## Visit a little island close to home

As warm winds akim the rocky hores of Catawha Point in northwest Ohio, eager passengers await their turn on the dock for the 18-minute ferry ride to South Bass

Island.
Their laland destination, more commonly called Put-in-Bay, resides in Lake Eris, three miles north of the Ohio mainland. Summer months attract a mixed populace ranging from the subdued soul to the more adventurous traveler. Here's a place to take your family, a date or the grand-parents.

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Bosts arrive in all shapes and
sizes docking on the island's
northern shore. During peak summer weekends, boaters at the
public docks are required to allow
other boats to tie on or raft off of
their vessels. Let the party begin!
Yet the laland not only serves
as a mecca for boat truffic, it
staters to land-lovers as well.

Exploring the island is best
does on foot, by blcycle or driving
an electric cart. Automobiles are
acare. Bring your own bike or
rent one. Cart ventals are also
available, however, during peak
times waiting lists are common.
Rent early or late in the dey.

The Main Street scene, pacted with stroiters, couples holding hands and people-watchers, swells with activity as beats and ferries unload their passengers. Follow your nose. Whife of simmering chocolate fudge coupled with sweet succulent bar-becued chicken fill the sir. Guitar strumming from an outdoor actually from an outdoor. strumming from an outdoor lounge, cafe-style eateries, Kimberly's Carousel (yes, rides are available), a bakery and a noisy video arcade keep everyone

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Souwenir shops atocked with
"Put-An-Island-In-Your-Jafe" Tshirts, ministure replicas of
lighthouses, jewelry, pottery and
beat attire satirfy shopping urges.
DeRivers Park, paralleling Main
Street, provides a cory beackforp
for sharing chicken dinners or an
ice cream cone.

Need some refuge from the
downtown activity? Then head
just a few blocks inland to Heineman's Winery and Cave. Sip a
glass of wine or grape juice and
nibble on some choses and crackers. Then grab a jacket (the temperature is in the '50s) and join
the group in Crystal Cave to view
the world's largest goods. Across
the road from Helisenan's, check
out Parry's Cave. Here Commo-

## How to get there

Transportation to Put-in-Bay is provided by the following boat

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Miller Boat Line, (419) 285-2421 or (800) 500-2421;

City of Sandusky Boat Line, (410) 627-0188 or (800) 426-6286;

Goodtims I Ferry (419) 625-6922 or (800) 446-3140;

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Island Hopper (800) 90-FERRY;

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Island ferry services and an sirline (Griffing Plying Service, (419) 734-3149 or (800) 388-5743) run regularly scheduled daily trips. During the summer months, ferries depart from both the mainland and the Island every half hour (weather permitting) with additional evening trips on weekends and holidays.

For further information contact the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 250, Put-In-Bay, Ohio 43466, (419) 285-2832 or the Ottawa County Visitors Bureau, 109 Maddison St., Port Clinton Ohio 43452, (419) 734-4386 or (800) 441-1271.

dore Oliver Perry stored war supplies and later held prisoners captive during the War of 1812.

Don't let the kids know that they're in for a history leason as they climb the 37 steps to the foot of Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial, During the War of 1812, Perry captured a British Rottlia of six ships just a few miles northwest of Put-in-Bay, forcing the British to take note of a struggling young nation. In 1912 the only international peace me-

morial in the National Park system was constructed this military battle.

The open-air observation plat-form 317 feet above the lake pre-vides a spectacular view of South Bass Island and her neighboring isles in Lake Erie. Unfortunately, the combination of steps and els-

vator, designed in the early 1900's, is the only way to reach the top of the monument, thus limiting handicapped availability.

Celebration: The Pipes and Drums of the 49th Field Regiment from Sault Ste. Marie, On-

tario, will play a major role in the Centennial Military Parade at Fort Mackinac at 8

p.m. Aug. 3. The event honors the transfer of Fort Mackinac and Mackinac National Park to the state of Michigan, which took place exactly 100 years

ago on Aug. 3. Mucki-nac Island State Park

then became Michigan's first state park. On the western tip of the is-land, the South Base Island State Park bosts overnight compers. Near the entrance to this park, a boat dock attracts anglers of all ages seemingly undaunted by lake

spray.

Not really interested in outdoor secommodations? No problem. Bed and breakfasts, motels and cottages are scattered throughout the island as well.

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