

5 Interesting Facts about Tributaries

And why they should matter

1. What is a tributary?

A tributary is a river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake.



2. Lake Erie has over 60 tributaries

The Maumee River is a major contributor to the western Lake Erie basin, it alone contains 13 tributaries.

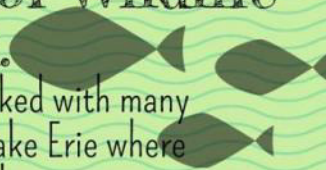


3. Tributaries are major contributors

They serve as a unique habitat for various species. They carry many types of matter, including sediment and even chemicals.

4. The Ohio Division of Wildlife stocks them.

Every year, Lake Erie tributary streams are stocked with many fish, including the Steelhead. They move into Lake Erie where they grow and eventually migrate back to their home stream.



5. The opposite of a tributary is a distributary.

A distributary is a stream or river that branches off and flows apart from the main stem of a river or lake. The process is called river bifurcation.



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