

DeWine Center for Coastal Wetland Studies

Old Woman Creek is one of 28 NOAA National Estuarine Research Reserves that improve coastal stewardship through research, education and demonstration. The ODNR Division of Wildlife owns and manages this research station and coastal wetland visitor center.

Visitor Center Hours

MON: closed

TUE – FRI: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Extended Weekend Hours
(April through mid-November)

SAT: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

SUN: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Trails open sunrise to sunset daily, unless posted.

For community events, or to learn more about estuaries visit:
oldwomancreek.org
or call 419-433-4601



Explore Lake Erie's Research Estuary!

Encounter new interactive exhibits and explore Old Woman Creek trails!

- Mock research lab & microscopes
- Realistic habitat dioramas
- Live animals and aquariums
- Touchscreen map table
- Lake Erie legacy movies
- Interactive wetland games
- Lake Erie historic bird collection
- Wetland research blind & webcam



Talking timelines & coastal kiosks



Virtual water choices game



Self-guided trails & Smartphone App



Educational programs

Estuaries . . . Where Rivers & Creeks Meet the Lake!

Every river or creek in northern Ohio that flows directly into Lake Erie has a semi-enclosed area near its mouth where lake and stream water meet and mix. These areas are Lake Erie's freshwater estuaries. Many are wetlands, and all are critical to the health of the lake and Ohio's wildlife.



Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve 2514 Cleveland Rd. East (U.S. Rte. 6), Huron, OH 44839

Directions: From SR 2, take the SR 61 exit and head north toward the lake. Turn left on U.S. Rte. 6 (Cleveland Rd). Old Woman Creek is located one mile west on U.S. Rte. 6.