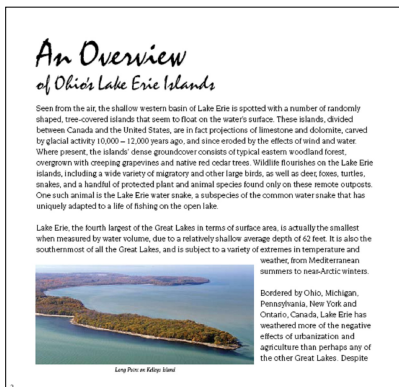


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The unique shape of Middle Bass has resulted in the creation of a number of interesting natural areas. In historic times of high water or severe storms, Deist Road has flooded, causing the narrow eastern half of the island to become separated from the rest of the land mass, creating two distinct islands.

A nesting spot is shown in the Fabled Marsh on Middle Bass Island



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