

Pennsylvania State Parks Mission

The primary purpose of Pennsylvania state parks is to provide opportunities for enjoying healthful outdoor recreation and serve as outdoor classrooms for environmental education. In meeting these purposes, the conservation of the natural, scenic, aesthetic and historical values of parks should be given first consideration. Stewardship responsibilities should be carried out in a way that protects the natural outdoor experience for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

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WELCOME



Discovering Presque Isle and Its Nature

Presque Isle State Park is a 3,200-acre sandy peninsula that arches lakeward into Lake Erie. The park is reached by PA 832 or by boat. The road system within the park forms a loop about 13 miles in length. The neck of the peninsula is attached to the mainland four miles west of downtown Erie. The park creates Presque Isle Bay, a wide and deep harbor for the city of Erie. The park attracts many pleasure boats and worldwide freighters, making Erie an important Great Lakes shipping port. Presque Isle is a National Natural Landmark. Because of the many unique habitats, Presque Isle contains a greater

number of the state's endangered, threatened and rare species than any other area of comparable size in Pennsylvania. Presque Isle is a major recreational landmark for about four million visitors each year. As Pennsylvania's only "seashore," Presque Isle offers its visitors a beautiful coastline and many recreational activities, including swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, bicycling and in-line skating. Whether you come to enjoy the sandy beaches, study ecological diversity or learn about the historical significance of the peninsula, there is something for everyone at Presque Isle State Park.

THE TOM RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

The Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) is the gateway to Presque Isle State Park, and the gateway to discovery. This 65,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art, green-designed facility encourages visitors to experience the unique history and ever-changing, diverse ecosystems of Presque Isle State Park. Built to symbolize the peninsula in its architectural design, the TREC opened in 2006 and is the first building in the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks to earn a LEED silver certification rating. This multi-functional building houses the park office, laboratories and many opportunities for visitors.

The orientation theater provides a multimedia experience that takes visitors through 12,000 years of history, breathtaking seasons and spectacular sunsets of Presque Isle.

Interactive and educational exhibits allow visitors to simulate the forces of wind and water, illustrating their effects on the peninsula through time. The exhibits showcase Presque Isle's history, ecosystems, wildlife, plants, unique sand formations, top bird migrations stops and more. The Discovery Center has hands-on activities for the young and young at heart.

The Big Green Screen, a 4-story-high, 45-foot-wide, large format theater, offers the best in science and entertainment films for people of all ages.

The 75-foot, glass-enclosed observation tower affords spectacular views of Lake Erie.

The Nature Shop sells the works of local artists, memorabilia and books on the peninsula and the Lake Erie region.



The Sunset Café is a quiet spot to relax with refreshing beverages and fine cuisine. The café provides fine foods for catered business meetings and after hours events at the TREC.

As part of the center's overall educational mission, the TREC has five classrooms and eight laboratories for research and educational programming.

Located on the grounds of TREC, the American Association of University Women educational pavilion is utilized for school field trips, workshops, lectures and special events.

Native plant gardens throughout the grounds provide educational opportunities.

In addition to the park office, the TREC hosts the offices of national, state and

local agencies and groups, including, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Great Lakes Coastal Zone Management of the Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Audubon-Lake Erie, Environment Erie, PA Sea Grant, Presque Isle Partnership, Friends of the Tom Ridge Environmental Center and the Purple Martin Conservation Association.

The TREC is the home of the Regional Science Consortium, a group of colleges, universities and conservation groups. The consortium collaborates on research and provides college-level course work using Presque Isle State Park's resources for learning in unprecedented ways.

PARK HISTORY

Erie Nation

The Erie Indians lived along the southern shores of Lake Erie and were early inhabitants of the area. They hunted game from the forests, gathered plants and fished from the waters of Lake Erie in birch-bark canoes. According to legend, the Erie ventured far into the lake to find the place where the sun sank into the waters. The spirits of the lake caused a great storm to arise, so the Great Spirit stretched out his left arm into the lake to protect the Erie from the storm. Where the sheltering arm of the Great Spirit had lain in the lake, a great sandbar in the shape of an arm-like peninsula was formed to act as an eternal shelter and harbor of refuge for the Great Spirit's favorite children, the Erie.



Presque Isle Lighthouse

The Presque Isle Lighthouse was built in 1872 and first lit on July 12, 1873. The 57-foot tower has a redbrick dwelling at the base and is currently used as a park residence. It flashes a white light that is still maintained by the U.S. Coast Guard. An educational exhibit is located adjacent to the property.

North Pier Light

Guiding ships into Erie Harbor since 1858, this square, metal pierhead light is located at the end of the Erie Harbor Channel. Visitors can walk out to the light and watch the boat traffic in the harbor channel.

Misery Bay and Perry Monument

During the War of 1812, Little Bay was the temporary home of the fleet of ships commanded by Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry. Six of his eleven vessels were built in Erie at the mouth of Cascade Creek. The shores and waters of Presque Isle protected the fleet during construction.



Courtesy of VisitErie

On September 10, 1813, in the Battle of Lake Erie, Commodore Perry and his men defeated the British at Put-in-Bay, near Sandusky, Ohio. Perry's first flagship, the Lawrence, was heavily damaged during the battle, requiring him to transfer his flag to the brig Niagara. He then re-engaged and defeated the British fleet using the Niagara as his flagship.

After the battle, Perry and his men returned to Little Bay and Presque Isle Bay to repair their fleet and seek medical treatment for the wounded. They stayed in the protection of the bay because of threats of another British uprising. During the winters of 1812-1814, many of Perry's crew suffered from poor living conditions and the harsh winters. As legend has it, many of them died and their bodies were buried in the adjacent pond known as Graveyard Pond. In remembrance of their hardships during those winters, Little Bay was renamed Misery Bay by the surviving sailors.

The hull of the Lawrence, then eventually the Niagara, was sunk in Misery Bay to preserve and protect them from the weather. The Lawrence was raised in 1875 but was destroyed by fire in Philadelphia during the Centennial Exhibition of 1876. The Niagara



was raised in 1912 and rebuilt for the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie in 1913. A replica of the Niagara sails from its dock at the Erie Maritime Museum.

The Perry Monument on Crystal Point was built in 1926 to commemorate this significant battle during the War of 1812 and the valor of the sailors in Perry's Command.

Waterworks Park

The city of Erie developed this area in search of a cleaner water source. In 1908, workers began placing a pipe from the lake to the settling basins. In 1917, the pump house was built. At that time, it contained a steam boiler and engine. Water was drawn from the lake to the settling basins and then pumped across the bay to the city of Erie. This pump house and water supply system operated from 1917 until 1949. Currently, the pump house is used as a zebra mussel control facility for Erie's water supply as well as a surrey and bike rental concession.

THE NATURE OF PRESQUE ISLE

Ecologically Diverse

There are six distinct ecological zones on Presque Isle, each with a specialized plant and animal community. The record of geological succession can be traced through each of these zones. The zones include: Lake Erie, the bay and shoreline; sand plain and new ponds; dunes and ridges; old ponds and marshes; thicket and sub-climax forest; and climax forest.

Because of the diversity of ecological zones at Presque Isle State Park, many different species of plants and wildlife inhabit the park from the shoreline to the climax forest. Of all the plants and animals on Presque Isle, birds are the most studied and understood. The peninsula's location along the Atlantic Flyway and the diversity of natural habitats make Presque Isle State Park a haven for bird life. Migrating birds, including several species of special concern, rest, feed and nest here. Over 339 species of birds have been recorded on Presque Isle, including 47 species of special concern.

Gull Point: A Fragile Ecosystem

The most ecologically dynamic area on Presque Isle, Gull Point, harbors some of the best examples of ecological succession in the park. This dynamic area, however, is also the most fragile. Many of Gull Point's plant species are threatened or endangered in Pennsylvania.

Jutting out into Lake Erie, Gull Point offers a safe haven and resting spot for migrating and nesting birds. Shorebirds migrate yearly from beyond the Arctic Circle to the southern reaches of South America and back again.

To preserve the resources of this area, the easternmost portion of Gull Point has been set aside as a State Park Natural Area for rare and migratory shorebirds to rest, feed and possibly nest. This natural area is closed to all public use from April 1 through November 30. Visitors can view this area from an observation platform reached via the Gull Point Hiking Trail. Due to the ecological sensitivity of this area, please stay on the designated trail.

A Migrating Peninsula

Geologists believe that 11,000 years ago Erie was under a giant sheet of ice called a continental glacier. As the glacier melted and retreated north, rocks, pebbles and sand fell off, creating a ridge called a "moraine." So much ice melted that the valley to the north of Erie became a lake. The waves of newly created Lake Erie deposited sand on the moraine and created Presque Isle.

Presque Isle is a great location to see longshore drift in action. Wave by wave, eastward-moving wind pushes water and sediments. The accompanying forces of erosion and deposition continually shape Presque Isle's eastward migrating coast. This action greatly impacts the beaches and interior lands. When Presque Isle first formed, it probably was about three miles to the west.

The French name Presque Isle means "almost an island." The park area has been a real island several times. Storm waves have

broken through the neck to isolate the main section of the spit at least four times since 1819.

A number of shoreline management techniques dating to the 1800s have been used to compensate for the loss of beach sand and serve to protect the park. Since 1819, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has attempted to control erosion at Presque Isle and has successfully closed a number of breaches in the neck of the peninsula caused by storms.

Efforts to control beach erosion now consist of a combined thrust of 58 breakwaters and beach nourishment. Breakwaters slow erosion by partially blocking the waves, reducing wave energy. Weakened waves drop sand, which results in less sand carried along the shoreline and a "building out" of the beaches. The breakwaters have reduced the huge volumes of sand required to nourish the beaches.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

Environmental Education

The park offers a wide variety of environmental education programs. Through hands-on activities, guided walks and evening programs, participants gain appreciation, understanding and develop a sense of stewardship toward natural and cultural resources. Contact the park office or visit <http://trecepi.org> for program offerings.

The *Presque Isle Curriculum* allows students of all ages to explore the resources of the park. The curriculum helps meet the Pennsylvania Academic Standards set by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for Environment and Ecology, Science and Technology, and others.

In the summer, Presque Isle State Park offers the Bureau of State Parks' *DiscoverE Outdoor Programs for Young People* (ages 4-17). Younger learners explore the outdoors through structured play, reinforced by stories and crafts. Older youth participate in educational and recreational activities, and conduct special projects.

Public Programs

Environmental educators at Presque Isle offer educational and recreational programs throughout the year. There are programs on history, art, wildlife, plants and outdoor recreation. Pontoon boat rides through

the interior of the peninsula provide opportunities to view abundant wildlife and scenic views. Kayaking the lagoons is very popular. Contact the park office or visit <http://trecepi.org> for program offerings.



Lake Tours

A scenic tour of Lake Erie is offered at the park. A concession is located at the Perry Monument. Contact the park office for prices and a schedule.



LAKE ERIE

SAND PLAIN AND NEW PONDS

OLD PONDS AND MARSHES

THICKET AND SUB-CLIMAX FOREST

CLIMAX FOREST

- Lake Sturgeon
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Largemouth Bass
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Western Sand Darter
- Map Turtle
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Beaver
- Canada Goose
- Wood Duck
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Horned Owl
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red Fox
- Fox Squirrel
- Sea Lamprey
- Lake Trout
- Fresh Water Clams
- Crayfish
- Silverweed
- Coyote
- Raccoon
- Monarch

SWIMMING



The sandy beaches, washed by the clear waters of Lake Erie, provide visitors with the only surf swimming within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Beaches are open daily from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day, unless otherwise posted. The regular hours are noon to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the park office at 814-833-7424.

BEACH 1: This long stretch of sand is located near the park entrance and has a beach house (without concessions).

BARRACKS BEACH: Near Beach 1, this beach has modern restrooms and three first-come, first-served picnic pavilions.

BEACH 6: This large beach has sand volleyball courts, a beach house with changing areas, restrooms, and a food and beverage concession.

BEACH 7 (WATERWORKS BEACH): In addition to modern restrooms, this beach features a ramp that provides ADA access to the water's edge. This beach is adjacent to picnic areas, including playground equipment, the Rotary Pavilion and other reservable picnic shelters.

BEACH 8 (PETTINATO BEACH): This wide expanse of sandy beach has a beach house with changing areas, restrooms, and food and beverage concession.

MILL ROAD BEACHES: (Stone Jetty, Short Jetty, Saw Mill, Ainsworth, Goddard) These beaches allow visitors to enjoy unspoiled, relatively quiet beaches. Restrooms are at Short Jetty and Saw

Mill. The Mill Road Beaches incorporate swimming areas with shaded picnic facilities.

BEACH 9 (PINE TREE): This beach has picnic facilities, a picnic pavilion and a restroom.

BEACH 10 (BUDNY BEACH): Equipped with a beach house with changing areas, restrooms, and food and beverage concession, this beach lies between the Sunset Point area (popular with kite flyers and wind surfers) and Gull Point.

BEACH 11: This is the most sheltered beach and features shallow water, a large sandy beach, and a beach house with changing areas, restrooms, and a food and beverage concession. Beach 11 is adjacent to picnic areas, playground equipment and a picnic pavilion.

SWIMMING AREA PET GUIDELINES: At the following guarded beaches, leashed dogs are permitted in the tree line area: from Beach 1 to Barracks Beach, Beach 6, from Beach 7 up to Presque Isle Lighthouse, Beach 9, Beach 10 and Beach 11.

In the following unguarded areas, leashed dogs are permitted on the sand and in the water: from the east end of Barracks Beach to the West end of Beach 6, from the east end of Presque Isle Lighthouse to the west end of Beach 9, from the east end of Beach 9 to the west end of Beach 10, from the east end of Beach 10 to the Restricted Area on Gull Point, from Thompson Bay to the north side of Beach 11 and from the south side of Beach 11 to the North Pier.

TRAILS

There are approximately 11 miles of hiking trails at the park. Bicycling and in-line skating are not permitted on hiking trails. Due to fluctuating lake levels, portions of trails may be seasonally flooded and impassable without appropriate footwear.

FOX TRAIL: 0.5 mile

This trail winds through wooded swamps and oak-maple forests. It is maintained as a cross-country ski trail in the winter.

OLD GAS WELL TRAIL: 0.5 mile

This trail follows a ridge between Beach 7 and the Marina. The trail passes a gas well that produces gas used at Presque Isle State Park.

CANOE PORTAGE TRAIL: 0.25 mile
This short walk between sand dunes and forest connects Pettinato Beach (Beach 8) to Marina Lake.

RIDGE TRAIL: 0.5 mile

This trail follows the edge of Cranberry Pond along a portion of ridge that was a beach dune 300 years ago.

MARSH TRAIL: 0.25 mile

This trail bisects Cranberry Pond, one of the many ponds on Presque Isle. The pond formed as water was trapped between two ridges.

SIDEWALK TRAIL: 1.25 miles

This historic trail was constructed by the U.S. Lighthouse Service as a path from the Presque Isle Lighthouse to the U.S. Lighthouse Service boathouse in Misery Bay. The trail was once a wooden boardwalk and was resurfaced with concrete in 1925.

DEAD POND TRAIL: 2 miles

This trail leads over several former dunes and through several distinct ecological zones. Hikers will pass through oak-maple forest, pines and sand plains.

A-TRAIL: 0.2 mile

This short trail connects Pine Tree Picnic Area to Dead Pond Trail and passes through a vernal pond. When the vernal pond fills with water in the spring, the trail is wet.

B-TRAIL: 0.25 mile

This short trail connects Pine Tree Road to Dead Pond Trail and passes through a stand of pines.

PINE TREE TRAIL: 0.7 mile

This trail follows the edge of a sand plain community and a stand of pines. Along this trail are the remains of the biology field lab that was used by Dr. O.E. Jennings to study plant succession on Presque Isle.

GULL POINT TRAIL: 1.5 miles

This trail begins at the kiosk at the east end of the Budny Beach (Beach 10) parking lot and winds its way through the Gull Point Natural Area (GPNA). In this constantly evolving area, hikers usually see all phases of natural succession in the park and experience ever-changing trail conditions. Much of the trail is sandy, but at times the trail can be muddy or wet due to changing lake elevations. Before hiking Gull Point Trail, visitors are encouraged to stop at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center to find out about trail conditions.

Visitors are reminded that during the closed period of the GPNA, April 1 through November 30, visitor access is only permitted on the trail surface, to and from the observation platform.

NORTH PIER TRAIL: 0.7 mile

This trail follows the shoreline between North Pier and Beach 11, along one of the sand ridges. An old firing range used for training during World War II may be seen along this trail.

GRAVEYARD POND TRAIL: 0.75 mile

This trail follows the shoreline along Graveyard Pond, which legend says was the final resting place for many of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's men during the winter of 1812-1814. Two boat landings along the trail offer scenic views of the lagoons and Big Pond.

LONG POND TRAIL: 1 mile

This trail follows the shoreline of Long Pond, one of the ponds within the lagoon. About halfway along this trail is a boat landing, which is a popular fishing spot and offers a scenic view of the lagoon.

DUCK POND TRAIL: 0.5 mile

This trail begins at Duck Pond and intersects the Canoe Portage Trail and connects with the Old Gas Well Trail.

KARL BOYES MULTI-PURPOSE NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL:

The Multi-purpose Trail and extension makes a 13.5-mile circuit in the park. This paved trail is designated as a National Recreation Trail. This ADA accessible trail is popular with bicyclists, in-line skaters and joggers. During the winter, the trail is plowed from the entrance to the ranger station for hikers. For cross-country skiers, the trail is left snow covered from the ranger station to Perry Monument. The trail was renamed in 2003 for the late State Representative Karl Boyes. Without his vision and tireless efforts, the trail would not exist.

PA SEAWAY TRAIL: The Seaway Trail, which follows the Lake Erie Shoreline through Erie County from New York to Ohio and includes the Karl Boyes Multi-purpose Trail, is designated as a Pennsylvania Scenic Byway. The mission of the byway program is to protect and promote wise use of our resources while allowing for increased education and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

Tell us about your hike at:



RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Presque Isle is a day use park that provides year-round recreational opportunities. Overnight accommodations are available nearby. Nearly 11 miles of hiking trails appeal to hikers, nature walkers and cross-country skiers. The paved Karl Boyes Multi-purpose National Recreation Trail provides nearly 14 miles of scenic trail along Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie for walkers, joggers, bicyclists and in-line skaters. Presque Isle offers swimming, boating, fishing and beautiful sandy beaches to its summer visitors. Winter enthusiasts visit the park to enjoy the outdoors and participate in a variety of ice and snow activities.

BOATING: Both non-powered craft and registered motorboats are permitted. Internal combustion engines are prohibited in the interior lagoons, which are defined as the continuous body of water between Misery Bay and Marina Lake, excluding Graveyard Pond. A boat rental concession in the Graveyard Pond area provides a variety of powered and non-powered craft. Boating of boats along the Presque Isle shoreline is permitted, except within 100 feet of designated swimming areas and at the Gull Point Natural Area between April 1 and November 30. A slow minimum height swell speed must be observed within all park waters, which includes all waters within 500 feet of the shoreline.

CAUTION: Water conditions can change dramatically in a very short period of time. Please heed all weather notices. Listen to marine channel 16, the Coast Guard Emergency Channel on a VHF radio, or NOAA Weather Radio 162.400 MHz, for current boating conditions.

BOAT LAUNCHES: A total of four launching areas are available, which can accommodate various sizes of craft. Vista Launch is only recommended for small watercraft and personal watercraft (jet skis). Niagara Launch has two ramps and can accommodate small to medium sized craft. West Pier Launch area is the largest facility with four launching lanes and is recommended for larger watercraft. The Lagoon Launch area can accommodate small to medium sized craft. Fluctuations in lake levels may impact launching procedures.

MARINA: Open May 1 through October 31, the Marina has nearly 500 slips that can accommodate boats up to 42 feet in length. Individuals wishing to moor their craft on a permanent or temporary basis need to contact the marina office or park office to determine slip availability because there are waiting lists for permanent assignments. For more information call the Marina Office (seasonal) at 814-833-0176 or the Presque Isle State Park office at 814-833-7424.

A park concession in the marina has gasoline and diesel fuel, a sewage pump-out station, and a variety of food and refreshment items.

WATER SKIING: Water skiing is permitted in Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie. Water skiing is prohibited within 500 feet of the shore except for the purpose of takeoff or approach.

RECREATIONAL SCUBA DIVING: Recreational scuba diving is permitted in designated waters of Presque Isle State Park. Divers must be certified and must register at the park office and receive information on waters open for diving. Snorkeling is prohibited in Presque Isle State Park waters.

HUNTING: Hunting is prohibited in the park except for controlled duck and goose hunting in season. Hunting is restricted to designated and authorized blinds only. Regulated wildlife management hunts may be conducted if needed. Please contact the park office for information on regulated wildlife management hunts.

Firearms may be uncase and ready for use by properly licensed hunters only in these designated areas. The only exception is that law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms may carry said firearm concealed on their person while they are in the park.



cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on the park trails. The park website has winter ice and snow conditions.

A cross-country ski and snowshoe rental is at Shelter #1 in the Waterworks Day Use Area and operates during the winter, conditions permitting. Equipment rental is available when the concession is open.

In addition to recreational activities, experience the natural wonders of Presque Isle during the winter months. Look for the impressive ice dunes, formed by the combination of lake ice, wave surge and freezing spray. Take a walk along the beach and you will likely see animal footprints in the snow.



Common Loon

BIRDING: Presque Isle State Park has been rated by BirdWatching magazine as one of the top birding spots in the country. Presque Isle's location on the Atlantic Flyway makes it a favorite spot for birds to stop to feed and rest on their migration across Lake Erie.

Waterfowl migration occurs in March and in late November through December. Shorebird migration peaks in April and in September. Warbler migration is observed in mid-May and in September. Over 339 species of birds have been identified on the peninsula. A bird checklist is available at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center in the Nature Shop.



WINTER ACTIVITIES: Popular winter activities include ice fishing, iceboating and ice skating, which occur on Presque Isle Bay, Misery Bay and in the Marina area, and

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Access for People with Disabilities

ADA accessible restrooms, picnic tables and parking spaces have been designated throughout the park. There are ADA accessible fishing piers, restrooms, picnic pavilions, picnic tables and grills at the East Pier and West Pier areas, which also provide spectacular views of Presque Isle Bay and the skyline of Erie. The Tom Ridge Environmental Center and the Stull Center are ADA accessible.

This symbol indicates facilities and activities that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible for people with disabilities.

This publication text is available in alternative formats. If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park you plan to visit.

In an Emergency

Contact a park employee or dial 911. For directions to the nearest hospital, look on bulletin boards or at the park office.

NEAREST HOSPITAL

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201 State Street
Erie, PA 16550
814-877-6000



General Rules and Safety Notices

Outdoor recreational activities are restricted to locations where physical improvements or postings designate the appropriate purpose and use. Similarly, fires and the disposal of hot coals are permitted only in provided facilities. Do not bury hot coals in the sand. Place trash and all other litter in provided containers and only dispose of trash and litter accumulated during the use of state recreation areas.

All pets must be on a leash or safely restrained and attended at all times. Pets must be controlled at all times.

Inflatable or buoyant swim aids are allowed only with direct adult supervision and on guarded beaches.

Swimming is only permitted on guarded beaches during times when guards are on duty.

Divng at beach areas is prohibited. This includes running entry dives and diving from the shoulders of another.

Winter ice conditions on the Lake Erie side of the park are unpredictable. PLEASE STAY OFF ICE DUNES.

Deer Ticks are found at the park. Precautions should be taken when walking through grassy or bushy areas.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Do your part to keep wildlife wild! Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance and do not feed or approach wild animals, including gulls and geese.

All Pennsylvania state parks have instituted a recycling and waste reduction program. We urge all park visitors to join us in the recycling effort. During your stay, please use the recycling containers placed at various locations in the park.

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from VisitErie. www.visiteriepa.com

Information and Reservations

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Make online reservations at www.visitPAparks.com or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Saturday, for state park information and reservations.

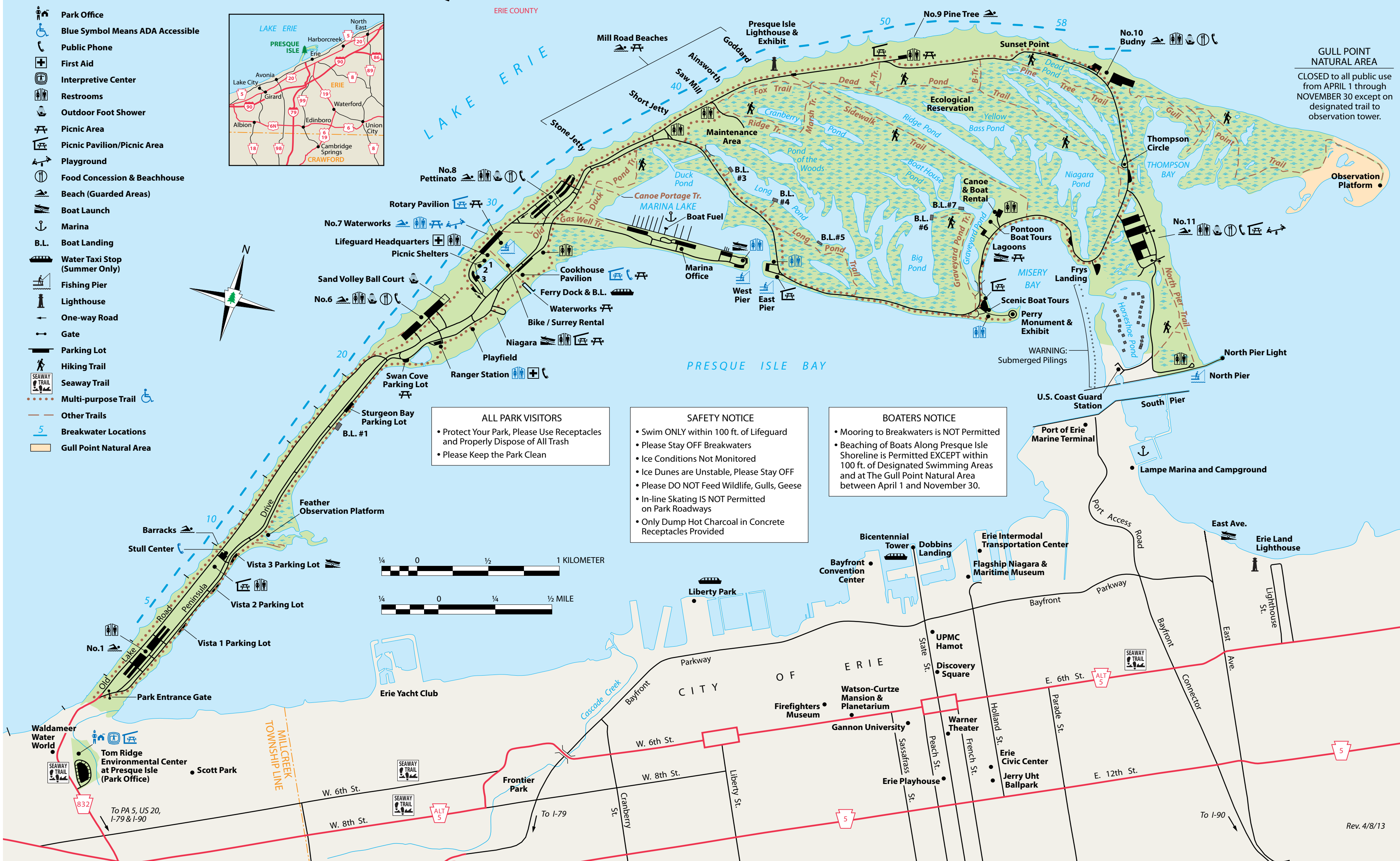
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PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK

ERIE COUNTY



GULL POINT NATURAL AREA
CLOSED to all public use from APRIL 1 through NOVEMBER 30 except on designated trail to observation tower.

ALL PARK VISITORS
• Protect Your Park, Please Use Receptacles and Properly Dispose of All Trash
• Please Keep the Park Clean

SAFETY NOTICE
• Swim ONLY within 100 ft. of Lifeguard
• Please Stay OFF Breakwaters
• Ice Conditions Not Monitored
• Ice Dunes are Unstable, Please Stay OFF
• Please DO NOT Feed Wildlife, Gulls, Geese
• In-line Skating IS NOT Permitted on Park Roadways
• Only Dump Hot Charcoal in Concrete Receptacles Provided

BOATERS NOTICE
• Mooring to Breakwaters is NOT Permitted
• Beaching of Boats Along Presque Isle Shoreline is Permitted EXCEPT within 100 ft. of Designated Swimming Areas and at The Gull Point Natural Area between April 1 and November 30.