

Site Overview

Great Egret Marsh Preserve consists of more than 150 acres of marsh and surrounding upland in Ottawa County across the road from East Harbor State Park. The preserve's marshes are part of the West Harbor Basin, a long, narrow pool of Lake Erie backwater that geologists believe was once the channel of the Portage River. As the last wave of glaciation receded and Lake Erie's water level rose, the river naturally rerouted itself to empty into the lake at Port Clinton. Great Egret Marsh Preserve, and the surrounding West Harbor Basin, is a haven for waterfowl and wading birds. One of the preserve's defining features, great egrets, congregate here in abundance. The large, white, wading birds native to this part of Lake Erie can of-

Characteristic Species

Bald Eagle Trumpeter Swan Great Egret Great Blue Heron Muskrat Spotted Sandpiper Green Frog Mink Pickerel Frog Northern Water Snake Mallard River Otter Yellow Warbler



Snapping Turtle



Sora



Bur-reed



Marsh Wren

Trail Access

- **Inter-Marsh Loop Trail** – an easy 1.2 mile loop trail between the marsh units allows for wildlife viewing in the marshes and reforested upland area

Hours & Use

- Trails and canoe launch to West Harbor are open dawn to dusk
- For your safety, please be aware of any posted rules & notices
- Boats are prohibited in marsh units, fishing access from walking trails only
- No motorized vehicles or bicycles permitted on preserve trails & grounds

Travel Directions

- From State Route 2, take State Route 269 North. After 2.5 miles, turn right onto State Route 163 East / State Route 269 North for about 1/2 mile. Turn left onto State Route 269 North / North Buck Road for about 3/4 mile. Turn left onto Buck Road 139A. Entrance to the preserve will be on your right.
- GPS coordinates: 41.540989, -82.822400

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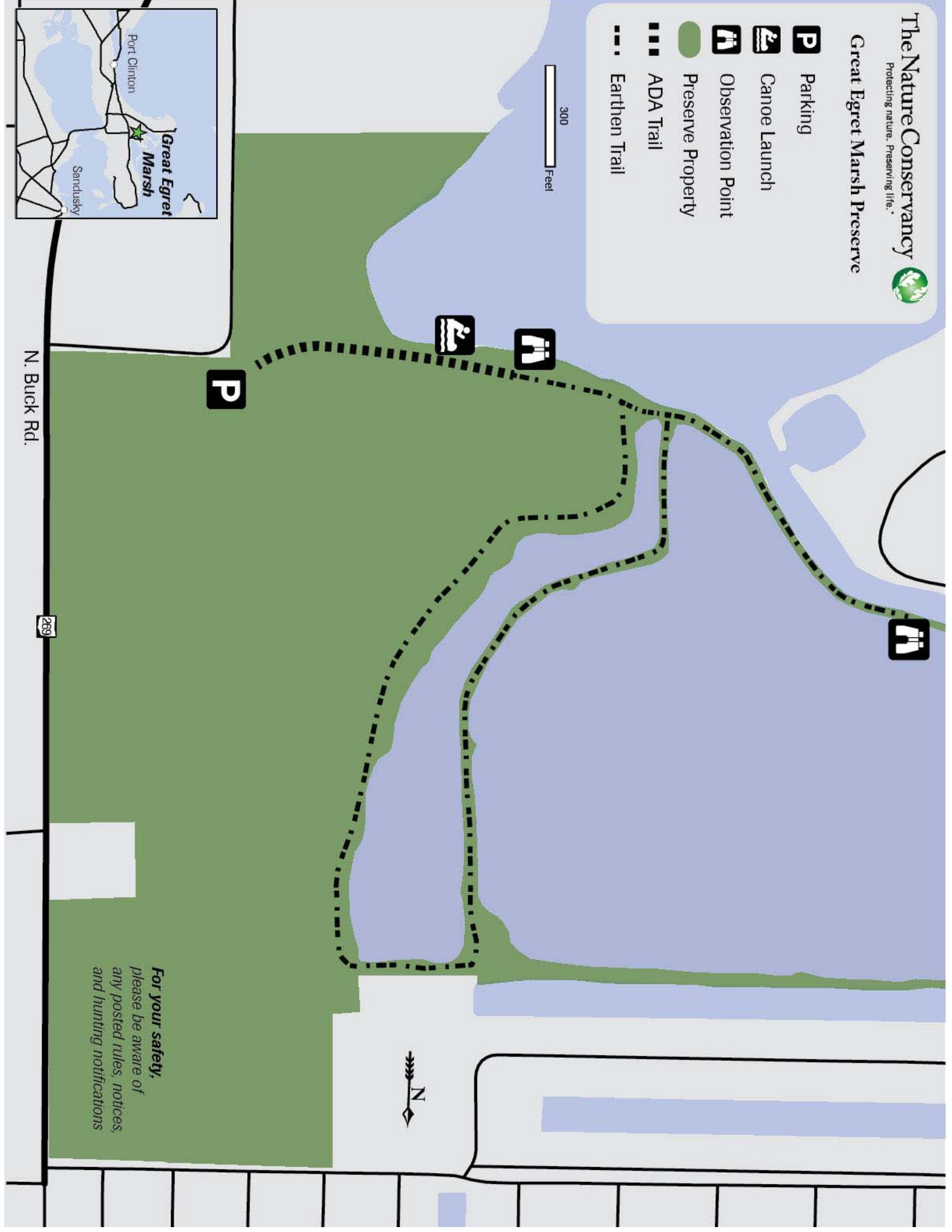
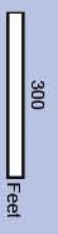
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Great Egret Marsh Preserve

- P** Parking
- Canoe Launch
- Observation Point
- Preserve Property
- ADA Trail
- Earthen Trail



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