

= Ohio State Route 357 =

State Route 357 (SR 357) is a 2 @. @ 353 @- @ mile @- @ long (3 @. @ 787 km) north ? south state highway in the northern portion of U.S. state of Ohio . Existing entirely on South Bass Island in Lake Erie , the highway begins at its southern terminus of West Shore Boulevard , about 0 @. @ 75 miles (1 @. @ 21 km) west of Put @- @ in @- @ Bay . SR 357 then travels northeast to its northern terminus at a dead end at Lake Erie , approximately 2 miles (3 @. @ 2 km) east of Put @- @ in @- @ Bay .

SR 357 is one of two Ohio state routes on Lake Erie islands . Though this two @- @ lane route travels predominantly east ? west , it once extended to the mainland of Ohio via the Catawba Island ferry , which is why it carries a north ? south routing .

= = Route description = =

The entirety of SR 357 exists within the confines of South Bass Island in Lake Erie . It is located within Put @- @ in @- @ Bay Township in Ottawa County . In 2012 , between 490 and 590 vehicles travel on the road on average each day . SR 357 begins at West Shore Boulevard , and travels southwestward . The route passes by Oak Point State Park , and becomes part of Bayview Avenue . SR 357 then intersects County Route 163 , which leads to the Put @- @ in @- @ Bay Airport , and the Put @- @ in @- @ Bay ? Catawba Island ferry . The route later leaves Put @- @ in @- @ Bay , near Perry 's Victory and International Peace Memorial . SR 357 turns northeast to Columbus Avenue , and later ends at a dead end near the lake , next to a driveway .

= = History = =

The SR 357 designation was created in 1934 . At the time , the highway was routed along the entirety of its present alignment on South Bass Island . However , in 1946 , when SR 53 was extended northerly from Port Clinton to end at its present northern terminus in Catawba Island , SR 357 was simultaneously extended south onto the mainland via the ferry that connects Put @- @ in @- @ Bay with Catawba Island , then south along SR 53 to a new southern terminus at SR 2 east of Port Clinton . By 1969 , all of the 1946 extension of SR 357 was eliminated , with the Put @- @ in @- @ Bay ? Catawba Island ferry becoming a connector between the southern end of SR 357 and the northern endpoint of SR 53 , and the mainland portion of SR 357 becoming just SR 53 . By 1973 , the Put @- @ in @- @ Bay ? Catawba Island ferry docked on the south side of South Bass Island , ending the direct access to ferry docks and the rest of the state highway system from SR 357 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Ottawa County .