

Community Foundation Preserve at
EAGLE POINT

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Highlights

Very little of the original North Coast of Ohio remains in an undeveloped state today. As the once expansive coastal wetlands continue to disappear in the face of encroaching development, the preservation of these natural features become more critical.

Eagle Point is the northwestern portion of 1,200 Lake Erie coastland acres collectively known as the East Sandusky Bay Preserve MetroPark. The preserve is home to American bald eagles, a state endangered species and a significant natural resource for Ohio. When the first settlers came to the Ohio shoreline, bald eagles were common. During the decline and subsequent rebound of the past 20 years, the Eagle Point area has provided a native stronghold for an eagle population which has had at least 14 successful nesting seasons in the last 18 years.

Approximately half of the preserve's 88 acres is marshland with several marshy inlets connecting to East Sandusky Bay. The mouth of Plum Brook and its backwaters form the greater part of the preserve and provides a critical habitat for both breeding and migrating birds, especially songbirds which stop to refuel before crossing Lake Erie. The preserve also sustains a very important habitat for migrating ducks.

The preserve is open daily, year-round, 8 a.m. to dark, except during sensitive eagle nesting season the first half of the year when access may be limited. About one mile of natural surfaced trail leads from the parking area through the woods and fields. Following the 1/2 mile East Bay Trail will take you to the observation overlook which offers an excellent open view of the bay. No drinking water or restrooms are on the site.

Activities

- Bird watching
- Hiking
- Eagle viewing
- Dog walking with leash

Amenities

- Observation overlook
- Hiking trails



Looking out over East Sandusky Bay



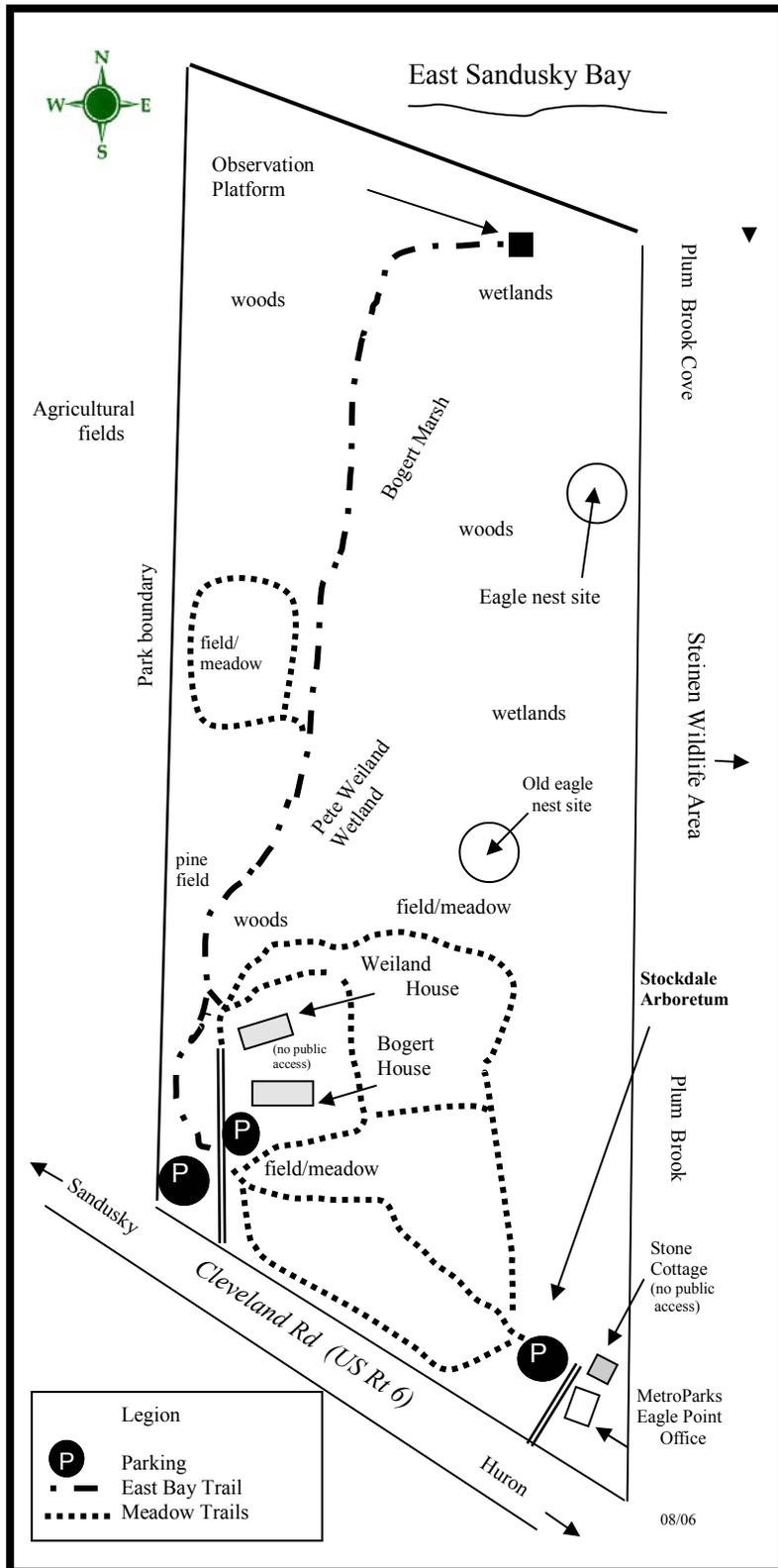
A very hungry eaglet



East Bay Trail



Eagle Point Trail Guide



Directions

The preserve is located in North Central Erie County between Huron and Sandusky. From SR 2, turn North on US 250. Turn right (east) on Perkins Ave. After you pass Osborn Park and cross the railroad tracks, turn left (northwest) on Cleveland Rd. After passing Steinen Wildlife Area, you'll come to the park on your right.