.com)

Ohio State Parks -

Geneva State Park - 440-466-8400

Pymatuning State Park - 440-293-6030

## Books

Seventh Catalog of the Vascular Plants of Ohio by Tom S. Cooperrider (Editor), Allison W. Cusick (Editor), John T. Kartesz (Editor)

Salamanders of Ohio (Bulletin New Series, Vol 7, No 2) by Floyd L. Downs (Editor), et al

## Events

March for Parks. Call 440-992-8132 for more information on dates and times.



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# Ashtabula County

## A Guide to the Nature Preserves



## A starting point for discovering the Nature of Ashtabula County

# Public Preserves

## Ashtabula County Metroparks - Harpersfield Covered Bridge

Located just south of SR 307 and west of SR 534 on Harpersfield Road. Shallows below the dam are a haven for birds such as the Great Blue and the Green Heron. Canoe liveries at the dam for portage to entry points upstream provide a unique viewing experience.

## Ashtabula County Metroparks - Western Reserve Greenway Trail

Stretching from West Ave. south, the trail is paved 8 miles with an additional paving scheduled on the remaining 20 miles. Parking located at Austinburg Road, Woodman Ave. in Ashtabula and SR 307 trailheads.

## Cleveland Museum of Natural History

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### Kingsville Sand Barrens

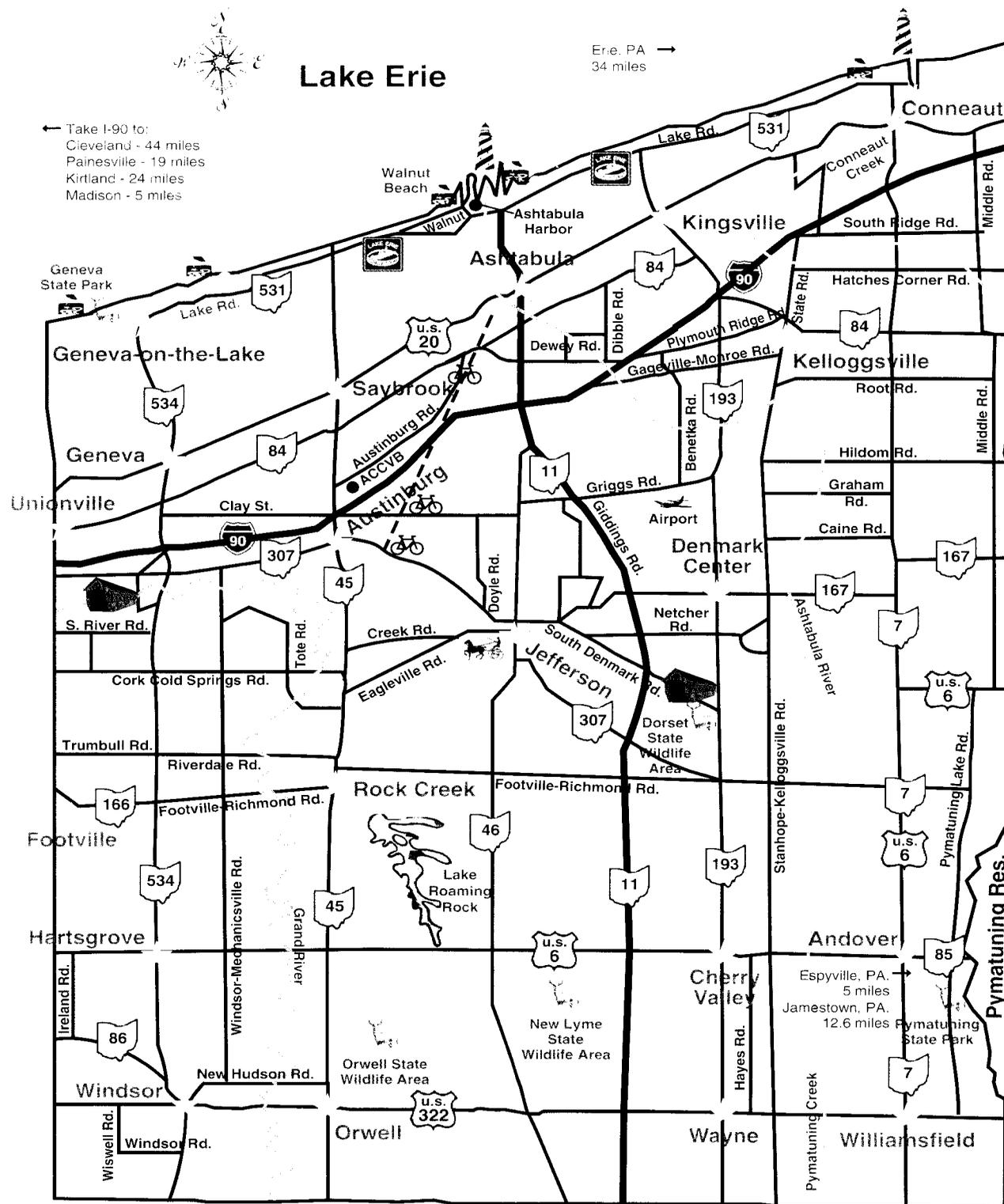
Located on Poore Road, north of Route 20 in Kingsville. At one time there were 2,000 acres of Sand Barrens in Lake County, Wade Park in Cleveland where the museum is located is situated along the same Lake Warren Ridge that extends east to Pennsylvania and where the Kingsville Sand Barrens is located, and is the last high quality example of Sand Barrens in the region. 110 acres

### Cathedral Woods

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## Conneaut Township Park & Wildlife Observation Deck

Located along the port of Conneaut, just west of the marina the wildlife observation deck overlooks a shoreline marshland.



## Dorset Wildlife Area

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## Geneva State Park

Geneva offers the visitor a natural beach, several areas of freshwater marsh and beautiful mature woodlots. The middle and western beach areas contain plants that are rare in Ohio, but characteristic of the Atlantic coast. Sea rocket, Seaside Spurge, Beach Pea and Silverweed can be found on the Geneva beaches. Marshes located at the mouth of Cowles Creek, No Name Creek and Wheeler Creek contain Swamp Smartweed, Leafy Sedge and Submerged Aquatic Vegetation.

## Grand River Wildlife Area

Located between SR 534 & 45, parking areas off of SR 88. Designated a Watchable Wildlife Site - Located just south in Trumbull County, 6,993 acres featuring a Wildlife Observation Trail, woodland, grassland, brushland, ponds and the Grand River. Area is also open for public hunting and fishing.

## Grand River Wild & Scenic River

The upper portion of the Grand River in Ashtabula County is designated scenic. The river is bordered in many areas by extensive swamp forests of Elm, Ash, Maple, Pine, Pin Oak and Swamp White Oak. The slow flow of this section of the river along with the adjoining wetlands, provides an excellent habitat for a number of wildlife species, especially River Otters, which have made a strong comeback after their reintroduction by the Division of Wildlife in 1986 and 1988.

## Indian Trails Park, Ashtabula Gulf

The park encompasses 450 acres and 6 1/2 miles of the Ashtabula River, features endangered plant species and 350 million year old shale walls offering glimpses of macro invertebrates. Four wetland areas, primitive hiking and horseback riding trails wind through the park.

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**Cedarquist Park:** Just north of Indian Trails Park, parking is accessible from Schenley Avenue off of US 20. Take the trail back to the river to the scene of the Ashtabula Train Disaster in 1876, and also discover the waterfall when the trail veers off to the right.

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### **Walnut Beach, Ashtabula**

Take Lake Avenue north, it will dead end at Walnut Beach, head straight at the end of the road to the nature trail, turn left into parking area to get to the beach. The area features the largest and finest beach sand dune on Lake Erie, covered in a threatened Lake Erie species of sea grass. The 2,500 foot long walking trail runs east along the break wall to the Norfolk Southern coal dock, passing through wetlands and ends at the bridge overlooking the waterway; two observation decks are along the trail. Walnut Beach has a long history of providing refuge for visiting Shorebirds, Sparrows, Rails and Migrant Warblers.

# Birding Viewsheds

This Guide is meant to be a beginner's resource to the birding areas of Ashtabula County. Please use extreme caution when visiting these areas, ask permission before entering private property and most of all enjoy our natural beauty!

### **Al Cummins Sunset Park, North Kingsville**

Located on Route 531, east of Route 193. Park features wooded area on the lakeshore.

### **Ashtabula County Airport along Peterson Road**

- Open land attracts Upland Sandpipers, Horned Larks, Great Blue Heron, and in the winter and early spring Short Eared Owls and Marsh Hawks.

### **Ashtabula County Metroparks - Harpersfield Covered Bridge, Harpersfield Twp.**

Located just south of SR 307 and west of SR 534 on Harpersfield Road. Shallows below the dam are a haven for birds such as the Great Blue and the Green Heron a variety of Woodpeckers, Osprey, Great Egret, Geese, variety of ducks, Red Tail Hawks, Marsh Hawks, Orioles, Cliff Swallows, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Yellow Legs, and Terns. The Sycamores offer chances to glimpse Yellow-Throated Warblers in spring and summer. Dragonflies are also easy to spot.

### **Ashtabula County Metroparks - Western Reserve Greenway Trail, Ashtabula to Austinburg**

Stretching from West Ave. in Ashtabula south, the trail is paved 8 miles with additional paving scheduled on the remaining 20 miles. Parking is available just off Austinburg Road and next to the post office on SR 307 in Austinburg. Walk through woodlands, fields, past farms and orchards offering habitat to northern (Baltimore) Oriole, Scarlet Tanager, Red-Shouldered Hawk, Red-Tailed Hawk, Eastern Bluebird, Eastern Meadowlark, & Bobolink.

### **Ashtabula River & Harbor Area, Ashtabula**

As the river winds toward the harbor, visit the harbor district near the Coast Guard dock, and marinas for views of Herons fishing and several species of ducks. Ashtabula Harbor provides winter bird watchers ample opportunity to sort through Gulls and find rarities, like Black-headed and Little Gulls, or immature Black-legged Kittiwakes.

# Resource Lists

### **On the Internet**

American Birding Association - [www.americanbirding.org](http://www.americanbirding.org)  
Audobon Society - Ohio Chapter - [www.audobon.org](http://www.audobon.org)  
Ohio Birder's Resource - [www.waves.net/obr](http://www.waves.net/obr)  
Birding from the North Coast - [pw1.netcom.com/~djhoff/home.html](http://pw1.netcom.com/~djhoff/home.html)  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources - [www.ohiodnr.com](http://www.ohiodnr.com)

### **Books**

*The Birds of Ohio*, Bruce Peterjohn, William Zimmerman  
*Birds of Ohio Field Guide*, Stan Tekiela  
*Birding in Ohio*, Second Edition, Tom Thomson  
*The Sibley Guide to Birds*, David Allen Sibley

### **Local Clubs, Organizations, Resources**

The Bird Feeder - 1484 St Rt 46 North in Jefferson, 440-576-0603  
Kirtland Bird Club - [www.kirtlandbirdclub.org](http://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org)  
Sam Wharram Nature Club - Marc Hanneman, [mkkd93@nec.net](mailto:mkkd93@nec.net)

### **Events**

International Migratory Bird Day 2nd Sat. of May  
Christmas Bird Count  
December (last week or first week of Jan.)  
Film Features Throughout year  
Contact Sam Wharram Nature Club for details.

### **Sources**

Larry Rosche, Editor, Cleveland Bird Calendar; Marc Hanneman & other talented area birders.

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# Ashtabula County Birding Guide



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## Kingsville Sand Barrens, North Kingsville

Take Route 20 to Poore Road, just north of the railroad tracks is a pull off area, park on the grass next to the sign. At one time there was 2,000 acres of sand barrens along the Lake Erie shoreline, and this now is the last high quality example of sand barrens in the region; 110 acres of wooded area are a good place to view Migrating Hawks, Veery, Grasshopper Sparrow, White Throated Sparrow, Hooded Warbler.

## Cathedral Woods, North Kingsville

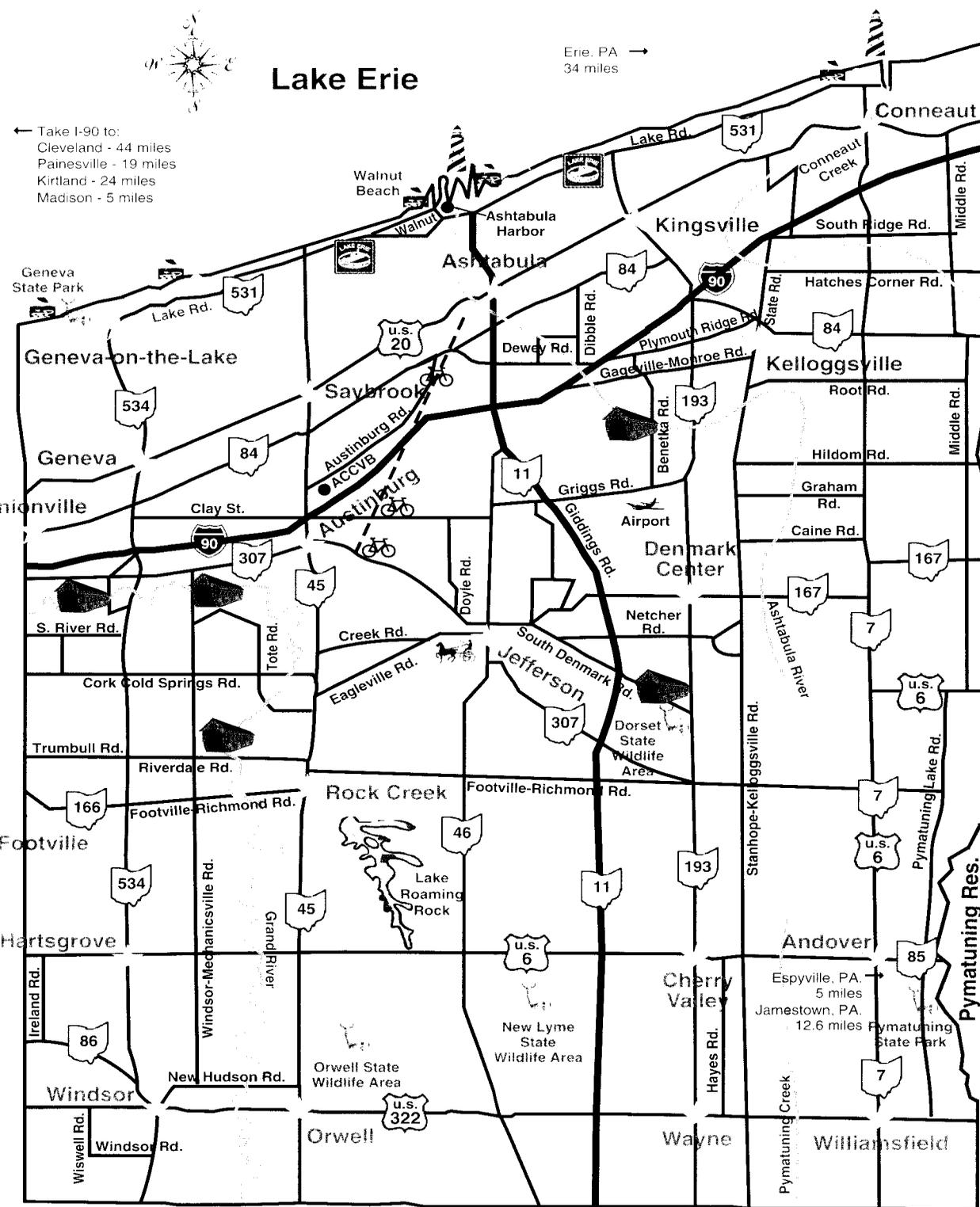
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## Conneaut Township Park, Conneaut

Take Route 7 north to Lake Road west. Features woodland areas, fields, and beach area. The park has hosted Laughing Gull, the endangered Piping Plover, and a host of sand loving shorebirds over the years. A Black-necked Stilt there in November, was one of the few records for Ohio.

## Port of Conneaut Wildlife Observation Deck

Take Route 7 north until it ends. Marina and boat launch extend into a lagoon area where a wildlife observation deck overlooks a shoreline marshland. During the late spring and summer, travel further east and north into a flats sandbar area to see Dunlin, Black-Bellied Plover, Least Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, and Semipalmated Plover.



## Dorset Wildlife Area

Located east of SR 193. Parking off of Tower Road and Kyle Road; 1,080 acres of woodland, openland and brushland. Area is open for hunting, trapping, bird watching and other wildlife viewing. This may be one of the few places in North East Ohio to find Upland Sandpipers in the summer.

## Geneva State Park

Take Route 534 north to the lake, turn left at Lake Road. Woodland areas on the way to the marina. Walk out on the far side of the marina to see shore birds. Travel east on Lake Road to the beach area for woodlands and hiking trails along the shore and Wheeler Creek to find flycatchers (Willow, Acadian, Great-Crested), Swamp Sparrow and Sora.

## Grand River Wildlife Area

Located just south in Trumbull County, between SR 534 & 45, parking areas are off of SR 88. Designated a State Watchable Wildlife Site - 6,993 acres feature a Wildlife Observation Trail offering a remarkable birding spot for Herons, Raptors and Waterfowl. It is open for public hunting and fishing also.

## Grand River - a state designated Wild & Scenic River

The river is bordered in many areas by extensive swamp forests featuring birds such as Wild Turkey. Adjoining wetlands provide excellent habitat for a number of wildlife species, such as River Otters, Salamanders and Snakes. Canoe liveryies at Harpersfield dam provide rentals and portage to entry points and a unique viewing experience.

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## Seasons & Regulations

Because they vary from year to year, it is best to obtain Publication 85 "Ohio Hunting & Trapping Regulations" or visit [www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife](http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife).

### Hunting Licenses are available from:

- Indian Creek Campground, Geneva-on-the-Lake
- Geneva State Park Marina, Geneva-on-the-Lake
- Wal-mart, US 20 east of Route 11
- K-Mart, US 20 at Ashtabula Mall,
- K-Mart, SR 7 & I-90 in Conneaut
- Most bait and tackle shops.



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Division of Wildlife, Tim Daniel, Photographer

# Of Note

We invite you to come and enjoy our phenomenal hunting. However, the residents of Ashtabula County want to keep our area as pristine and protected as possible. The Ohio Division of Wildlife suggests the following tips for better relations with landowners of land you are hunting on:

- ♦ Always ask permission to hunt, but don't wait until opening day.
- ♦ Find out for what period of time the permission is good and get the permission in writing.
- ♦ Find out where the landowner prefers you to park your vehicle.
- ♦ Never bring along friends who do not have prior permission.
- ♦ Take great care not to leave gates open, trample crops or frighten livestock. Report any problem areas you see to the landowner.
- ♦ Ask the landowner if there are certain species he prefers you do not hunt or certain times when he'd rather you not be there, and abide by his rules.
- ♦ Never Litter; pick up after yourself and after those who weren't as courteous.
- ♦ Share your harvest with the landowner.
- ♦ If you see other people mistreating his property, report them to the landowner.
- ♦ Offer to help with the chores.

In short, the Division of Wildlife recommends you treat the landowner as you would want to be treated if you were fortunate enough to own the property.

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# Resource Lists

### *On the Internet*

Ohio Department of Natural Resources - [www.ohiodnr.com](http://www.ohiodnr.com)

Site contains downloadable maps of Wildlife Areas, information on licensing and game seasons.

### *Free Publications*

*Publication 77: Public Hunting, Fishing & Wildlife Viewing Areas - ODNR Division of Wildlife*

*Form 75: Permission for Hunting, Trapping or Fishing on Private Land - ODNR Division of Wildlife.*

*Publication 85: Ohio Hunting & Trapping Regulations - ODNR Division of Wildlife*

Available by calling 1-800-Wildlife, visiting [www.ohiodnr.com](http://www.ohiodnr.com) or visiting the Ashtabula County Convention & Visitors Bureau office, 1850 Austinburg Road in Austinburg. 800-337-6746.

### *Local Clubs & Organizations*

Jefferson Conservation Club, Inc. Sponsors local hunter safety courses. 440-563-3267

### *Local Guide Service & Hunting Businesses*

DB Charters - charter fishing, plus duck, turkey and other species. 440-479-5185, 800-769-1750, [www.dbsportfishing.com](http://www.dbsportfishing.com)

Grand Valley Hunting Ranch - 10198 Penniman Road, Orwell OH 44076. 888-877-6440, 440-685-4868, [grandvalleyhr@orwell.net](mailto:grandvalleyhr@orwell.net)

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Birding & Nature Preserves

# Ashtabula County Hunting Guide



A starting point for discovering  
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Ohio  
So much to Discover





# Inland Lakes Access Points

Please remember, private property surrounds access points. When in doubt, ask for permission to fish. Make sure you leave the location as pristine as possible - everyone appreciates it.

## Arcola Creek

Coming east from Madison or west from Geneva, take Route 20 to Dock Road, just past the county line in Lake County. About 2 miles north is the entrance to the park. Fish within the estuary of the park. Trout/Steelhead fishing is excellent.

## Ashtabula River

Angling for Steelhead, Yellow Perch, Walleye, Largemouth, and Smallmouth Bass.

### *Access Points:*

- Root Road Covered Bridge - south of Kelloggsville, west of SR 7.
- Benetka Road Covered Bridge - southeast of Ashtabula, west of 193, south off Plymouth Ridge to Benetka Road.
- Hadlock Road ford - features stair steps below it. Follow directions to Olin covered bridge, but take Rockwell to Hadlock.
- Olin Covered Bridge - south of Ashtabula. Take SR 193 south of 1-90, to Plymouth Ridge west to Rockwell to Dewey Road.
- Indian Trails Park - southeast of Ashtabula off SR 46/84, as featured below.
- Cedarquist Park - in Ashtabula off US 20, as featured below.
- East 24th St. - in Ashtabula, take Lake Road to E. 24th, access is across from hospital.

### *Ashtabula River & Harbor*

As the river winds toward the harbor, visit the harbor district near the Coast Guard dock, and marinas for views of herons fishing and several species of ducks. Ask marina staff about fishing access.

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# Of Note

We invite you to come and enjoy our phenomenal fishing on our rivers and streams. However, the residents of Ashtabula County want to keep our area as pristine as possible and we ask the following of those utilizing our resources:

**Ask Permission** - before crossing private property, please gain written permission to fish or gain access to the river from the property owner. The Ohio Division of Natural Resources provides a form titled "Permission for Hunting or Trapping on Private Land" which exempts the landowner from liability. These are available by contacting:

Ohio Division of Wildlife - 330-644-2293  
Ashtabula County CVB - 440-275-3202

**Leave only footprints, take only memories** - As the famous saying goes, please keep our resources pristine by removing waste and leaving behind that which is not necessary to take.

**Fishing Licenses are available from:**

- Wal-mart, US 20 east of Route 11
- K-Mart, US 20 at Ashtabula Mall
- Most bait and tackle shops.

Remember, portions of our rivers and inland lakes may be in Pennsylvania and may require a fishing license from that state.



# Resource Lists

### *On the Internet*

Ohio Department of Natural Resources -  
[www.ohiodnr.com](http://www.ohiodnr.com)

### *Publications & Books*

*Fishing Prospects - ODNR Division of Wildlife, Wildlife District 3, Northeast Ohio*

*Form 75: Permission for Hunting, Trapping or Fishing on Private Land - ODNR Division of Wildlife.*

Both available by calling 1-800 Wildlife or visiting the Ashtabula County Convention & Visitors Bureau office.

### *Local Clubs & Organizations*

Ohio Central Basin Steelheaders -  
[www.ohiocentralbasinsteelheaders.com](http://www.ohiocentralbasinsteelheaders.com)

### *Local Guide Service*

North Coast Salmon & Steelhead Fly Fishing Guide -  
440-779-5270.  
[www.northcoastsalmonsteelheadguide.com](http://www.northcoastsalmonsteelheadguide.com)



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# Ashtabula County Inland Fishing Guide



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## Ashtabula River & Harbor

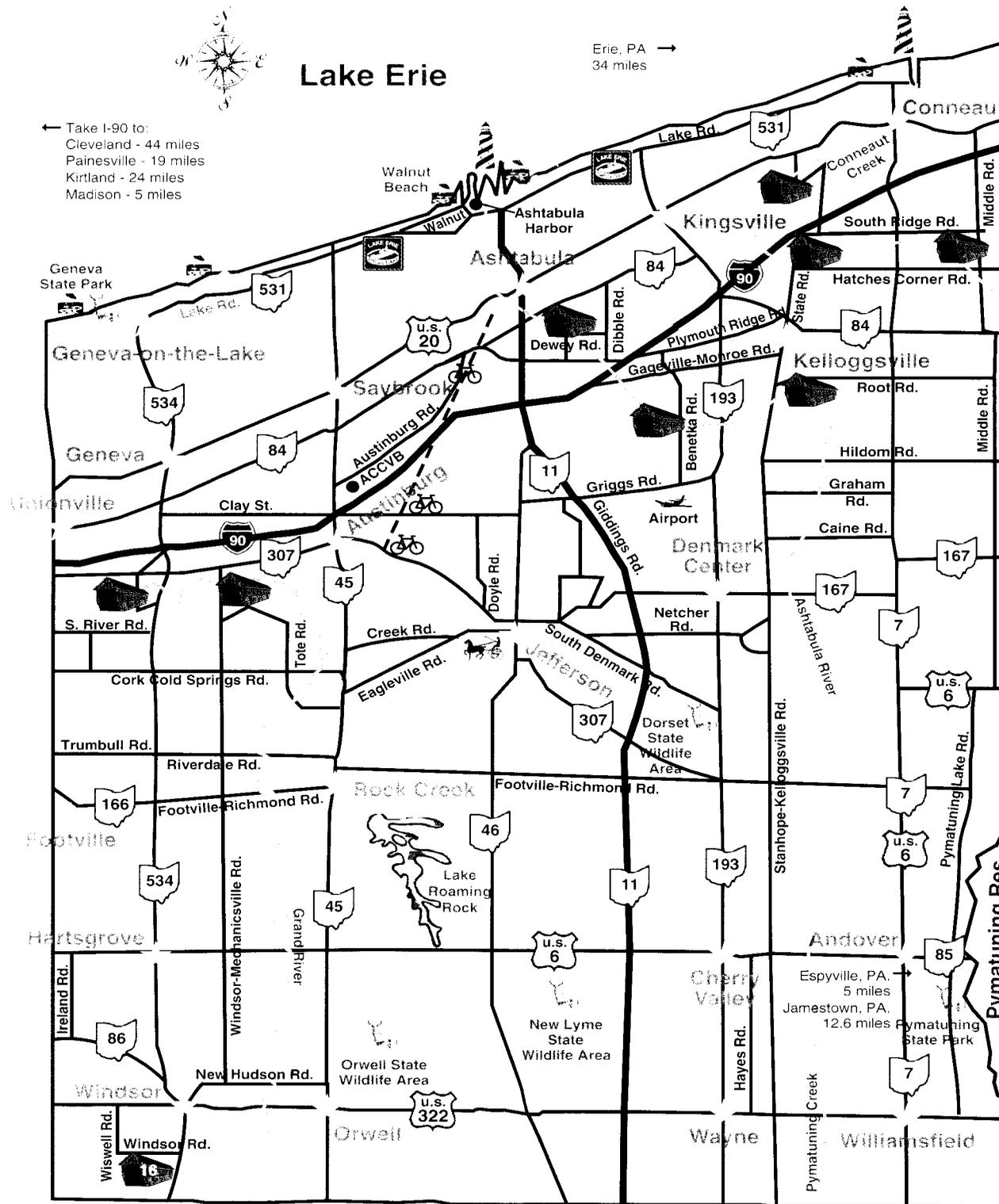
As the river winds toward the harbor, visit the harbor district near the Coast Guard dock, and marinas for views of herons fishing and several species of ducks. Ask marina staff about fishing access.

## Indian Trails Park, Ashtabula Gulf

The park encompasses 450 acres and 6 1/2 miles of the Ashtabula River and features good Steelhead fishing.

**State Road Entrance:** The southernmost entrance to the park. Take Route 20 west of SR 11 to State Road turn south, go straight at the stop sign, parking just past the river.

**Cedarquist Park:** Just north of Indian Trails Park, parking is accessible from Schenley Avenue off of US 20, west of SR 11. Take the trail back to the river to the scene of the Ashtabula Train Disaster in 1876, and also discover the waterfall where the trail veers off to the right.



## Conneaut Creek

*The top rated Trout/Steelhead stream in the state.*

### Access Points:

- Middle Road Covered Bridge - east of SR 7, to South Ridge to Middle Road.
- State Road Covered Bridge - west of SR 7, to Hatches Corner Road to State Road.
- Creek Road Covered Bridge - SR 7 to US 20 heading west to Keefus Road to Creek Road.
- Port of Conneaut's public dock on Lake Erie at the end of Broad Street as featured below.

### Port of Conneaut

Take Route 7 north until it ends. A lagoon area near the wildlife observation deck overlooks a shoreline marshland and features angling for Trout/Steelhead.

## Cowles Creek

Located in Geneva State Park. Take SR 534 north to the lake, turn left at Lake Road, follow signage to the marina. Features good fishing for Trout/Steelhead.

## Grand River

*A state designated Wild & Scenic River*

Features angling for Trout/Steelhead, Muskellunge, Yellow Perch, Walleye, Largemouth, and Smallmouth Bass.

### Access points:

- Grand River Wildlife Area - as featured below
- Montgomery Road bridge - west of SR 45, north of SR 322
- State Route 6 Canoe Portage Area - west of SR 45
- Grand River Canoe Livery on Fobes Road, with permission.
- Austinburg Township Park - west of SR 45, to Cork-Cold Springs Road, to Tote Road north.
- Windsor Mechanicsville Road Covered Bridge, West of SR 45 to SR 307, Mechanicsville Road south.
- Ashtabula County Metropark at Harpersfield Dam & Covered Bridge, as featured below.

## Ashtabula County Metroparks - Harpersfield Dam & Covered Bridge

Located just south of SR 307 and west of SR 534 on Harpersfield Road. This is about the extent that Steelhead head upstream, due to the dam. Bait Shop located at the park. Canoe liveries at Harperfield dam provide rentals and portage to entry points and a unique viewing experience.

## Grand River Wildlife Area

Located just south in Trumbull County, between SR 534 & 45, parking areas are off of SR 88. Designated a State Watchable Wildlife Site - 6,993 acres Area is open for public hunting and fishing.

# Inland Lakes Access Points

## New Lyme State Wildlife Area

Located 2 miles east of SR 46, south of SR 6 access from Brownville Rd. and Dodgeville Rd. 690 acres of marshland, woodland, brushland and a 54 acre lake.

## Orwell State Wildlife Area

Located 3 miles west of SR 46 and 1 mile east of SR 45, on Windsor Road. Parking adjacent to Davis Rd. 197 acres of woodland and brushland. Area is open for public hunting and fishing also.

## Pymatuning Reservoir Pymatuning State Park

Shared by Ohio and Pennsylvania, the reservoir provides 14,650 acres of water, and 77 miles of shoreline featuring many coves from which to fish. Walleye, Yellow Perch, Crappies, Catfish, Bluegill, Bass and Muskellunge and White Bass are prevalent.

- Several outfitters can provide boat rentals.
- There are more than a dozen launch ramps around the reservoir.
- There is a 10 horsepower motor limit.
- Pier fishing is accessible from SR 85 parking areas located along the causeway.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife offers a map with specific information on location, tackle.

*A Pennsylvania fishing license is required to fish from shore on the eastern side of the reservoir in that state or from an island.*



# Of Note

We invite you to come and enjoy our phenomenal fishing along our shoreline. However, the residents of Ashtabula County want to keep our area as pristine as possible and we ask the following of those utilizing our resources:

**Ask Permission** - before crossing private property, please gain written permission to fish or gain access to the river from the property owner. The Ohio Division of Natural Resources provides a form titled "Permission for Hunting or Trapping on Private Land" which exempts the landowner from liability. These are available by contacting:  
Ohio Division of Wildlife - 330-644-2293  
Ashtabula County CVB - 440-275-3202

**Leave only footprints, take only memories** - As the famous saying goes, please keep our resources pristine by removing waste and leaving behind that which is not necessary to take.

**Fishing Licenses are available from:**  
- Ashtabula Recreation Unlimited, Ashtabula  
- Geneva State Park Marina, Geneva-on-the-Lake  
- Indian Creek Campground, Geneva-on-the-Lake  
- Wal-mart, US 20 east of Route 11  
- K-Mart, US 20 at Ashtabula Mall  
- Most bait and tackle shops.

Remember, portions of our rivers and inland lakes may be in Pennsylvania and may require a fishing license from that state.

# Resource Lists

## *Local Resources*

Ohio Department of Natural Resources -  
www.ohiodnr.com 330-644-3802  
Ohio Division of Watercraft 440-964-0518  
Coast Guard, Ashtabula Station 440-964-9417

## *Publications & Books*

*Fishing Prospects* - ODNR Division of Wildlife,  
*Wildlife District 3, Northeast Ohio*

*Form 75: Permission for Hunting, Trapping or Fishing on Private Land* - ODNR Division of Wildlife.

Available by calling 1-800 Wildlife, www.ohiodnr.com or visiting the Ashtabula County Convention & Visitors Bureau office.

## *Local Guide Service*

Obtain a current list of charter fishing captains servicing the Ashtabula County fishery by visiting, VisitAshtabulaCounty.com or call the Ashtabula County Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-800-337-6746.



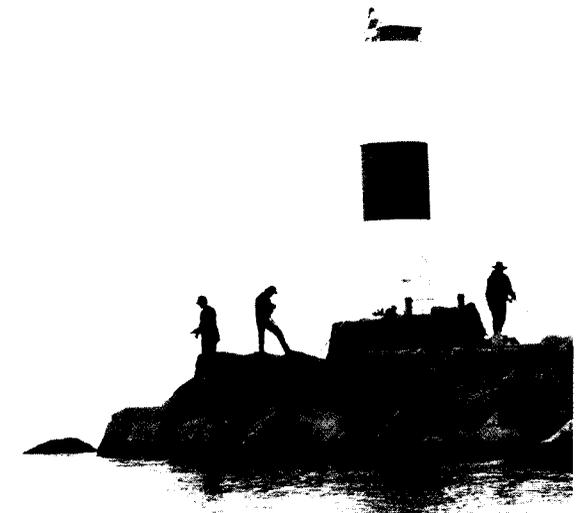
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See also guides on Birding, Nature Preserves, Inland Fishing, & Hunting

# Ashtabula County Shoreline Fishing Guide



**A starting point for discovering  
the shorelines of Lake Erie &  
Pymatuning Reservoir  
of Ashtabula County**

# Lake Erie Access Points

Please remember, private property surrounds access points. When in doubt, ask for permission to fish. Make sure you leave the location as pristine as possible - everyone appreciates it.

## Arcola Creek

Coming east from Madison or west from Geneva, take Route 20 to Dock Road, just past the county line in Lake County. About 2 miles north is the entrance to the park. Fish within the estuary of the park. Trout/Steelhead fishing is excellent.

## Ashtabula

### Access Points: Ashtabula River & Harbor

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### Walnut Beach

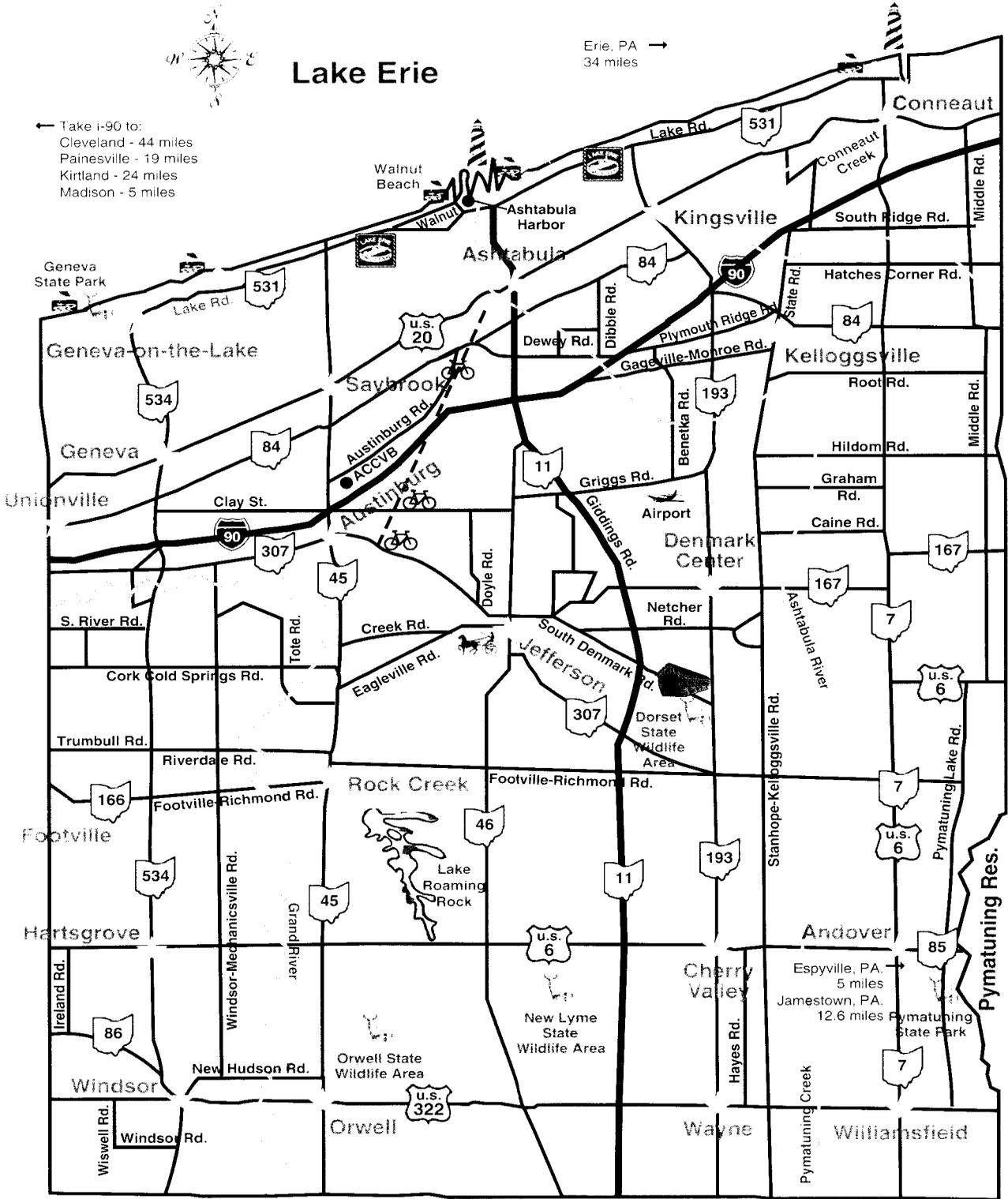
A mile long breakwall offers a rugged shoreline to fish from.

### Launch Ramps

Ashtabula Recreation Unlimited, Great Lakes Blvd. off of Lake Ave. Fee.

Several marinas along the river offer transient dockage, visit VisitAshtabulaCounty.com for additional information.

- Several include:
- ARU Marina & Campgrounds 440-992-9445
  - Brockway Northcoast Marina & Campground 440-998-6272
  - Kister Marina & Campground 440-997-5676
  - Sutherland Marine 440-964-3434



## Conneaut

### Access Points: Port of Conneaut

Take Route 7 north until it ends. A lagoon area near the wildlife observation deck overlooks a shoreline marshland and features angling for Trout/Steelhead.  
www.conneautportauthority.com 440-593-1300

### Conneaut Township Park

Breakwalls and sloping beaches offer shoreline access.

## Geneva-on-the-Lake

### Access Points: Geneva Township Park

Located at SR 531 and Austin Road, the park features a beach offering access to the water.

### Geneva Marina

This 400 slip marina features transient and seasonal dockage, fuel, repair service, launch ramp, beach, concessions and acts as a hub for many charter captains.

Several breakwalls offer shoreline fishing access at the marina.

### Launch Ramps

Geneva State Park Marina, free. 440-466-7565

## North Kingsville

### Access Points: Al Cummins Sunset Park

Shoreline features rock outcroppings as access. Located east of SR 193 on SR 531.