



## 2010 Fishing Forecast

# Hoover Reservoir

Delaware and Franklin Counties  
2818 Acres- 10 HP limit, 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	Good	12"	20.9"	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.4
Crappie	Fair	8"	13"	<input type="checkbox"/>	32.7
Saugeye	Fair	14"	26.5"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10.6
Channel Catfish	Fair	16"	29"	<input type="checkbox"/>	7.2
White Bass	Fair	9"	15.2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.9

### Largemouth Bass **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Spring electrofishing surveys indicate a good population of largemouth bass in this lake with fish up to 20 inches long sampled. Angling pressure on this lake is less than some water bodies due to horsepower restrictions. A strong 2008 year class should help catch rates rise in the near future.

### Crappie **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

In the fall trap net sampling 75% of the crappie captured were white crappie. Thirty one percent of the white crappie were over 9" long and nearly 15% of black crappie were longer than 9 inches. Crappies up to 12.75 inches were captured. Fishing woody cover with a jig and minnow or just a jig suspended by a float can be productive for crappie in the spring and fall.

### Saugeye **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Fall surveys show a good population of saugeye that averages 16" long with the largest fish over 26". Just over 60% of the saugeye are 15" or longer. Good fishery by dam in early spring. Fishing flats next to drop-offs in early spring and fall at dawn and dusk can be productive.

### Channel Catfish **OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT**

Large population of catfish. Largest catfish caught in fall of 2009 sampling exceeded 27". Fishing the large flat in north end of lake can be productive. Popular baits are cut baits and shrimp. In spring, fishing the mouth of Big Walnut Creek after a rain event can be good.

### White Bass **OUTLOOK GOOD**

In the spring fishing in Big Walnut Creek can be successful. Early to mid-May is when the spawning run usually occurs. Fish up to 15" were captured last year. During summer and fall look for schools of shad breaking the surface to locate feeding white bass.

