



2010 Fishing Forecast

Wills Creek Lake

Coshocton County
416 Acres- 10 Horsepower 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	Poor	8"	19.3"	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
Channel Catfish	Excellent	11"	26.2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
Crappie	Poor	8"	10.5"	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
White Bass	Fair	6"	12.4"	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
Saugeye	Good	9"	19.4"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-
Bluegill	Good	6"	7.2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	-

Largemouth Bass

OUTLOOK: POOR

Largemouth bass were sampled in the spring 2007. Catch rates were low compared to statewide results. Bass 12-inches or larger comprised 58% of the fish captured, 33% of the fish captured were 15-inches or larger.

Channel Catfish

OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

Channel catfish are abundant at Wills Creek Lake. High catches were observed during the 2009 gill net survey. Thirty-three percent of the channel catfish captured were 16-inches or larger, eight percent of the fish captured were 24-inches or larger.

Crappie

OUTLOOK: POOR

Crappie were sampled with trap nets in the fall 2007. Overall catch rates were poor. Forty-three percent of the fish captured were eight-inches or larger, 33% were 10-inches or larger. Both white crappie and black crappie are present though white crappie are most abundant.

White Bass

OUTLOOK: FAIR

White bass were captured with gill nets during the 2009 survey. Thirty-eight percent of the fish captured were nine-inches or larger.

Saugeye

OUTLOOK GOOD

Saugeye were sampled with gill nets in the fall 2009. Seventy-seven percent of the fish captured were 14-inches or larger, five percent of the fish captured were 18-inches or larger. Many of the saugeye stocked in Wills Creek Lake are flushed through the dam which provides a good tailwater fishery. Improvements to the tailwater access have completed.

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Bluegill

OUTLOOK: GOOD

Overall numbers of bluegill are low but are of good quality. Twenty-five percent of the bluegill captured in the 2006 electrofishing survey were six-inches or larger.

NOTES:

The upper end of this reservoir has silted in and is very shallow. Caution should be used when traveling from the launch ramp to the main lake basin.