

## Lake Erie Surprise

Hi, my name is Cathy Crow. I live in Sims Park in Euclid, Ohio. I love it here because there is a lot of food, evergreen trees to build a nest, and usually fresh water. But it is so cold, now. Brrrrr

I just flew over Lake Erie and I saw it frozen for the first time. It was like the lake went into the sky. It was all white, light blue, and sky blue. The waves looked like they had frozen in motion. The clouds were wispy. I thought about Sally Squirrel and how much she would love to see this. I'll just go find her, I thought.

Sally was back in her nest in the big oak tree with her parents. She was thinking of how Cathy the crow had stood up for her when she was getting bullied. Sally's parents, because she was so small, thought she should never go out of the wood to the park. When Sally heard Cathy outside crowing, "Caw, Caw, Caw," she couldn't believe Cathy was out on such a cold day. "Hi," said Sally. "Why are you up here on such a freezing cold day?"

"Well," said Cathy. "I was going to tell you about something surprising that I saw."

"Go on," said Sally.

"Well, I flew over Lake Erie and it was frozen. We need to sneak you out, so you can see it."

Cathy thought about their problem. "A-ha." she said. "We will leave at 2:00 a.m. and when we get there it will be dawn."

"Yes," said Sally.

That night Sally sneaked out of the tree and she found Cathy waiting. “Let’s go,” said Cathy. Cathy flew. Sally jumped from tree to tree. When they got to the lake the sun was a golden beam. Sally was speechless. She was surprised to see the lake white and light blue when usually the lake was blue green. The icicles that were hanging from snow piles amazed her and looking at the frozen lake made her feel cold.

“Awe, the sun is already up,” said Sally’s Dad.

“But where is Sally?” screamed Mom. “Maybe she is at the lake. Cathy and her were talking about it.” Sally’s parents jumped from branch to branch and ran as fast as their little legs could carry them. They found a very strange lake and there she was. They forgot to be mad. “Sally!” they shouted.

When they were done admiring the surprising frozen lake, they all went home. And Sally got another surprise, now she was allowed out of the wood with Cathy.