Gibraltar is named for its resemblance to the famous British fortress at the western end of the Mediterranean Sea. The island was a summer retreat for Civil War financier Jay Cooke and his family in the mid- to late-1800s. In 1925, Cooke’s daughter, Laura Barney, sold the island to Julius Stone, who gave it to The Ohio State University. Franz Theodore Stone Laboratory is named after Julius Stone’s father, a naturalist.

EXPLORE GIBRALTAR ISLAND

Gibraltar Island is closed to the public. Weekly science and history tours are held during the summer. For more information, visit go.osu.edu/gibtours.

1 Bayview Office
2 Peach Point Research Laboratory
   Houses the Water Quality Laboratory and holding tanks for aquatic organisms
3 Aquatic Visitors Center
   Open June through August, this former fish hatchery has educational displays, aquaria filled with fish and a public fishing dock.
4 Peach Point
   Researcher and faculty housing
5 Sycamore Cottage
   Staff and faculty housing
6 Glacial Grooves
   Deep striations, remnants of the last great North American glacier more than 10,000 years ago
7 Solar Pavilion
   Forty-four 240-watt solar panels provide energy and shade a few picnic tables below.
8 Stone Laboratory
   This is the main instruction building on the island, and contains laboratories, classrooms, office space, a meeting room for special lectures, a library, a computer lab and the Stone Lab bookstore. Forty solar panels were added to the roof in 2013.
9 Main Dock
10 Dining Hall
   Solar thermal installed on the roof in 2012 provides nearly all the hot water needed for the Dining Hall.
11 Gibraltar House
   Staff housing
12 Research Buoy
   Collects data including water temperature, pH and algae pigment and transmits it live to the Stone Lab website
13 Stone Cottage
   Faculty housing
14 Harborview House
   Student housing
15 Barney Cottage
   Additional housing
16 Cooke Castle
   Built in 1865 by Jay Cooke, a Civil War financier, this 15-room Victorian home was formerly used as a student dormitory. It is not currently in use.
17 Swimming Beach