



2010 Fishing Forecast

Alum Creek Lake

Delaware County
3192 Acres- Unlimited HP, Fishing



Compared to Other Inland Lakes and Reservoirs

Species	FISH POPULATION STATUS			Stocking	Anglers Seeking(%)
	Overall Numbers	This size or Larger	Largest Sampled		
Largemouth Bass	Good	12"	23.3"	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
Smallmouth Bass	Good	11"	21.2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
Crappie	Good	8"	12.7"	<input type="checkbox"/>	28.3
Saugeye	Fair	15"	28.0"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6.5
Channel Catfish	Good	16"	28.7"	<input type="checkbox"/>	7.4
Sunfish	Good	6"	7.7"	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.6
White Bass	Fair	9"	15.2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.0
Muskie	Excellent	20"		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.1

Largemouth Bass

OUTLOOK: GOOD

Electrofishing surveys in spring of 2009 indicated that the overall population of largemouth bass is below the state average. However 2008 had a huge year class and these fish could grow to 12 inches long in 2010. Ten percent of the largemouth bass sampled were 15 inches and longer, the largest in 2009 was 20 inches. Angler catch rate is the highest it has been in 5 years.

Smallmouth Bass

OUTLOOK: GOOD

Spring sampling in 2009 caught an average number of smallmouth bass. Thirty nine percent of the bass were 12 inches or longer. The largest fish was 21 inches long and weighed 4.8 pounds. Fish riprap and main lake points in the south and middle basins were hard bottom or rock is present.

Crappie

OUTLOOK: GOOD

White Crappie made up 61% of all the crappie caught in fall trap nets in 2009. Forty five percent of white crappie captured were 9 inches or longer. Only 9% of black crappie were 9 inches or larger. Strong numbers of crappie 7-8 inches long should provide good catches in 2010 as these fish grow into the 9 inch length limit. Jigs tipped with a minnow fished around woody cover can be very effective.

Saugeye

OUTLOOK: GOOD

Fall electrofishing surveys indicated average success of stocking in 2009 and gill net surveys indicated an increase in the adult population. Fifty six percent of saugeye captured in gill nets were 15 inches or longer, and 29% were over 18 inches long. Fishing along the dam and causeways can be productive in the early spring. In summer jigs with a small piece of night crawler fished close to bottom can catch fish.

Channel Catfish

OUTLOOK EXCELLENT

Good population of large catfish, many over 20". Try traditional catfish baits such as cut shad, night crawlers, liver, or shrimp. In early spring fish north of Howard Road for consistent catches of large fish.

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Sunfish

OUTLOOK: GOOD

Spring electrofishing surveys indicated a good number of sunfish 6-7 inches long. Try maggots or small worms fished under a bobber from spring through the fall in coves.

White Bass

OUTLOOK: FAIR

Fall gill netting survey results indicate a fair population of white bass. Fifty eight percent of fish captured were 10 inches or longer. In spring fish the spring "run" in the north end of the reservoir and in Kilbourne using jigs and spinners. In the summer follow the schools of shad to locate where the white bass are. Reports of 50+ days were common in late summer and fall of 2009.

Muskie

OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

Large numbers of fish being reported by anglers. Catch rates remain above state average. The angler catch rate in 2009 was the highest since 2004.

NOTES:

Zebra mussels were discovered in Alum Creek in 1995. If you boat there, please help prevent the spread of this exotic species to other lakes by allowing your boat to thoroughly dry after each use.