

Gifts of Lake Erie Overview Guide

How to Use Gifts of Lake Erie

Lake Erie provides us with access to clean drinking water, fishing and other recreational opportunities, and it is home to hundreds of fish, plankton, bird, and wildlife species. As stewards of the lake we are responsible for the health of all human and animal species that call the lake home. Gifts of Lake Erie is meant to appreciate all the wonderful treasures we are given by Lake Erie such as the rocks, plants, shells, and animals. However, it is also meant to identify what does not belong: trash, invasive species, and pollutants.

Using show and tell, connection to place, and stories, Gifts of Lake Erie will provide you with an interpretive opportunity to offer your audience. This offering is meant to be tailored to your needs, so place whatever you like in the box. Some people focus on history whereas others may focus on ecology. It is completely up to you and can change based on program and participant needs.

Items Included

- Box wrapped to look like a present
- Items that belong on a beach
 - rocks
 - shells
 - driftwood
- Items that do not belong
 - beach glass
 - plastic items



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