ACTIVITIES

BOAT LAUNCH
A 12 ramp boat launch offers easy access to the Detroit River and Lake Erie, prime walleye country. Winter dry storage is available from November through April. A Metroparks Boat Permit is required. Kayak-launching is allowed on the ramp closest to the restroom building. Availability will vary depending on the season.

CONCESSIONS
Food is sold at the Great Wave pool food bar and packaged snacks are sold at the marina. Food and beverages, including beer, wine, and liquor are sold at the Golf Starter Building. No outside alcoholic beverages or coolers allowed.

FISHING
Shore fishing is available throughout the park wherever water depths are sufficient. Spearing and bow and arrow fishing are prohibited. A Michigan Fishing license is required.

GAMES
A softball field and basketball, tennis courts, and volleyball courts are located near the wave pool complex.

GOLF
This 6,489 yard, 18-hole, par-72 course and driving range offers power carts, pull carts, and clubs for rent. Senior (55+) and junior (20 and younger) rates are available. Some restrictions apply.

HIKE-BIKE TRAIL
A three mile paved trail, from South Gibraltar Road at the north end of the park, to the observation deck/fishing site and Marina near the south end of the park at Lee Road, traverses woods, marsh, and shoreline areas, giving users excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. Pets on a six foot leash are permitted.

MARINA
Located at the end of Lee Road, the Marina is open from April through October. More than 100 wells, all with water and electricity, are available for transient docking. Daily transient docking is also available for boats up to 35 feet in length. Please call in advance for availability. Dry storage is available from April through October. Hours of operation are posted at the Marina Building. There are reduced hours prior to Memorial Day and after Labor Day.

PETS
Dogs and other pets are permitted in the park only when kept on a six foot (or less) leash. Pets are not permitted in the nature areas, buildings, or on the golf course.

PICNICS
Tables, grills, and shelters are located throughout the park. Food is sold at the Great Wave pool food bar and packaged snacks are sold at the marina. Availability will vary depending on the season.

WAVE POOL/SPLASH PAD: THE GREAT WAVE
The “Great Wave” wave pool makes three-foot rollicking waves for cool summer fun. A special twilight rate is offered in the evening. Hours may be reduced from mid-August through Labor Day. Coin lockers and Children’s life jackets are available. The Wet Shop carries an assortment of sunscreen, goggles, swimcaps, towels, and swimsuits.

WINTER SPORTS
ICE FISHING
Ice fishing is allowed from November through March at the marina as ice conditions permit. You must enter through Lee Road for ice fishing. Due to warm water currents, ice fishing along the Lake Erie shoreline is not recommended. A Michigan Fishing license is required.

MARSHLANDS MUSEUM
Explore the rich cultural and natural heritage of the Downriver/Lake Erie shore region through exhibits and interpretive programs at the Marshlands Museum.

One of the premier hawk watching sites in North America, Lake Erie Metropark is host to migrating waterfowl in the spring and fall, and birds of prey in the fall.

Visit Luc, our resident bald eagle, who lives in an outdoor aerie near the museum.

MUSEUM HOURS - 734-379-3520
Mon - Fri - by appointment only
Sat - Sun 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Nature Trails
Almost three miles of trails lead from the Marshlands Museum, taking hikers along the Lake Erie/Detroit River shoreline and through coastal marshes and dense Hawthorn thickets. A long boardwalk and several overlooks along the trails provide excellent views of marshes, lagoons, and wildlife. The nature trails are open daily from daylight to dusk. Pets are prohibited on nature trails.

Cherry Island Marsh Trail
Big Turtle Shortcut
Trapper’s Run

Please Remember
• All collecting is prohibited.
• Walk slowly and quietly and remain on trails.
• Running, jogging, bicycles, pets, motorized vehicles, and horses are not permitted on the nature trails.
• Picnicking is not allowed within the nature trails area.
• Please leave all radios, toys, and sports equipment in your car.
• Follow all park rules and regulations.

Special Events
The Interpreters invite you to participate in nature walks, special events, and programs. These are offered periodically throughout the year. Schools, scouts, and community groups events can be arranged.

Group Appointments
Group appointments for nature programs and field trips are available.