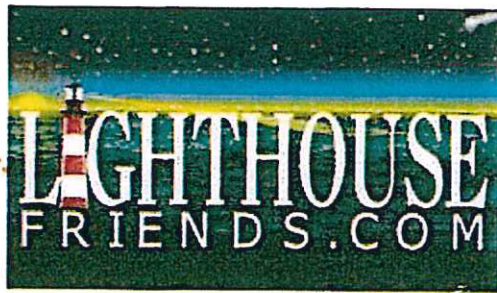


## LAKE ERIE IS HOME

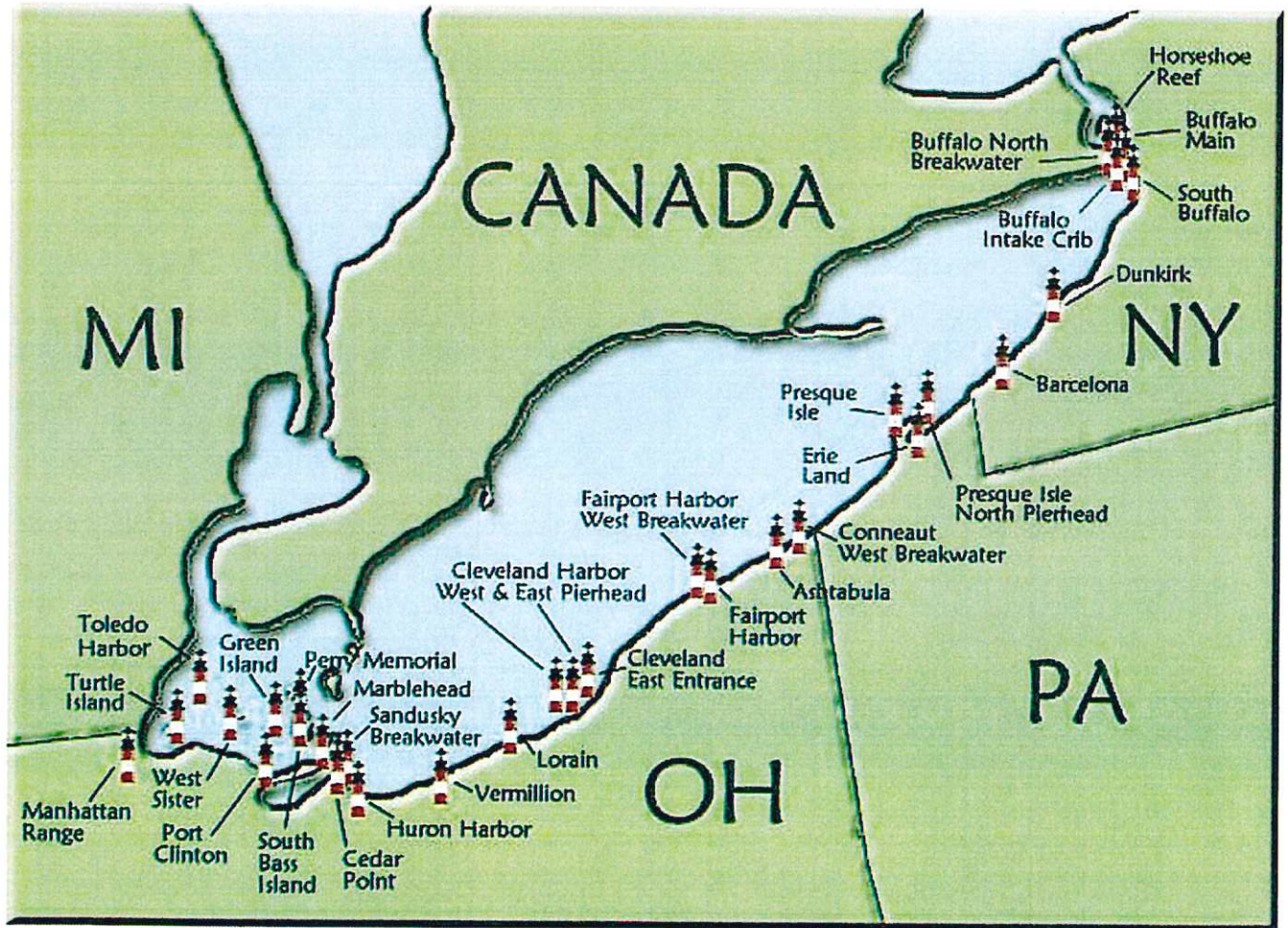
*Lake Erie is the fourth largest lake of the five Great Lakes in North America and the eleventh-largest globally. Situated on the International Boundary between Canada and the United States, Lake Erie's northern shore is the Canadian province of Ontario, with the U.S. states of Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York on its western, southern, and eastern shores. Lake Erie was carved out by glacier ice and in its current form is less than 4,000 years old.*

*As home to one of the world's largest freshwater commercial fisheries, Lake Erie's fish populations are the most abundant of the Great Lakes, partially because of the lake's relatively mild temperatures and plentiful supply of plankton.*

*Lake Erie is a favorite for divers, since there are many shipwrecks, perhaps 1,400 to 8,000 according to one estimate. There are numerous public parks around the lake offering wildlife and nature preserves. Boating, Sailing, Skiing, Swimming are special attractions for everyone. Lake Erie islands of Kelleys Island, South Bass Island and Pelee Island are great for recreation. Distinct lighthouses dot the lake.. A lighthouse off the coast of Cleveland, beset with cold lake winter spray has an unusual artistic icy shape. The Lighthouse with its distinct shape at Marblehead bekons many tourists from everywhere!*



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## THE GREAT LAKES OFFER ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

*The Ohio Department of Natural Resources indicates there are approximately 50,000 lakes and small ponds in Ohio, with a total surface area of about 200,000 acres. About 2,200 of these lakes are 5 acres or greater with a total surface area of 134,000 acres.*

*The Great Lakes are a series of large interconnected freshwater lakes with a certain sea-like characteristics in the mid-east region of North America that connect to the Atlantic Ocean via the Saint Lawrence River. They are Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario. The Great Lakes waterway enables modern travel and shipping by water among the lakes.*

*The Great Lakes are the largest group of freshwater lakes on Earth by total area and are second-largest by total volume, containing 21% of the world's surface fresh water by volume. Because of their sea-like characteristics, such as rolling waves, sustained winds, strong currents, great depths, and distant horizons, the five Great Lakes have long been called inland seas.*

*More than 100 lake freighters operate continuously on the Great Lakes, which remain a major water transport corridor for bulk goods.*

*Tourism and recreation are major industries on the Great Lakes. A few small cruise ships operate on the Great Lakes including some sailing ships. Sport fishing, commercial fishing, and Native American fishing represent a U.S. \$4 Billion plus year industry. Many sports are practiced on the lakes including yachting, sea kayaking, diving, kitesurfing, powerboating and lake surfing.*