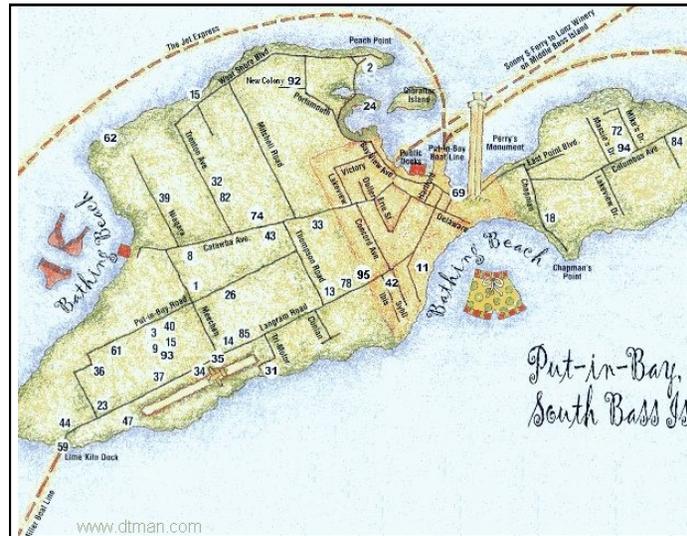


This is your opportunity to learn about some of the valuable programs and projects that are happening in the Western Lake Erie Basin through the Allen County Soil & Water Conservation District. This trip will provide you with a hands on experience to gain an understanding of how Best Management Practices can benefit your community. As well as, how your support and promotion of these programs can benefit both the urban and agricultural environment.

A cruise on OSU's research vessels will showcase the work that the scientists do on a daily basis in order to determine the Lake's viability.

The day will also include a tour of the Aquatic Visitors Center, to view and learn about the fish and plants that thrive in the Lake, good and bad. These can provide a good picture of the Lake's quality. You will also have the opportunity to explore and enjoy lunch on the island.



\$20 / person

To Reserve your spot, send check to :
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Put-In-Bay

A Day on the Lake



August 14, 2018

Experience the Lake on a
 Research Vessel with OSU.

The Day's Agenda:

- 6:15 AM Board Bus at [Meijer](#)
10301 SR 37, Ft. Wayne, IN 46835
** Juice and rolls served **
- 6:30 AM **Bus departs from Meijer SHARP**
- 9:30 AM **Depart Catawba Island via Miller Ferry to Put-In-Bay**
5174 E. Water St., Port Clinton, OH 43452
- 10:00 AM Island Transport to Aquatic Visitor's Center
** Snack served **
- 11:15 PM Science Cruise / OSU Tours
- 12:30 PM **Lunch**
- 1:45 PM Science Cruise / OSU Tours
- 3:30 PM **Miller Ferry to Catawba**
- 4:15 PM **Bus departs from Catawba**
- 6:30 PM Return to [Meijer](#)
(IN SR37 & I-469)

Lunch and snacks provided.

Agenda is subject to change

Ohio State University—Island Campus

Established in 1895, Stone Laboratory is the oldest freshwater biological field station in the United States and the center of Ohio State University's teaching and research on Lake Erie. The lab serves as a base for more than 65 researchers from 12 agencies and academic institutions, all working year-round to solve the most pressing problems facing the Great Lakes.

In addition to its role as a research facility, Stone Lab offers 25 college-credit science courses each summer for undergraduate and graduate students, advanced high school students, and educators. The hands-on sessions get students out into the field or out on the lake to study courses like biology, geology, and natural resources.



OSU—Research Vessels

On the research boat, you will get to experience hands-on work of a scientist, measuring current environmental conditions like wind speed and direction, water depth, temperature, oxygen content, wave heights, and sunlight intensity. You also have the opportunity to use Secchi disks to determine water clarity, plankton nets to collect algae and zooplankton, an Ekman dredge to survey benthic macroinvertebrates, and a fish trawl to collect and observe Lake Erie fish.



\$20 / person

OSU—Aquatic Visitor's Center

Participate in hands-on science activities and learn how to identify fish species at the Aquatic Visitors Center on South Bass Island. Activities include inspecting Lake Erie's complex ecosystem through hands-on displays, observing and identifying live fish in aquaria, and discovering current research projects that help protect Lake Erie.

