

**DEER CREEK LAKE – Fayette, and Pickaway counties, (1,287 acres), unlimited horsepower**

**Channel catfish** – good population, try fishing cut shad in the creek channel in the upper end or fish from the dam after ice-out. Note: no bag limit, only one fish 28 inches and larger. OUTLOOK – GOOD.

**Crappie** – excellent population, many fish in 7-10" range, fish downed trees with minnows in April and May. Fall sampling in 2008 showed good numbers over 9". NOTE: 9" minimum length limit. OUTLOOK – GOOD.

**Flathead catfish** – try the tailwater with large baits such as suckers. Note: no bag limit, one 35" and greater. OUTLOOK – FAIR.

**Largemouth bass** – decent population, 10-14". Rocky shorelines and points are good, especially in the spring and fall. 12" minimum length limit. OUTLOOK – GOOD.

**Saugeye** – good population, 10-28", strong year classes in 2006, 2007 and 2008, majority caught in the tailwater below the dam after a water release event. Small jigs tipped with twister tails, minnows or both are good. Deer Creek above the lake is good in early spring. Due to a large watershed for its size, Deer Creek Lake is prone to major flooding as experienced in January 2005. Tailwater fishing is best October through March. The former state record was taken in tailwater, January 1989 (9 lbs., 27 inches). OUTLOOK – GOOD.

**White bass** – excellent population, 8-12", try Deer Creek above the lake during their spawning run in late April – mid May. Tick Ridge is good in summer, try spinners. OUTLOOK – GOOD.