

# Steinen Wildlife Area



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# STEINEN WILDLIFE AREA

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## Highlights

Steinen Wildlife Area is one of several key protected natural areas along the southern shoreline of Lake Erie. Part of East Sandusky Bay Preserve MetroPark, this 155 acre natural area protects an extraordinary freshwater marsh and uplands rich in critical food and sanctuary for all types of species including ducks, raptors and migratory birds. It's an important stop over point along the Mississippi and Atlantic Flyway, one of the largest bird migration routes in the eastern U.S. Plans for public use of the area need to be wisely balanced to protect the area's rich mixture of open water, wetlands and wildlife habitat.

The wildlife area includes three neighboring parcels, all adjacent to US Rt 6. The east and west parcels are bounded on the north by Lake Erie and the southern most parcel by Perkins Avenue. The northern most parts of the east and west parcels are greatly influenced by the water level of the adjacent lake and some sections are underwater. From the most northern tip of the wildlife area the view of East Sandusky Bay is open and inspiring. The south parcel is very different from the other two parcels and the Erie County Ohio Bicentennial Barn is on the site. A neighbor's horses graze on the private pastureland adjacent to the Barn.

The west parcel has about a 1/2 mile rustic trail and is open daily, year-round, 8 a.m. to dark, except during hunting season when access is restricted. Access to the south and east parcels is by prior permission only. With the collaboration of the ODNR, Div of Wildlife, seasonal controlled youth hunting at this site is by permit only. There is no drinking water and only seasonal portable restrooms are available.

### Activities:

- Bird watching
- Dog walking on leash
- Hiking
- Wildlife viewing
- Hunting and trapping by permit only

### Amenities:

- Walking trails
- Seasonal portable restrooms



The Erie County  
Bicentennial Barn



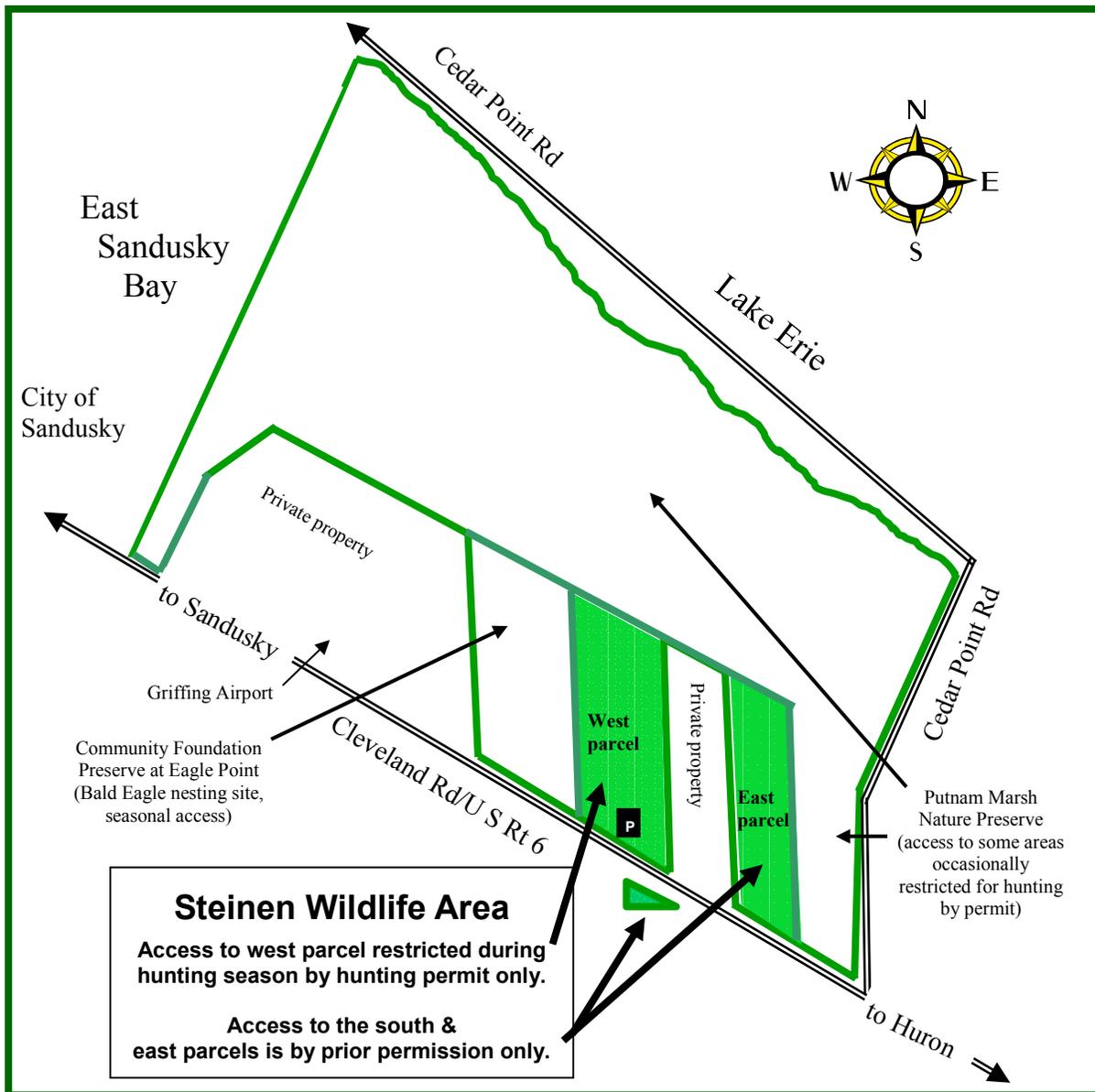
Great Blue Crane



The wildlife area supports several rare plant species, including the American Lotus seen here in the background.



# Erie MetroParks Steinen Wildlife Area Guide



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## Directions

The wildlife area is located in north central Erie County between Huron and Sandusky. The west parcel is open year-round except during hunting season. Access to the south and east parcel is by prior permission only. To reach the west parcel parking area from SR 2, take US 250 Exit north. Turn east onto East Perkins Avenue. After about 2 1/2 miles the Erie County Bicentennial Barn is on your left, Osborn Park is on your right. Pass Osborn Park, cross the railroad tracks, and turn left (northwest) on Cleveland Road. A parking area is just down the road on the right.