

Virtual Swim of the Lake Erie Islands of Ohio and Pelee Island, Canada

The Lake Erie Islands



An overview of your swim

This virtual swim is brought to you by Daniel Cox and the [Ohio Masters Swim Club](#). It is a swim around some of the most beautiful and fun places to visit in the State of Ohio. This swim will take you from the Ohio shore to the tropics of Canada, around the Lake Erie Islands and end up at America's "roller coast!" Enjoy and hang on!

The Start: Settlers Point, Catawba Island, Ohio

1st Leg, Catawba Island to Perry's Monument, South Bass Island, Ohio.

Distance 6 miles



[Catawba Island](#)

As you swim towards Commodore Perry's Monument, you will notice a small island off to your left not far off the coast of South Bass Island. This island is called Starve Island. Legend has it; it got its name because of a shipwrecked sailor who starved to death on the island because he could not swim the half-mile to South Bass Island! A mere warm up for you!

2nd Leg Perry's Monument, South Bass Island to the West Dock, Pelee Island, Canada
Distance 15 miles



Commodore Perry's monument

You will start your swim at the foot of Commodore Perry's Monument on South Bass Island. The monument was erected in honor of his victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. Commodore Perry's victory led the way for the young United States to claim the upper Great Lakes as its territory.

As you start your swim and leave South Bass Island behind, you will say goodbye to the United States for a short time and head straight for the TROPICS of Canada. Upon arriving at the west dock, you will notice a rather large sign that reads: Welcome to Pelee Island the SOUTHERNMOST inhabited part of Canada, ahh nothing like spending some time in the Canadian tropics. At this point, you might be a little waterlogged from your long swim from South Bass Island, so it's time to take a little walk. From the west dock proceed east across Pelee to the beautiful east beaches of the Island. From there turn south and walk to Fish Point, the most southern tip of Pelee and the start of your next leg.

3rd leg Fish Point, Pelee Island, Canada to Kelley's Island, Ohio
Distance 8 miles



[Glacier groves on Kelley's Island](#)

This leg of your swim will take you past some of the most treacherous shoals and channels on the Great Lakes. Many boats have lost their way in these waters and have paid the ultimate price for it. You will swim over no less than four wrecks in your eight-mile journey to Kelley's Island. As you swim past Middle Island (the southernmost point of Canada) and pass Gull Island shoal, see if you can get a glimpse of the wrecks of the King Sisters, William Crosthuate, Adventure or the FH Prince, all of which lost their way in these waters and sank to the bottom. Once on Kelley's Island, it's time to find one of the many famous local pubs for some fine food and wine for which the area is famous.

4th leg Kelly's Island to Marble head, Ohio
Distance 7 miles



Marble Head light house

Now that you're fully rested it's time to leave the Island and head back to the Ohio mainland. Your swim from Kelly's will take you through some of the busiest waters on the Great Lakes. More boaters ply these waters in the summer than most places see all year. So be extra careful and look out for boats! Once on Marble head take a look at one of Ohio's treasures, the Marble Head lighthouse. The Marble Head lighthouse is the oldest working lighthouse on the Great Lakes.

5th Leg Marble Head, Ohio to Cedar Point Amusement Park
Distance 4.5 miles



[Cedar Point](#)

The last leg is the shortest leg of your swim and it's a good thing because you are going to need all that energy to ride the highest and the fastest roller coasters in the world at Cedar Point! But before you get to the "Point" you are going to swim past Johnson Island. During the civil war this island was used by the Union as prison for captured confederate soldiers. Confederate markings and graves can still be found on the Island.

The End: Cedar Point Amusement Park

Upon arriving at the beaches of Cedar Point you have come to the end of your **40.5 mile** swim. I can't think of a better way to celebrate your success than to spend the rest of the day at America's roller coast, Cedar Point. They also have a water park (but something tells me you're going to skip that for now).

For more information on the Lake Erie Islands check out this site



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