



2010 Fishing Forecast

Lake Rupert

Vinton County

325 Acres- 10 HP/Unlimited Idle 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	Good	8"	22.0"	<input type="checkbox"/>	26.5
Channel Catfish	Fair	11"	27.6"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7.3
Saugeye	Good	9"	24.4"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.7
Crappie	Poor	8"	8.8"	<input type="checkbox"/>	22.1
Bluegill	Poor	6"	6.9"	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3

Largemouth Bass

OUTLOOK: GOOD

Overall catch rates for largemouth bass are high yet numbers of larger sized largemouth bass are limited. Twenty-three percent of the bass captured during the 2008 electrofishing survey were 12-inches or larger, 12% were 15-inches or larger.

Channel Catfish

OUTLOOK: FAIR

Though stocked in alternate years, relatively low numbers of channel catfish were caught during the 2006 gillnet survey. Twenty-three percent of the fish captured were 16-inches or larger.

Saugeye

OUTLOOK: GOOD

Saugeye are found in good numbers at Lake Rupert compared to other inland lakes throughout Ohio. Ninety-four percent of the fish captured during the 2006 gillnet survey were 14-inches or larger, 61% were 18-inches or larger.

Crappie

OUTLOOK: POOR

Creel survey results indicate that crappie are one of the most sought after sportfish at Lake Rupert yet low numbers were captured during the 2005 trapnet survey. Only 14% of the fish captured were eight-inches or larger.

Bluegill

OUTLOOK POOR

A variety of sunfish are present at Lake Rupert but bluegill are the predominant species. Catch rates for bluegill were good but the population is comprised of smaller sized fish. Only seven percent of the fish captured were six-inches or larger.

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NOTES:

Boats with outboard motors up to 10 horsepower may operated at full throttle, motors larger than 10 horsepower are permitted but operated at idle speed only.