



# 2010 Fishing Forecast

## Atwood Lake

Carroll and Tuscarawas counties  
1,563 Acres- 25 horsepower



Compared to Other Inland Lakes and Reservoirs

Species	FISH POPULATION STATUS			Stocked	Anglers Seeking(%)
	Overall Numbers	This size or Larger	Largest Sampled		
Largemouth Bass	Fair	12"	20.3"	<input type="checkbox"/>	28.2
Crappie	Good	8"	10.8"	<input type="checkbox"/>	22.1
Saugeye	Excellent	15"	26.0"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	19.3
Channel Catfish	Fair	16"	27.2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	16.9
Sunfish	Good	6"	7.5"	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.9
White Bass	Excellent	9"	15.2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.0

### Largemouth Bass

#### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

Largemouth bass were sampled by electrofishing during spring 2009. Fifty percent of the bass sampled were 12" and longer. Twelve percent of those fish also exceeded 15".

### Crappie

#### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

Both white and black crappie were sampled during fall 2009 trap-net surveys. White crappie greatly dominated the catch, with about 27% of the fish sampled measuring at least 8". Approximately 11% of the white crappie measured 10" or more. White crappie that were kept averaged 10.8" in 2009; black crappie averaged 10". NOTE: There will be a 9" length limit and daily bag limit of 30 crappie at this lake in 2010.

### Saugeye

#### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

This hybrid cross between a female walleye and male sauger has provided excellent fishing opportunities. The 2004 fall electrofishing surveys produced a catch rate of 78 young-of-year saugeye per hour (60 saugeye captured per hour would be the "benchmark" for declaring an excellent result). Saugeye that were kept during 2009 averaged 15.7".

### Channel Catfish

#### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

Channel catfish were also sampled during fall 2004 gill-net surveys. Good numbers of catfish were captured that ranged from 8" to 28". A large majority of the catfish were at least 16", with excellent numbers of fish in the 24" to 28" bracket. Catfish that were kept averaged slightly more than 19" in 2009.

### Sunfish

#### OUTLOOK GOOD

Sunfish were sampled during 2009 spring electrofishing surveys. Nearly 26% of the bluegill sunfish sampled measured at least 6". Harvested bluegill averaged a healthy 7.8", based on 2009 creel survey results.

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## **White Bass**

## **OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT**

White bass were also sampled during fall 2004 gill-netting surveys. Excellent numbers of fish were sampled between 10" and 14". The average white bass kept in 2009 averaged 13.5".

## **NOTES:**

Atwood Lake is owned by the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (330-343-6647). The fisheries resources are managed by the Division of Wildlife through an agreement with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District.