

The shore of [Lake Erie](#) is 569 feet (173 m) above [sea level](#); however, the city lies on a series of irregular bluffs lying roughly perpendicular to the lake. In Cleveland these bluffs are cut principally by the [Cuyahoga River](#), Big Creek, and Euclid Creek. The land rises quickly from the lakeshore. [Public Square](#), less than one mile (2 km) inland, sits at an elevation of 650 feet (198 m), and Hopkins Airport, 5 miles (8 km) inland from the lake, is at an elevation of 791 feet (241 m).<sup>[44]</sup>