

HIKING: 24.5 miles

Disrupting and to-be-shaking are only permitted on Karl Boyes Multi-Purpose National Recreation Trail. Cross-country hiking is permitted on hiking trails, but trails are not groomed. Due to fluctuating lake levels, portions of trails may be seasonally flooded and responsible outdoor appreciation footwear. Trails are not blazed.

A-TRAIL: 0.2 miles, easiest hiking
This short trail connects Pine Tree Point Area to Dead Pond Trail and passes by a vernal pond. When the vernal pond fills with water in the spring, the trail is wavy.

B-TRAIL: 0.25 miles, easiest hiking
This short trail connects Pine Tree Road to Dead Pond Trail and passes through a stand of pines.

CANOE PORTAGE TRAIL: 0.25 miles, easiest hiking

DEAD POND TRAIL: 2 miles, easiest hiking
This trail leads over several former dunes and through several distinct ecological zones. Hikers will pass through oak-savanna, pine savanna, and sand plain.

DUCK POND TRAIL: 0.5 miles, easiest hiking
This trail begins at Duck Pond, intersects the Canoe Portage Trail, and connects with the Old Gas Well Trail.

FOX TRAIL: 0.5 miles, easiest hiking
This trail winds through wooded swamps and oak-savanna forests.

GRAVEYARD TRAIL: 0.75 miles, easiest hiking
This trail follows the shoreline along Graveyard Pond, which legend says was the final resting place for many of Perry's men.

GULL POINT TRAIL: 1.5 miles, easiest hiking
This trail begins at the kiosk at the end of the Beach 10 (Haley) parking lot and winds its way through the Gull Point Natural Area (GPNA). In this community of natural succession in the park and marsh of the trail is steady, but as there is a change in elevation, there are some changes in elevation. Before hiking to stay at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center for information about current trail conditions.

Visitors are reminded that during the closed period from April 1 through October 31, visitor access to GPNA is only permitted on the trail surface to and from the kiosk.

KARL BOYES MULTI-PURPOSE NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL: 13.5 miles, easiest hiking
This trail is designated as a National Recreation Trail. The trail is ADA accessible and is popular with hikers, joggers, and equestrians. During the winter, the trail is plowed from the park entrance to the Public Safety Building for hikers. For cross-country skiers, the trail is left snow covered from the Public Safety Building to Perry Monument. The trail was restored in 2003 for the late State Representative, Karl Boyes.

LONG POND TRAIL: 1 mile, easiest hiking
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

MARSH TRAIL: 0.25 miles, easiest hiking
This trail bisects Cranchery Pond, one of the many ponds on Presque Isle. The pond formed as water was trapped between two ridges.

NORTH PIER TRAIL: 0.7 miles, easiest hiking
This trail follows the shoreline between North Pier and Beach 11, along one of the sand ridges. An old bridge ramp used for loading during World War II can be seen along this trail.

OLD GAS WELL TRAIL: 0.5 miles, easiest hiking
This trail follows a ridge between Beach 7 and the Marina. The trail passes a gas well that produces natural gas used in Presque Isle State Park.

FINE TREE TRAIL: 0.7 miles, easiest hiking
This trail follows the edge of a sand plain community and a stand of pines. Along this trail are the remains of the history field lab that was used by Dr. O.E. Jennings to study plant succession on Presque Isle.

RIDGE TRAIL: 0.5 miles, easiest hiking
This trail follows the edge of Cranchery Pond along a portion of a ridge that was a beach dune 300 years ago.

SIDEWALK TRAIL: 1.25 miles, easiest hiking
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 Military Bay. The trail was once a wooden boardwalk and was reconstructed with concrete in 1921.

SWIMMING

The sandy beaches, washed by the clear waters of Lake Erie, provide visitors with the only safe swimming within Presque Isle. Beaches are open daily from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. Swimming is permitted in swimming areas listed below unless otherwise posted. The regular hours are noon to 7:30 P.M.

- Swimming is only permitted on guarded beaches when guards are on duty.
- For your safety, climbing on break walls is prohibited.
- Lifejackets or buoyant coast guard approved swim aids are allowed only with direct adult supervision. Body boards with inflators are permitted on guarded beaches.
- Driving of any kind at beach areas is prohibited.

BEACH 1: This long stretch of sand is located on the rock reserve and is a popular spot for swimming.

BEACH 3 (Shoreline Beach): This beach is adjacent to picnic areas, modern restrooms with changing areas, and a food and beverage concession.

BEACH 4 (Haley Beach): This large beach has sand volleyball courts, modern restrooms with changing areas, and a food and beverage concession.

BEACH 5 (Waterworks Beach): This beach is adjacent to picnic areas, modern restrooms with changing areas, playground equipment, the Rotary Pavilion, and other recreational facilities.

BEACH 6 (Perry Beach): This beach has a food and beverage concession and modern restrooms with changing areas. A ramp provides ADA access to the water's edge.

BEACH 7 (Pine Tree): This beach

BEACH 8 (Shoreline Beach): This beach is adjacent to picnic areas, modern restrooms with changing areas, and a food and beverage concession.

BEACH 9 (Perry Beach): This beach has a food and beverage concession and modern restrooms with changing areas. A ramp provides ADA access to the water's edge.

BEACH 10 (Pine Tree): This beach

