



2010 Fishing Forecast

Belmont Lake

Belmont County
114 Acres- Electric Motor Only



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	8"	21.5"	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.3
Bluegill	Fair	6"	6.8"	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.6
Saugeye	Good	9"	24.2"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.2
Channel Catfish	Good	11"	26.0"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.6
Trout	Excellent			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-

Largemouth Bass **OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT**

A black bass survey was conducted in 2006. During this survey, 62% of the largemouth bass sampled were 12-inches or larger, 25% were 15-inches or larger.

Bluegill **OUTLOOK: FAIR**

Belmont has a variety of sunfish present, bluegill are the predominate species however. During a 2006 electrofishing survey, 21% of the bluegills were 6-inches or larger.

Channel Catfish **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Channel catfish yearlings are stocked in alternate years. The channel catfish population has not been investigated.

Saugeye **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Gillnets were used to sample saugeyes in the fall of 2007. Fish 14-inches or larger comprised 71% of the sample, 57% of the fish were 18-inches or larger.

Trout **OUTLOOK EXCELLENT**

Catchable size rainbow trout are stocked each year in the early spring to provide another highly desirable sport fish opportunity.

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NOTES:

This reservoir is located at Barkcamp State Park, one mile east of Belmont, Ohio. It has one ramp with limited parking. Belmont Lake has a white crappie population not previously sampled. However, a creel survey conducted in 2004 showed significant effort being directed towards crappie, with a substantial amount of harvest occurring.