



# 2010 Fishing Forecast

## Piedmont lake

Belmont County  
2,273 Acres- 10 HP Motor Limit



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"	19.5"	<input type="checkbox"/>	24.2
Smallmouth Bass	Excellent	7"	18.6"	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
Crappie	Fair	8"	12.6"	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.3
Saugeye	Good	9"	24.3"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22.2
Channel Catfish	Good	11"	24.4"	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.2
Bluegill	Excellent	6"	7.8"	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.9
Muskellunge	Good			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17.0

### Largemouth Bass

#### OUTLOOK: GOOD

A black bass survey was conducted in 2006. During this survey, 72% of the largemouth bass sampled were 12-inches or larger; 32% were 15-inches or larger. Largemouth bass comprised 72% of the black bass sampled.

### Smallmouth Bass

#### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

In 2006, 55% of the smallmouth bass sampled were 11-inches or larger. Similarly, 26% of the smallmouth bass captured were 14-inches or larger. Higher numbers of smallmouth bass are found in the narrow section of the lake, near rocky shorelines or submerged boulders. Smallmouth bass comprised 28% of the black bass sampled.

### Crappie

#### OUTLOOK: FAIR

Crappie were sampled with trapnets during the fall 2008. White crappie comprise the majority of the population (70% crappie sampled were white crappie, 30% were black crappie). In our sample, 87% of the crappie were 8-inches or larger. Early spring fishing is most popular using minnows and bobbers.

### Saugeye

#### OUTLOOK: GOOD

Adult saugeye were sampled in the fall 2008 with gillnets. Fish 14-inches or larger comprised 45% of the sample. Saugeye 18-inches or larger comprised 21% of the sample. Saugeye can be caught throughout the lake using a jig and twister, stick baits, and blade baits such as Vib E's or Cicada's.

### Channel Catfish

#### OUTLOOK GOOD

Channel catfish are sampled along with saugeye during fall gillnet surveys. In 2008, 61% of the fish captured were 16-inches or larger, 3% were 24-inches or larger.

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## **Bluegill**

### **OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT**

Though a variety of sunfish are present, bluegill are the predominant species. During the 2005 electrofishing survey, 29% of the bluegill captured were 6-inches or larger.

## **Muskie**

### **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Muskellunge are not targeted for sampling by Division of Wildlife crews. Numbers of muskie caught by hook and line are reported by anglers using the Muskie Angler Log (MAL). In 2009, 166 muskellunge were reported caught on the MAL. The largest fish reported was over 53-inches long. Fourteen of the muskellunge reported were > 42-inches long.

## **NOTES:**

Two launch ramps are available; one at the main marina off State Rout 800 and the other off Reynolds Road. Launching is difficult during the winter months due to water level drawdowns.