EXPLORE GIBRALTAR ISLAND

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.

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

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