2012

Bass Tournament Report

ODNR, Division of Wildlife

A Complete Report of 2012 Tournament Results
(as of March 2013)

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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

Fishers of Men National Tournament Trail—Ohio Division

Midwest Sportsman

Ross County Bass Anglers Thursday Night Pot

Ohio Mega Bass Tournament Trail

Ohio Bass Federation Nation

LaDo Bass Series

Salmoides Team Tournament Circuit

Electric Bass Circuit

Mid Buckeye Circuit of Central Ohio

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Overall Summary

TOTAL NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS REPORTED: 192

STATEWIDE AVERAGES
(Hours to Catch a Keeper Bass)

Ohio River	2.36
Lake Erie	2.98
Inland Lakes	3.96

Top 10 Most Fished Waters

Indian Lake	18
Lake Erie	17
Alum Creek Lake	11
Caesar Creek Lake	10
Delaware Lake	9
La Due Reservoir	8
Mosquito Reservoir	8
Tappan Lake	8
Buckeye Lake	7
Ohio River	7

TOP 10 BIG BASS

Location	Weight	Species	Catch Date
MOGADORE RESERVOIR	6.20	Largemouth Bass	April 7, 2012
LA DUE RESERVOIR	6.06	Largemouth Bass	September 8, 2012
LA DUE RESERVOIR	5.88	Largemouth Bass	September 30, 2012
GRAND LAKE ST MARY'S	5.71	Largemouth Bass	May 12, 2012
LA DUE RESERVOIR	5.63	Largemouth Bass	July 28, 2012
LA DUE RESERVOIR	5.53	Largemouth Bass	August 12, 2012
LA DUE RESERVOIR	5.40	Largemouth Bass	July 21, 2012
TAPPAN LAKE	5.30	Largemouth Bass	April 22, 2012
MOGADORE RESERVOIR	5.24	Largemouth Bass	September 16, 2012
MOSQUITO CREEK LAKE	5.23	Largemouth Bass	May 5, 2012

Top 30 Big Bass (In-State)

NO.	DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	WT*
1	7-Apr-12	MOGADORE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	6.20
2	8-Sep-12	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	6.06
3	30-Sep-12	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	5.88
4	12-May-12	GRAND LAKE ST MARYS	Largemouth Bass	5.71
5	28-Jul-12	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	5.63
6	12-Aug-12	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	5.53
7	21-Jul-12	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	5.40
8	16-Sep-12	MOGADORE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	5.30
9	22-Apr-12	TAPPAN LAKE	Largemouth Bass	5.30
10	5-May-12	MOSQUITO CREEK LAKE	Largemouth Bass	5.24
11	21-Apr-12	MOSQUITO CREEK LAKE	Largemouth Bass	5.23
12	19-May-12	NIMISILA RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	5.22
13	30-Sep-12	CLEAR FORK RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	5.20
14	11-Aug-12	BERLIN LAKE	Largemouth Bass	5.14
15	15-Apr-12	BUCKEYE LAKE	Largemouth Bass	5.07
16	23-Jun-12	CLEAR FORK RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	5.04
17	30-Jun-12	LA DUE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	5.01
18	4-Aug-12	TURKEYFOOT LAKE	Largemouth Bass	5.00
19	13-May-12	GRAND LAKE ST MARYS	Largemouth Bass	4.95
20	26-May-12	GUILFORD LAKE	Largemouth Bass	4.92
21	30-Sep-12	LAKE ERIE: SANDUSKY BAY	Largemouth Bass	4.91
22	29-Sep-12	ALUM CREEK LAKE	Largemouth Bass	4.88
23	6-May-12	GRAND LAKE ST MARYS	Largemouth Bass	4.88
24	1-Apr-12	MOGADORE RESERVOIR	Largemouth Bass	4.82
25	21-Oct-12	LAKE ERIE: SANDUSKY BAY	Largemouth Bass	4.81
26	14-Apr-12	SPRINGFIELD LAKE	Largemouth Bass	4.79
27	26-Aug-12	ROCKY FORK LAKE	Largemouth Bass	4.77
28	24-Jun-12	TURKEYFOOT LAKE	Largemouth Bass	4.75
29	29-Apr-12	LAKE ERIE: WEST HARBOR	Largemouth Bass	4.68
30	15-Jul-12	TAPPAN LAKE	Largemouth Bass	4.67

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

TOP 20 OHIO LAKES*

LAKE	NO.[1]	AVE. HOURS/ KEEPER[2]
EAST FORK LAKE	1	1.64
GUILFORD LAKE	1	1.71
HOOVER RESERVOIR	1	2.16
LAKE LORAMIE	3	2.64
PLEASANT HILL LAKE	5	2.68
CLEAR FORK RESERVOIR	6	2.85
O SHAUGHNESSY RES.	6	3.01
KNOX LAKE	4	3.02
TURKEYFOOT LAKE-PORTAGE LAKES	4	3.15
DEER CREEK RESERVOIR	3	3.24
WEST BRANCH RESERVOIR	6	3.26
DEER CREEK LAKE	2	3.27
MOSQUITO CREEK LAKE	8	3.30
DELAWARE LAKE	9	3.33
ROCKY FORK LAKE	6	3.51
DILLON LAKE	5	3.59
BUCKEYE LAKE	7	3.63
NIMISILA RESERVOIR	1	3.67
TAPPAN LAKE	8	3.82
INDIAN LAKE	18	4.07

[*]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
RACINE POOL	1	1.70	1.70
HANNIBAL POOL	1	1.99	1.99
NEW CUMBERLAND POOL	1	2.42	2.42
PIKE ISLAND POOL	1	2.88	2.88
BELLEVILLE POOL	1	3.14	3.14
MELDAHL POOL	1	3.60	3.60
MARKLAND POOL	1	6.00	6.00

Results by Lake Erie Areas*

AREA	NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS	AVERAGE HOURS / KEEPER	BEST TOURNAMENT HOURS/KEEPER
LAKE ERIE (GENERAL)	2	2.31	2.18
EAST HARBOR	3	2.91	2.63
WEST HARBOR	4	2.93	1.91
SANDUSKY BAY	6	3.25	2.06
OTHER LAKE ERIE AREAS	2	3.72	3.37

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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	11	6.44	3.43
BERLIN LAKE	5	4.54	2.06
BUCKEYE LAKE	7	3.63	3.26
C. J. BROWN RESERVOIR	2	8.00	6.40
CAESAR CREEK LAKE	10	11.44	4.00
CLEAR FORK RESERVOIR	6	2.85	1.75
DEER CREEK LAKE	2	3.27	2.67
DEER CREEK RESERVOIR	3	3.24	2.67
DELAWARE LAKE	9	3.33	1.85
DILLON LAKE	5	3.59	2.36
EAST FORK LAKE	1	1.64	1.64
GRAND LAKE ST MARYS	5	4.36	2.46
GRIGGS RESERVOIR	4	5.92	4.48
GUILFORD LAKE	1	1.71	1.71
HOOVER RESERVOIR	1	2.16	2.16
INDIAN LAKE	18	4.07	2.12

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Results by Reservoir* (Page 2 of 2)

RESERVOIR	NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS	AVERAGE HOURS / KEEPER	BEST TOURNAMENT HOURS/KEEPER
KNOX LAKE	4	3.02	2.35
LA DUE RESERVOIR	8	4.84	2.26
LAKE MILTON	3	11.81	6.75
LORAMIE	3	2.64	2.10
MOGADORE RESERVOIR	5	5.42	4.09
MOSQUITO CREEK LAKE	8	3.30	1.64
NIMISILA RESERVOIR	1	3.67	3.67
O SHAUGHNESSY RES.	6	3.01	2.47
PLEASANT HILL LAKE	5	2.68	1.78
ROCKY FORK LAKE	6	3.51	2.40
SALT FORK LAKE	1	12.80	12.80
SPRINGFIELD LAKE	1	6.00	6.00
TAPPAN LAKE	8	3.82	2.29
TURKEYFOOT LAKE	4	3.15	2.56
WEST BRANCH RESERVOIR	6	3.26	1.95

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