OHIO - KELLEYS ISLAND

Kelleys Island is located in the western basin of Lake Erie about four miles north of Marblehead and twelve miles from Sandusky on the Ohio mainland. The entire island measures more than four square miles and is the largest fresh water American island in Lake Erie. A short drive from major cities makes Kelleys seem right next door, yet the Canadian border lies only a few miles north of the island.

Remnants of the island’s past can be seen throughout the island as the entire island is on the national register of historical places. Tour the island by bicycle, golf cart, or stroll historic neighborhoods and view restored architectural styles, scenic treasures and natural wonders.

The Glacial Grooves State Memorial is the largest and most spectacular example of glacial grooves left in the entire world. Walk the perimeter of this international study site to view a 400 foot by 35 foot wide gash of prehistoric glacial grooves scoured into native limestone bedrock by the advancement of the Wisconsin Glacier 30,000 years ago.

WEATHER

CITIES/AIRPORTS
Cleveland, Ohio – 2 hours
New York City – 15 hours

CULTURAL EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES
Island history at the Kelleys Island Historical Association
Sandusky Amusement Parks just over an hour away

PROS & CONS
PRO: On an island, a lot of opportunities to meet Americans right on Lake Erie!
CON: Very remote with towns 2 hour+ drive away.
THINGS TO DO

• Hiking, bird watching, and swimming at Kelleys Island State Park beach,
• Explore Glacial Groves
• Sea Kayak or Cruise around the island
• Scuba diving to see shipwrecks

MAP OF THE AREA

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