



2010 Fishing Forecast

CAESAR CREEK LAKE

Clinton, Greene, and Warren counties

2,723 Acres- Unlimited Horsepower Motors



Compared to Other Inland Lakes and Reservoirs

Species	FISH POPULATION STATUS			Stocked	Anglers Seeking(%)
	Overall Numbers	This size or Larger	Largest Sampled		
Largemouth Bass	Fair	12"	20.5"	<input type="checkbox"/>	13
Crappie	Fair	8"	12.2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	24
Saugeye	Good	14"	25.4"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7
Bluegill Sunfish	Fair	6"	7.7"	<input type="checkbox"/>	7
Muskellunge				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3
Channel Catfish	Fair	11"	25.9"	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
White Bass	Excellent	6"	13.7"	<input type="checkbox"/>	1

Largemouth Bass

OUTLOOK: FAIR

A 2009 electrofishing survey showed that largemouth bass numbers are low compared to other lakes. Some Kentucky spotted bass and a few smallmouth bass are also present. Best areas include wooded bays or brushy main lake shorelines, and along rocky or rip rap shorelines. Lots of deep water and steep shorelines make for tough fishing.

Crappie

OUTLOOK: FAIR

Crappie angler catch rates in 2009 were faster as compared to 2007 or 2008. However, crappie numbers remain at only fair. In 2009, the average length kept was 9.5" for black crappies and 10.2" for white crappies. Fish shallow woody cover in spring; the rest of the year try 10-20 feet depths around deep points, dropoffs, and submerged wood. There is a 9-inch minimum size limit and 30 fish daily bag limit.

Saugeye

OUTLOOK: GOOD

Good numbers of 14-18 inch fish were captured in a fall 2009 population survey. Saugeye anglers in 2009 experienced very fast catch rates-- the best that we have documented in the last 5 years. From May through September, cast or troll crankbaits, or drift with bottom-bouncing worm rigs or jigs tipped with a minnow. In late fall, try vertical jigging using blade baits or spoons. Also try the tailwater below the dam.

Bluegill Sunfish

OUTLOOK: FAIR

In May and June, fish shallow areas with woody structure. At other times of the year, bluegills are often found at 6-15 foot depths adjacent to cover, sometimes a long way from shore.

Muskie

OUTLOOK GOOD

In 2009, anglers voluntarily reported catching 127 muskies in Caesar Creek using the Division of Wildlife's Muskie Angler Log, with the largest fish reported 46.5". Muskies can be found throughout the lake. Caster bays or main lake shorelines with standing timber and steep shorelines with fallen trees or troll main lake points and drop-off edges, especially in the upper end of the lake above the SR 73 bridge.

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Channel Catfish

OUTLOOK: FAIR

Although overall channel cat numbers are only moderate, some large fish (8-12 pounds) are present. In 2009, the average length of channel catfish kept by anglers was 17 inches. When catfish are spawning in June and July, fish 3-6 foot depths along rocky shorelines or adjacent to submerged wood. Some nice stringers of channel cats are taken in the extreme upper end of the lake above Young Rd. boat ramp.

White Bass

OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

White bass numbers are very strong with most 6-9" and some up to 14". April and May spawning runs up the main tributaries (Caesar Creek and Anderson Fork) can provide excellent fishing at the upper end of the lake. In summer and fall, locate white bass schools by trolling small shad-colored crankbaits or 1/4 oz. jigs with white twister tails and once a school is located cast jigs and twister tails, in-line spinners, or blade baits.