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Tour Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair Flats on a Summer Discovery Cruise

Michigan State University Extension and Michigan Sea Grant, in partnership with the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, are happy to announce the start of the 16th season of the Summer Discovery Cruises.

The 2017 season at Lake St. Clair Metropark offers fun, educational cruises around themes such as fisheries, wildlife, wetlands, shipwrecks, lighthouses, weather, shipping and more. Attendees will learn about local lighthouse lore, explore one of the world's largest freshwater deltas or discover their artistic side while learning about the ecosystem of the Great Lakes as the Schoolship Clinton explores Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair Flats from Lake St. Clair Metropark, near Mount Clemens.

Summer Discovery Cruises began in 2001 with support from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and DTE Energy. Since that time, the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have joined in supporting the Summer Discovery Cruises that have instructed more than 17,000 informal learners in southeastern Michigan.

Summer Discovery Cruises are scheduled on Lake St. Clair June 28 through July 16, with additional Journey Through the Straits cruises held Saturday, July 22 and Friday, Sept. 15. Tickets for most of the approximately 2.5-hour cruises are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 6 to 17. Tickets for longer cruises vary.

Visit the Summer Discovery Cruises website at www.discoverycruises.org for complete cruise descriptions, locations and schedule and to register for any of the educational summer cruises. Advance reservations are required and on-board space is limited to 25 persons. Group bookings are welcome. For park information, call Lake St. Clair Metropark at (586) 463-4581.

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