



# 2010 Fishing Forecast

# Seneca Lake

Noble County  
3,509 Acres- 399 Horsepower 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"	23.0"	<input type="checkbox"/>	19.6
Channel Catfish	Excellent	11"	29.3"	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.0
Crappie	Excellent	8"	13.0"	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.5
Saugeye	Excellent	9"	24.6"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	33.5
White Bass	Good	6"	14.1"	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.3
Bluegill	Good	6"	7.8"	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.6

## Largemouth Bass

### OUTLOOK: GOOD

The 2009 electrofishing survey yielded good numbers of largemouth bass. Thirty-three percent of the largemouth bass captured were 12-inches or larger, 14% were 15-inches or larger. Smallmouth bass can be found in Seneca Lake as well but in low numbers.

## Channel Catfish

### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

High numbers of channel catfish are present at Seneca Lake but the population is largely comprised of smaller fish. Twenty-nine percent of the channel catfish captured were 16-inches or larger. Individuals up to 29-inches were captured.

## Crappie

### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

The crappie population at Seneca Lake has benefitted from the nine-inch minimum length limit. Crappie are plentiful with good numbers of harvestable sized fish. During the 2009 trap net survey, 59% of the fish captured were eight-inches or larger. All fish sampled in 2009 were white crappie.

## Saugeye

### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

Seneca Lake remains one of the best lakes in southeastern Ohio for saugeye fishing. High numbers of saugeye were captured during the 2009 gillnet survey. Seventy-five percent of the fish captured were 14-inches or larger.

## White Bass

### OUTLOOK GOOD

Seneca Lake is known for its white bass spawning run in the early spring. Many fish can be caught in the upper end of the lake or around tributaries entering the lake. Seventy-nine percent of the fish captured with gillnets in 2009 were nine-inches or larger. Spinners, twisters, and minnows under a bobber are popular techniques used to catch white bass.

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## **Bluegill**

## **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Bluegill are the predominate species of sunfish in Seneca Lake though a variety of sunfish are present. Good numbers keeper size bluegill can be found; sixty-four percent of the bluegill captured during the 2009 survey were six-inches or larger.

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