

Island of Fun

A place to relax — and throw a party.



A rickety wooden pier leads to Little Sisters Island, co-owned by Ralph and Joyce Girkins and Mark and Laura Hummer. The Girkins say they rarely go out of town for vacation since they bought the island two years ago.

Who hasn't dreamed of owning a private island to get away from it all? Ralph Girkins, actually. He owns one, but it's the last place he goes to be alone. It's a spit of land in the middle of the Maumee River, south of Toledo, where owners Ralph and Joyce Girkins and Mark and Laura Hummer can escape the city and take their friends with them. "We spend an awful lot of time out here," says Joyce, climbing out of the powerboat that she and her husband take from civilization to the sanctuary. "We live about



The "Island House" (above), the main building on the island, is Party Central, with whimsical signs that give directions to nonexistent elevators and amenities.

