

Sandy Beach Bridge

The footbridge crossing the Russells Point Harbor was constructed in 1924 by Samuel "Pappy" and French Wilgus at a cost of \$15,000. It connected the east side of the Sandy Beach Amusement Park to eateries and other attractions on the west side. The bridge closed along with the amusement park in the early 70s. In 2009, after the death of William Reed, the owner of the bridge and surrounding property, the Reed family teamed up with the Indian Lake Area Historical Society to revive the bridge. Fund raising began in earnest in 2010 with contributions from generous donors and active community support. Four years later, the largest crowd in the Russells Point harbor area since the amusement park days witnessed the dedication of the refurbished Sandy Beach Bridge and William and Marjorie Reed Memorial Walkway on August 23, 2014. The bridge, walkway, benches and these historical markers are all a part of the theme of "Bridging The Past Into The Future."



Orchard Island Post Office

The original Orchard Island Post Office served Orchard Island residents from 1912-1926. In 2004 it was donated to the newly established Indian Lake Area Historical Society by the late Isabelle Wicker Pusey and relocated from the former Wicker property on Orchard Island to its present location on the newly named Post Office Island between Wolfe and Orchard islands. The building was falling into disrepair and in 2016 teams of residents and volunteers from the Indian Lake Area Historical Society, along with donations from the Indian Lake Development Corporation and the ODNR, came together to restore the building.

The 15' x 15' building has now been fully renovated and the inside has been reconstructed to look exactly as it did when the post office was in service, including period furnishings. On July 10, 2016, the Orchard Island Post Office was re-dedicated and opened to the public. The Indian Lake Area Historical Society intends to have several open houses throughout the year and will be advertising those dates on the website and in local papers.

Indian Lake Area **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

*"We strive to protect and preserve
the historical documents, buildings,
cultures and environment of
Indian Lake."*

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Membership

Individual \$10.00
Family \$15.00
Business \$25.00
Lifetime \$300.00

Monthly General Meeting

4th Monday at 7:00 PM

March to October

Galilee Lutheran Church

301 Lincoln Blvd. Russells Point, OH



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The Beginning of ILHAHS

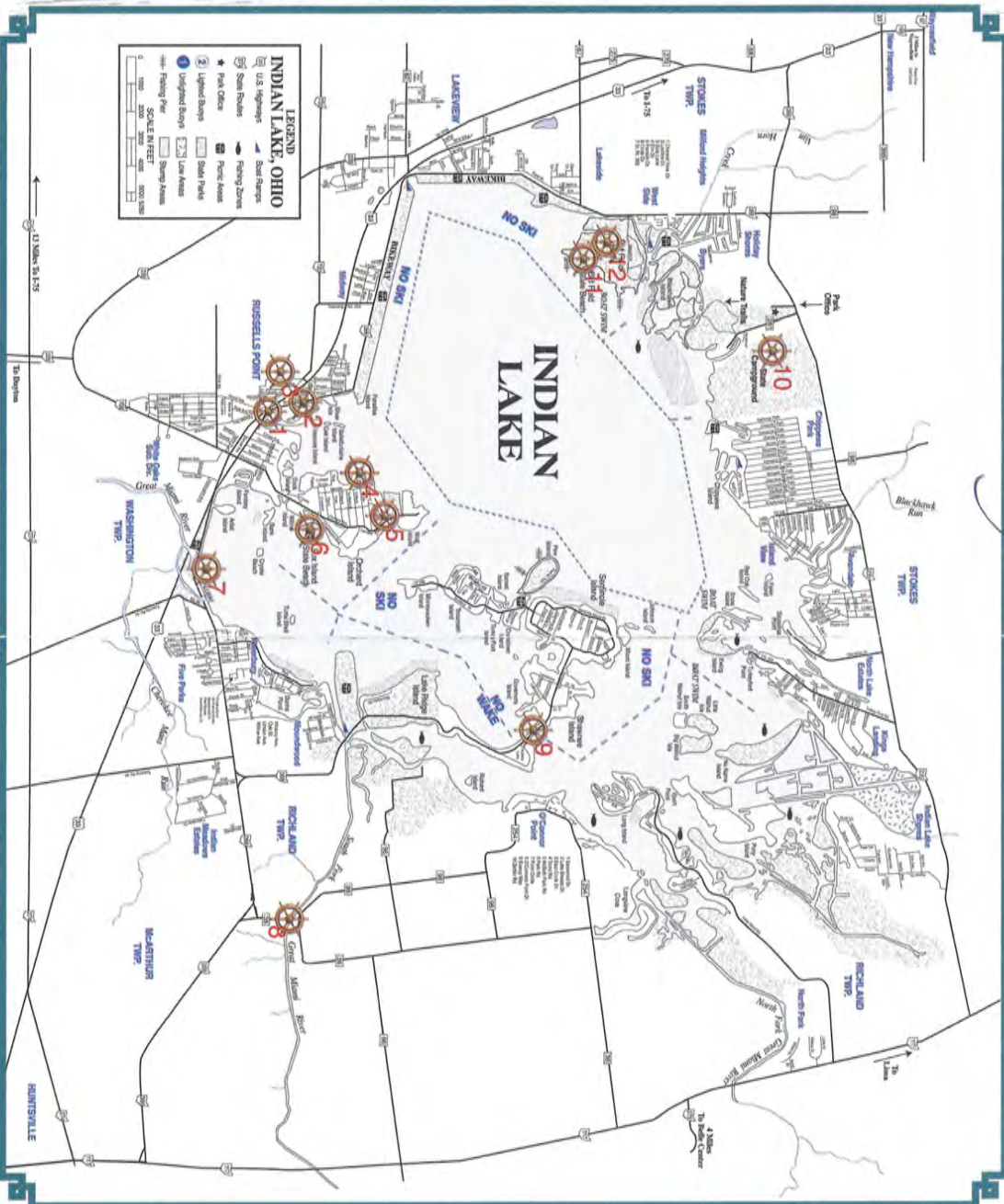
Eight concerned citizens of the Indian Lake area began with a dream to preserve the area's history. They felt too many historical memories and facilities were being lost. The group held their first meeting on March 12, 2003 and they adopted a set of bylaws to govern their group designated the **Indian Lake Area Historical Society.**

On September 25, 2006 the ILHAHS obtained a Non-Profit tax exempt 501 (c) (3) status from the State of Ohio.

The ILHAHS established their purpose as follows:

- Protect and preserve the historical documents, buildings, cultures, and environment of Indian Lake as resources will permit
- Recruit residents and friends of the Indian Lake area as members
- Be an advocate for the Logan County Historical Society in the Indian Lake Area
- Work in harmony with the local governments and neighborhoods around the Indian Lake to preserve their identities and cultural history, historical culture
- Be an educational resource for schools, civic organizations, individuals and others who request services from the society.

Welcome to Beautiful Indian Lake, Ohio



1. Sandy Beach Bridge
2. History Walk
3. Donut Shop
4. Our Lady Fatima
5. Post Office
6. Fox Island Beach
7. Spillway
8. Bickham Bridge
9. Dream Bridge
10. Indian Lake State Park
11. Old Field Island Beach
12. Old Field Island Dog Park