



# 2010 Fishing Forecast

## Rush Creek Lake

Fairfield County  
273 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"	19.7"	<input type="checkbox"/>	26.7
Crappie	Fair	8"	10.6"	<input type="checkbox"/>	24
Channel Catfish	Good	16"		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27.4
Sunfish	Excellent	6"	7.4"	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.6

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

Electrofishing samples in the spring of 2008 indicated a catch rate of slightly below state average. Of these fish the average size was 10.75" long and the largest fish caught was 19.7" in length. Forty six percent of the bass were 12" or greater, 7% were larger than 15" long.

### Crappie **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Both black and white crappies are present in the lake, but white crappie makes up 84% of the crappie population. In the fall of 2007 only 7% of the white crappie were 9" or larger. Surveys also showed a large number of fish one year old, now 3 years of age. A majority of the crappie were 5 - 7 inches long. Fish around the woody cover in the upper end of the lake with minnows and jigs for good results.

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

This lake has a nice population of catfish. Fish the creek mouth after a rain to target some larger fish.

### Sunfish **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

In the spring of 2007 electrofishing surveys showed a catch rate below the state average for sunfish. Bluegills make up a majority of the sunfish population in the lake but some redear sunfish are present. Eighty three percent of the sunfish were 5" or greater and 52% were 6" or longer. The largest fish captured was 7.4" long but larger fish are present.

## NOTES:

Upper end of lake has a lot of stumps and other woody cover in the water.