



SUMMER DISCOVERY CRUISES

Lake St. Clair Metropark Cruise Schedule

BIRDS, BOATS AND BOOZE

This four-hour cruise goes up into the South Channel as we explore the natural & cultural features that brought people to the Flats.

July 7 at 2 p.m.

July 14 at 10 a.m.

Pricing: \$30 adults/ \$20 under 18

CHANNELS, ISLANDS, BAYS, AND REEFS

The St. Clair Delta is one of the largest freshwater deltas in the world, and its many islands, bays, and channels create a truly unique feature of the Great Lakes basin. Join us as we travel up into the Middle Channel of the delta past Harsens and Dickinson Islands, and then down the North Channel, to learn about the incredible natural resources and cultural of this fascinating area.

June 30 at 2 p.m.

July 6 at 10 a.m.

Pricing: \$30 adults/\$20 under 18

GREAT LAKES SCIENCE FOR KIDS

Learn about the ecology of Lake St. Clair by using the tools a Great Lakes Scientist uses to determine water quality by studying the plants and animals of the lakes.

July 5 at 2 p.m.

July 12 at 4 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

THE HISTORY OF LAKE ST. CLAIR

We cruise Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair Flats in search of the geologic past of the St. Clair River Delta, and tell the human stories that shaped the history of this unique area.

June 26 at 10 a.m.

July 5 at 6 p.m.

July 6 at 4 p.m.

July 13 at 6 p.m.

July 14 at 4 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

JOURNEY THROUGH THE STRAITS

Park your car at Riverside Marina in Detroit and board the E/V Clinton for a fantastic five hour voyage. As the Clinton travels in the wake of both the early Great Lakes voyageurs and present day sailors, we'll explore the Straits of Detroit from several perspectives.

July 20 at 10 a.m.

Pricing: \$35 adults/\$25 under 18

LAKE ST. CLAIR FISHERIES

This is not a fishing cruise, but it definitely is a "fishy" cruise! Learn first-hand about the fish that are found in Lake St. Clair, many of which will be available for hands-on examination. We may rendezvous with the Michigan DNR Fisheries Division research vessel and observe fish tagging, measuring, etc.

June 28 at 10 a.m.

July 5 at 10 a.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

LIGHTHOUSES OF LAKE ST. CLAIR

Join a representative from the Save Our South Channel Lights organization to learn the history of the two lighthouses built on Lake St. Clair in 1855 to guide vessels through the treacherous St. Clair Flats. Learn about navigating the Great Lakes then and now and discover what is being done to preserve these historic landmarks.

June 26 at 6 p.m.

June 30 at 10 a.m.

July 7 at 10 a.m.

July 13 at 10 a.m.

July 15 at 6 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

THE NATURE OF LAKE ST. CLAIR

Take an educational tour of Lake St. Clair to discover the rich variety of aquatic life that makes Lake St. Clair so special. Plants, animals, and aquatic habitats – including one of the world's largest freshwater deltas – will be explored.

June 26 at 2 p.m.

June 27 at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

July 8 at 10 a.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15.00 under 18

NIGHT WATCH

Join the crew of the EN Clinton on a late evening cruise and learn about navigating under the stars using charts, lights and the heavens themselves. As darkness descends, we will set sail for lighthouses and search the heavens for constellations and the North Star to help guide us to our home port.

June 29 at 9 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

RESEARCH AND RESTORATION

A great number of scientific research and conservation efforts are taking place on Lake St. Clair and in its wetlands, ranging from fish to birds and invasive species to water quality. Join us on this cruise to observe marsh restoration, learn about the HEART lab (Huron to Erie Alliance for Research and Training) and its activities, and travel out to the Old South Channel Range Lights to see how restoration of the lighthouses has created an ideal nesting island for the threatened Common Tern.

June 27 at 6 p.m.

July 1 at 4 p.m.

July 13 at 2 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adult/\$15 under 18

SHIPPING OUT

Sign on for a voyage into the world of Great Lakes shipping with former sailor and ancient mariner Patrick Livingston, author of "Eight Steamboats -Sailing Through the Sixties." As the EN Clinton heads across Lake St. Clair toward the shipping channel, you will learn about lakers and salties, legendary sailors and Lake St. Clair shipwrecks.

June 29 at 6 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

WILDLIFE & WETLANDS OF LAKE ST. CLAIR

Explore further into the flats on this extended 4-hour tour to discover the variety of plants, animals and habitats that make one of the world's largest freshwater delta so unique and valuable.

July 12 at 10 a.m.

July 15 at 10 a.m.

Pricing: \$30 adults/ \$20 under 18

WIND, WAVES AND WEATHER

The Great Lakes influence our weather, and the weather can have a great influence on the Great Lakes (ever heard of the Great Storm of 1913?). Join NOAA National Weather Service meteorologists on a cruise that explores the "why?" behind the wind, waves and weather around us. Learn how to be safe the next time weather threatens, what some of the old sailor sayings like "Red sky at night, sailor's delight" really mean, why we don't have hurricanes in the Great Lakes, what kind of wave a "seiche" is, and much more! We ship out rain or shine!

July 8 at 2 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

**Registration required for all cruises. Payment due at time of registration.
Register and pay online, by phone or in-person.**

**Lake St. Clair Metropark Nature Center
(586) 463-4332**

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Vehicle Entry Fee Required: \$35 annual, \$21 seniors, \$10 daily





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Lake Erie Metropark Cruise Schedule

WARFARE ON THE WATERFRONT

Join us for an in-depth look at how the region was impacted by multiple wars spanning over 200 years.

August 10 at 10 a.m.

August 16 at 6 p.m.

August 18 at 2 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

NIGHT WATCH

This enjoyable, evening cruise seeks to discover the night life of the river including navigation lights, star observation, nocturnal creatures and more.

August 3 at 9 p.m.

August 10 at 9 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

SHIPPING OUT

Sign on for a voyage into the world of Great Lakes shipping with former sailor and author, Patrick Livingston.

August 3 at 10 a.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

BOB-LO ISLAND HISTORY

Explore the rich history of Bois Blanc Island, better known as Bob-lo Island, on an "around the Island" route.

August 4 at 2 p.m.

August 8 at 10 a.m.

August 10 at 6 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

SHIPWRECKS!

See how the latest technology in shipwreck identification is used to discover wrecks as we investigate the remains of a sunken mystery ship. Along the way we'll explore historic shipwrecks and the lighthouses built to help prevent them. Bring along your diving bell as we delve into the realm of underwater archaeology.

August 9 at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

WIND, WAVES AND WEATHER

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August 2 at 2 p.m.

Pricing: \$5 for all ages

RIVER OF TIME HISTORY

Explore the human stories and events that shaped the history of these storied waters and islands.

August 4 at 10 a.m.

August 9 at 6 p.m.

August 11 at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

August 18 at 6 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

WHISKEY RIVER

Learn why the Detroit River was known as the "Whiskey River" during National Prohibition.

August 2 at 10 a.m.

August 11 at 6.m.

August 18 at 10 a.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

EAGLE'S EYE NATURE

Take a naturalists tour of the lower river and its islands to discover the rich variety of natural life.

August 2 at 6 p.m.

August 10 at 2 p.m.

August 17 at 6 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

GREAT LAKES CLIMATE SCIENCE FOR TEACHERS

(Active educators only)

This cruise for teachers will focus on the Great Lakes from a science education perspective. Learn how to relate biology, chemistry, geology and physics to your lessons on the Lakes.

August 16 at 10 a.m.

Pricing: \$10 for all ages

SUGAR ISLAND

Discover the dark past of Sugar Island and the story behind the sinking of the passenger vessel "SeaBreeze".

August 4 at 6 p.m.

Pricing: \$25 adults/ \$15 under 18

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August 24 at 10 a.m.

Pricing: \$40/ \$25 under 18

BIG RIVER MEANDER

Enjoy an extended 4 hour nature and history cruise around the north tip of Grosse Ile and down to the river mouth.

August 3 at 10 a.m.

August 17 at 10 a.m.

Pricing: \$30 adults/ \$20 under 18

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