2008

Bass Tournament Report

ODNR, Division of Wildlife

A Complete Report of 2008 Tournament Results
(as of June 22, 2009)

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The Ohio Bass Tournament Database

The Ohio Bass Tournament Database is an internet based system that allows bass tournament organizations to voluntarily report their tournament results on-line. At the conclusion of the tournament season, the information is summarized for the angling public in this Ohio Bass Tournament Report. Tournament catch rates are an excellent indication of the quality of fishing in a particular lake or river. Information provided in this report breaks down the catch rates (reported as average hours to catch a keeper bass - with keeper length determined by the tournament organization) for Ohio Inland Reservoirs, Lake Erie and the Ohio River. In addition this report provides a list of the most fished tournament waters and top big bass caught in tournaments.

Ohio Bass Federation

Ohio Bass Federation Nation

LaDo Bass Series

Fishers of Men National Tournament Trail—Ohio Division

Salmoides Team Tournament Circuit

Midwest Sportsman

Electric Bass Circuit

Ross County Bass Anglers Thursday Night Pot

Mid Buckeye Circuit of Central Ohio

Ohio Mega Bass Tournament Trail

Special THANKS to all circuits that entered data—your contribution improves Ohio bass management!

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Cover photo:Rory Franks, LaDo Bass Series Tournament Winning Bag. Courtesy LaDo Bass Series

Overall Summary

TOTAL NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS REPORTED: 325

STATEWIDE AVERAGES
(Hours to Catch a Keeper Bass)

Lake Erie	3.15
Inland Lakes	4.46
Ohio River	4.35

Top 10 Most Fished Waters

Lake Erie	54
Ohio River	28
Alum Creek Lake	23
Rocky Fork Lake	19
Indian Lake	18
Delaware Lake	14
Buckeye Lake	10
Clear Fork Reservoir	10
La Due Reservoir	10
Mosquito Reservoir	8

TOP 10 BIG BASS

LOCATION	WEIGHT	SPECIES	CATCH DATE
Rush Creek Lake	7 lbs 13 oz	Largemouth Bass	April 20, 2008
Deer Creek Reservoir	7 lbs 6 oz	Largemouth Bass	May 17, 2008
La Due Reservoir	6 lbs 10 oz	Largemouth Bass	July 6, 2007
Lake Erie	6 lbs 4 oz	Smallmouth Bass	April 27, 2008
La Due Reservoir	6 lbs 2 oz	Largemouth Bass	Aug. 2, 2008
Dow Lake	6 lbs 2 oz	Largemouth Bass	March 29, 2008
Rocky Fork Lake	6 lbs 2 oz	Largemouth Bass	May 4, 2008
La Due Reservoir	6 lbs 2 oz	Largemouth Bass	June 28, 2008
Portage River	5 lbs 12 oz	Smallmouth Bass	April 20, 2008
Lake Erie	5 lbs 10 oz	Smallmouth Bass	Aug. 16, 2008

Top 40 Big Bass (In-State)

NO.	DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	WT*
1.	20-Apr-08	RUSH CREEK LAKE	Largemouth Bass	7.81
2.	17-May-08	DEER CREEK RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	7.39
3.	06-Jul-08	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	6.62
4.	27-Apr-08	LAKE ERIE: PORTAGE RIVER	Smallmouth Bass	6.23
5.	02-Aug-08	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	6.14
6.	29-Mar-08	DOW LAKE	Largemouth Bass	6.13
7.	04-May-08	ROCKY FORK LAKE	Largemouth Bass	6.13
8.	28-Jun-08	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	6.10
9.	20-Apr-08	PORTAGE RIVER	Smallmouth Bass	5.75
10.	19-Apr-08	TURKEYFOOT LAKE-PORTAGE	Largemouth Bass	5.75
11.	16-Aug-08	LAKE ERIE (GENERAL)	Smallmouth Bass	5.62
12.	07-Jun-08	LAKE ERIE: VERMILLION RIVER	Smallmouth Bass	5.50
13.	13-Apr-08	LAKE SNOWDEN	Largemouth Bass	5.50
14.	13-Sep-08	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	5.49
15.	07-Jun-08	CLEAR FORK RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	5.40
16.	13-Apr-08	LAKE SNOWDEN	Largemouth Bass	5.38
17.	07-Jun-08	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	5.37
18.	12-Jul-08	LAKE ERIE (GENERAL)	Largemouth Bass	5.31
19.	26-Jul-08	LAKE ERIE: BLACK RIVER	Smallmouth Bass	5.27
20.	29-Mar-08	ROCKY FORK LAKE	Largemouth Bass	5.24
21.	17-Aug-08	LAKE ERIE: SANDUSKY BAY	Smallmouth Bass	5.22
22.	19-Jul-08	ALUM CREEK LAKE	Largemouth Bass	5.21
23.	21-Jun-08	LAKE SNOWDEN	Largemouth Bass	5.19
24.	29-Jun-08	OTHER LAKE ERIE AREAS	Smallmouth Bass	5.19
25.	26-Oct-08	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	5.19
26.	20-Apr-08	LAKE ERIE (GENERAL)	Smallmouth Bass	5.13
27.	19-Apr-08	LAKE ERIE (GENERAL)	Smallmouth Bass	5.07
28.	02-Nov-08	HANNIBAL POOL, OHIO RIVER	Smallmouth Bass	5.06
29.	23-Aug-08	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	4.98
30.	12-Apr-08	BURR OAK LAKE	Smallmouth Bass	4.91
31.	19-Apr-08	LAKE ERIE: WEST HARBOR	Smallmouth Bass	4.90
32.	20-Apr-08	LAKE ERIE: WEST HARBOR	Smallmouth Bass	4.87
33.	27-Jul-08	LAKE ERIE (GENERAL)	Largemouth Bass	4.87
34.	19-Apr-08	OTHER LAKE ERIE AREAS	Smallmouth Bass	4.86
35.	24-Aug-08	LAKE ERIE: SANDUSKY BAY	Smallmouth Bass	4.81
36.	19-Apr-08	LAKE ERIE: PORTAGE RIVER	Largemouth Bass	4.81
37.	20-Jul-08	LAKE ERIE: GRAND RIVER	Largemouth Bass	4.79
38.	24-May-08	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	4.79
39.	21-Sep-08	LAKE ERIE: GRAND RIVER	Smallmouth Bass	4.75
40.	13-Apr-08	BUCKEYE LAKE	Largemouth Bass	4.75

***WT = Weight recorded as pounds & hundredths of pounds.**

TOP 40 OHIO LAKES*

	LAKE	NO.[1]	AVE. HOURS/ KEEPER[2]
1.	CHARLES MILL RESERVOIR	1	2.13
2.	UPPER SANDUSKY RESERVOIR #2	1	2.29
3.	PIEDMONT LAKE	1	2.49
4.	CLEAR FORK RESERVOIR	10	2.69
5.	TAPPAN LAKE	5	2.73
6.	O SHAUGHNESSY RES.	7	3.15
7.	RESTHAVEN POND #8	1	3.20
8.	PLEASANT HILL LAKE	4	3.22
9.	DELAWARE LAKE	14	3.28
10.	GRAND LAKE ST MARYS	7	3.65
11.	TURKEYFOOT LAKE-PORTAGE LAKES	7	3.85
12.	ROCKY FORK LAKE	19	4.00
13.	INDIAN LAKE	18	4.04
14.	DEER CREEK LAKE	7	4.10
15.	MOSQUITO RESERVOIR	8	4.27
16.	LORAMIE	2	4.59
17.	LAKE SNOWDEN	4	4.62
18.	GRIGGS RESERVOIR	7	4.85
19.	CLENDENING LAKE	1	4.92
20.	DEER CREEK RESERVOIR	3	4.94
21.	EAST FORK LAKE	3	5.06
22.	PAINT CREEK LAKE	7	5.12
23.	KNOX LAKE	6	5.22
24.	RUSH CREEK LAKE	1	5.33
25.	BERLIN LAKE	4	5.45
26.	WEST BRANCH RESERVOIR	5	5.65
27.	LAKE MILTON	2	5.83
28.	NIMISILA RESERVOIR	1	5.87
29.	DILLON LAKE	3	5.89
30.	ALUM CREEK LAKE	23	6.23
31.	MOGADORE RESERVOIR	1	7.12
32.	HOOVER RESERVOIR	3	7.51
33.	DOW LAKE	1	8.00
34.	SENECA LAKE	7	8.35
35.	LA DUE RESERVOIR	10	8.53
36.	WEST RES.-PORTAGE LAKES	1	8.97
37.	BUCKEYE LAKE	10	9.06
38.	LAKE LOGAN	1	10.29
39.	BURR OAK LAKE	2	10.79
40.	ZOAR LAKE	1	12.20

***Results are reported as the "average hours per keeper", the average amount of time to catch a 12-inch or larger bass during a tournament.**
[1]NO. = Number of tournaments held at lake.

Results by Ohio River Pool*

POOL	NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS	AVERAGE HOURS / KEEPER	BEST TOURNAMENT HOURS/KEEPER
NEW CUMBERLAND	3	2.93	1.91
MELDAHL	3	3.38	3.04
WILLOW ISLAND	1	3.64	3.64
BELLEVILLE	2	3.75	2.58
PIKE ISLAND	5	3.85	3.00
HANNIBAL	3	4.31	3.20
GALLIPOLIS	7	5.01	2.88
RACINE	1	6.95	6.95
GREENUP	2	9.65	6.77
MARKLAND	1	10.00	10.00

Results by Lake Erie Areas*

AREA	NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS	AVERAGE HOURS / KEEPER	BEST TOURNAMENT HOURS/KEEPER
VERMILLION RIVER ACCESS	1	2.28	2.28
OTHER LAKE ERIE AREAS	5	2.31	1.75
PORTAGE RIVER ACCESS	4	2.58	1.76
EAST HARBOR	3	2.80	1.60
SANDUSKY BAY	13	2.97	2.07
WEST HARBOR	9	3.00	2.00
CUYAHOGA RIVER ACCESS	1	3.38	3.38
LAKE ERIE (GENERAL)	12	3.97	2.13
GRAND RIVER ACCESS	2	4.52	3.56
BLACK RIVER ACCESS	4	5.17	2.91

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Results by Reservoir* (Page 1 of 2)

RESERVOIR	NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS	AVERAGE HOURS / KEEPER	BEST TOURNAMENT HOURS/KEEPER
ALUM CREEK LAKE	23	6.23	2.15
BELMONT LAKE	1	27.20	27.20
BERLIN LAKE	4	5.45	4.57
BUCKEYE LAKE	10	9.06	4.63
BURR OAK LAKE	2	10.79	9.45
CHARLES MILL RESERVOIR	1	2.13	2.13
CLEAR FORK RESERVOIR	10	2.69	2.09
CLENDENING LAKE	1	4.92	4.92
DEER CREEK LAKE	7	4.10	3.02
DEER CREEK RESERVOIR	3	4.94	3.48
DELAWARE LAKE	14	3.28	2.00
DILLON LAKE	3	5.89	4.57
DOW LAKE	1	8.00	8.00
EAST FORK LAKE	3	5.06	2.95
GRAND LAKE ST MARYS	7	3.65	2.15
GRIGGS RESERVOIR	7	4.85	2.80
HOOVER RESERVOIR	3	7.51	5.87
INDIAN LAKE	18	4.04	1.78
KNOX LAKE	6	5.22	2.37
LA DUE RESERVOIR	10	8.53	4.77
LAKE LOGAN	1	10.29	10.29

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Results by Reservoir* (Page 2 of 2)

RESERVOIR	NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS	AVERAGE HOURS / KEEPER	BEST TOURNAMENT HOURS/KEEPER
LAKE MILTON	2	5.83	5.14
LAKE SNOWDEN	4	4.62	3.20
LORAMIE	2	4.59	2.86
MOGADORE RESERVOIR	1	7.12	7.12
MOSQUITO RESERVOIR	8	4.27	3.27
NIMISILA RESERVOIR	1	5.87	5.87
O SHAUGHNESSY RES.	7	3.15	1.90
OTHER RESERVOIRS OR LAKES	2	1.90	1.82
PAINT CREEK LAKE	7	5.12	1.91
PIEDMONT LAKE	1	2.49	2.49
PLEASANT HILL LAKE	4	3.22	1.87
RESTHAVEN POND #8	1	3.20	3.20
ROCKY FORK LAKE	19	4.00	2.20
RUSH CREEK LAKE	1	5.33	5.33
SALT FORK LAKE	1	19.00	19.00
SENECA LAKE	7	8.35	3.60
TAPPAN LAKE	5	2.73	1.78
TURKEYFOOT (PORTAGE) LAKE	7	3.85	2.67
UPPER SANDUSKY RESERVOIR #2	1	2.29	2.29
WEST BRANCH RESERVOIR	5	5.65	3.68
WEST RES.-PORTAGE LAKES	1	8.97	8.97
ZOAR LAKE	1	12.20	12.20

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