Data Collection and Sources

Information in the *Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook* was collected by the ODNR Office of Coastal Management between 2005 and 2009. The primary data collection method was through fieldwork, supplemented by these other sources:

- Parcel data from coastal county auditors.
- ODNR Division of Real Estate and Land Management's 2008 *Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Program* (SCORP) data.
- ODNR Division of Watercraft's 2004 Boating Access data.
- The state of Ohio's 2006 Statewide Imagery Program aerial photography.
- County and local maps.
- Orthometric photography
- Internet resources

In 2009, coastal staff verified locations and amenities with local officials, including recreation directors, public works and service departments, park managers and other local authorities. As a result, some sites were excluded from the public access inventory and other sites were added.

Amenities Legend

Beach	Boardwalk	Wildlife Viewing	Lighthouse (on site or in view)	ID Required
Swimming	Paved Trail	Observation Deck	Historic Marker	Baseball
Pool	Dirt Trail	Binoculars	Parking	Basketball
Bathhouse	Water Trail	Scenic Benches	Parking Fee	Disc Golf
Concessions	Bridle Trail	Visitor Center	Launch Fee	Football
Picnic	Exercise	Nature Center	Dock Fee	Golf Course
Pavilion /Shelter	Pier	Boat Launch	Bicycle Rack	Skate Park
Grill	Fishing	Transient Dock	Handicap Accessible	Soccer
Playground	Hunting	Fuel (boats)	Pet Friendly	Tennis Courts
Restrooms	Camping	Canoe Livery	Registration Required	Volleyball

How to Use the Guidebook

The Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook is divided into nine chapters – an introductory chapter and one chapter for each of Ohio's coastal counties. The county chapters, arranged geographically from west to east, are: Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Erie, Lorain, Cuyahoga, Lake and Ashtabula. Within each chapter, mainland public access sites are arranged geographically from west to east; island sites are arranged clockwise by island.

Pages include a brief description about each site, a symbolical listing of that location's amenities, a location map, pictures and contact information to learn more about the destination. The key to identify the symbols used to represent amenities and services, and a map legend, are found below.

General information about each coastal county, the Ohio Coastal Management Program, Office of Coastal Management and common Lake Erie activities including fishing, hunting, boating, swimming and beach safety tips are found in this introductory chapter.

The Office of Coastal Management has made every effort to ensure that the Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook is error free. If you discover any inaccuracies/ exclusions or have general comments, please contact coastal staff at:

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Map Legend

Public Access Site	Trail (Not all trails shown)
Adjacent/Nearby Public Access Site	Water Trail
Water	Water Trail Access Point
Interstate Route	Municipal Street
US Route	Private Road
State Route	Park Road
County Road	Highway Ramp
Township Road	Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail (Orange buffer around road)