



2010 Fishing Forecast

Deer Creek Lake

Fayette and Pickaway Counties
1287 Acres- Unlimited HP, Fishing



Compared to Other Inland Lakes and Reservoirs

Species	FISH POPULATION STATUS			Stocked	Anglers Seeking(%)
	Overall Numbers	This size or Larger	Largest Sampled		
Largemouth Bass	Excellent	12"	20.5"	<input type="checkbox"/>	19.1
Crappie	Fair	8"	10.8"	<input type="checkbox"/>	24.9
Saugeye	Excellent	15"	23.9"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.3
Channel Catfish	Good	16"	26.6"	<input type="checkbox"/>	21.6
White Bass	Poor	9"	8.1"	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.2

Largemouth Bass **OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT**

The spring electrofishing survey showed an increase in the overall number of bass in the system and a big increase in the number of age 1 fish. Fifty two percent of the bass were larger than 12 inches and 14% were greater than 15 inches. Angler catch rates have remained fairly constant for the last 3 years. Rocky shorelines and points are good areas to target, especially in the spring.

Crappie **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

White crappie is the predominate crappie species in this lake. Catch rates in fall trap nets were above state average. Only 9% of these fish were 9" or greater, but a large number of smaller fish should grow over the 9" length limit by fall 2010. Target woody cover when fishing for crappie.

Saugeye **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Deer Creek continues to produce good saugeye fishing. 2009 gill net surveys captured a good number of adult fish with 49% of the fish 15 inches or longer. Target points and drop-offs using jigs tipped with a minnow. In the fall, vertical jigging in deeper water south of the Harding Cabin can be good. Most fish are caught in the tailwater after water releases. The winter fishery is good after the lake is drawn down.

Channel Catfish **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Fall sampling in 2009 indicated a good population of catfish with an average length of 13.25" The largest catfish captured during the survey was 26.75" long.

White Bass **OUTLOOK FAIR**

Good population of fish from 8 to 12 inches. Fishing north of the lake in Deer Creek during the spawning run is very productive, late April - mid May. During the summer casting spinners or jigs along Tick Ridge can catch fish.

