

Lake Erie AND Area

Come and explore historic shoreline communities and exciting fishing opportunities.

As the fourth largest of the Great Lakes, Lake Erie is 387 km long, 92 km wide and has an average depth of only 62 feet making it the shallowest of the five Great Lakes. Because it is the shallowest, smallest and the furthest south, it's also the warmest. That means some great opportunities for swimming, stand up paddle boarding, fishing and boating. Lake Erie is also home to one of the world's largest freshwater commercial fisheries and it's worth a visit to see and watch the boats when they come into port at the end of the day. Walleye, Yellow Perch, Rainbow Trout, White Bass and other species are predominant in these warm waters. As a result the sport fishing industry is alive and well.

Beginning upstream at Detroit, the Detroit River is the main inflow to Lake Erie and brings with it many Great Lakes freighters and boaters from the much smaller Lake St. Clair. Heading downstream of the cluster of islands south of Point Pelee, only Pelee Island lies in Canadian waters. You'll need a passport to visit Put-In-Bay, Middle Bass, Isle St. George and Kelley's Islands as they lie in US waters. Access Pelee Island using either the West Dock or North Dock. Once you're

on the island, enjoy cycling (rentals available at the West Dock), the Pelee Island Winery Pavilion, hiking in one of two Nature Reserves, Fish Point to the south and Lighthouse Point on the north end of the island, or just enjoying the tranquility of being on an island.

Point Pelee National Park attracts 400,000 visitors each year, who come to enjoy its famous vistas including the marsh board walk as well as some

of the best bird-watching in the world. Take a break from the boat to walk or cycle around the perimeter road, relax on the famous sandy beaches, enjoy the excellent swimming or hike the nature trails.

Just north lies the town of Leamington and its municipal marina which offers full facilities and provides easy access to the town centre for shopping or eating out. Spend some time in at Marina Park along the beautiful landscaped Waterfront Promenade.

To the east, located in south-central Chatham-Kent, the town of Erieau is popular among cottagers and boaters because of its beautiful and expansive sandy beaches. Two marinas are ready for transient and seasonal boaters with an array of services that include excellent docking facilities, a pool, and boat repairs. You will also find a good selection of local mom-and-pop restaurants, an antique and collectible store and a popular new craft brewpub within walking distance of the docks. Don't miss Rondeau Provincial Park directly across the inlet from the town of Erieau.

The next port to the east is Port Glasgow, a quiet stop with a fabulous beach. Port Glasgow has recently been named one of Canada's cleanest beaches, earning the world-renowned Blue Flag status for its commitment to strict water quality and safety criteria. Port Glasgow is a hidden gem that's just far enough away from the hustle and bustle of larger beaches and marinas to create a private, tranquil atmosphere.

Continuing east, pull into the transient docks at historic Port Stanley and





you can access more excellent sandy beaches,, and the authentic and operative L.& P.S. Railcar (circa 1940) that provides scenic views of nearby Kettle Creek and the surrounding countryside.

At Port Bruce, the large beach waterfront park hosts picnic and sports areas, a launch ramp, and restaurants. The area offers excellent swimming in shallow clear water with a buoyed area for younger swimmers. Another stopping point is Port Burwell Provincial Park. Between the steep bluffs and water's edge are ribbons of dunes, beach cabanas and meadows. Also take time to visit the HMCS Ojibwa, a cold war submarine within easy walking distance of the docks.

Turkey Point is just east of Long Point which is easily recognized as the point of land that stretches well south out into Lake Erie. Here you can golf at the Provincial Park public course or hike the many trails. Don't forget to take the kids to visit a fish culture station and hatchery. With its many shops and shore-side restaurants Turkey

Point is a very popular boating and cottage community creating a busy and exciting hub on most summer weekends.

Further east again, Port Dover plays host to one of the country's largest fresh fishing ports. Stretch your legs and eat at the Erie Beach Hotel, a famous landmark restaurant, or Callahan's Beach House restaurant right on the beach. From Port Dover to Port Colborne you will encounter many lake freighters that are entering and leaving the Welland Canal, mak-

Being the southernmost, warmest and most biologically productive of the five Great Lakes, Lake Erie is a serious boater's paradise. Be sure that you visit these websites to plan your summer cruise.

CHATHAM-KENT - www.chatham-kent.ca

LEAMINGTON - www.leamington.ca

ONTARIO'S SOUTHWEST - www.ontariossouthwest.ca

POINT PELEE NATIONAL PARK -

www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/on/pelee/index.aspx

PORT BRUCE -

www.ontarioparks.com/park/portbruce

PORT COLBOURNE - www.city.portcolborne.on.ca

PORT DOVER - www.portdover.ca

PORT STANLEY, PORT BURCE & PORT BURWELL -

www.elgintourist.com

TOURISM WINDSOR ESSEX PELEE ISLAND -

www.visitwindsoressex.com

TURKEY POINT & PORT DOVER - www.norfolktourism.ca

WELLAND CANAL -

www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/recreational/index.html

ing this one of the busiest stretches of water on Lake Erie for commercial shipping. It's amazing that boats of all sizes can cooperatively share these waters, but stay well away from these big boats as their wash is larger than it seems and can surprise you.

Port Colborne is your final stop on the east bound tour. You can spend several days participating in the fun activities that this town schedules. For example, the annual Canal Days Festival is a celebration of Port Colborne's marine heritage and hundreds of people visit this waterfront festival for its tall

ships, multicultural food, and heritage displays.

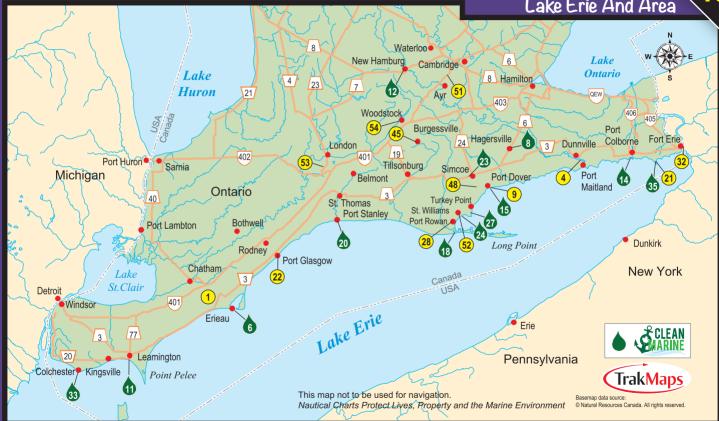
With Lake Erie being the shallowest of the Great Lakes, storms and wave heights can blow up quickly. So be sure to check the extended marine forecast before heading out, watch the sky at all times, and know how to get to the closest safe harbour for you and your crews' safety.

Along Lake Erie's north shore lies one of the richest areas in Canada for fruit and vegetable production, so summer farmers markets are plentiful in each port. In the shoulders seasons, a road trip will take you though some of the most vibrant commercial wine growing area in Canada. The local wineries offer tours and taste-testing days and have earned a reputation for producing some of Ontario's

From Port Colborne you can leave Lake Erie and head downstream towards Lake Ontario avoiding Niagara Falls via the Welland Canal through "Lock 8", one of the longest locks in the world, perhaps right alongside one of the freighters.

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