



2010 Fishing Forecast

C.J. BROWN



Clark County
2,022 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		
Walleye	Good	15"	30.3"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30
Crappie	Good	8"	12.1"	<input type="checkbox"/>	25
Largemouth Bass	Poor	12"	19.4"	<input type="checkbox"/>	7
Channel Catfish	Excellent	11"	27.7"	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Bluegill Sunfish	Good	6"	8.5"	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
White Bass	Good	6"	13.9"	<input type="checkbox"/>	1

Walleye

OUTLOOK: GOOD

A 2008 population survey yielded good numbers of 14-21 inch fish, and other sampling in March has revealed numerous 5-10 pound fish. The largest fish collected in 2009 was 30 inches and 12 pounds. Cast lightweight jigs along the rocky dam in March and April. In summer, cast or troll crankbaits, drift with bottom-bouncing worm rigs, or slowly bounce a light jig tipped with a minnow or worm along the bottom.

Crappie

OUTLOOK: GOOD

Expect good numbers of 8-10 inch crappies this year. The marina area is a favorite for spring fishing. Productive spots for boat anglers include the piling units, dropoffs adjacent to old gravel pits, and the old railroad bed in the upper end. Also try slow-trolling open water with tandem jig and twister rig just above the bottom, or small crankbaits. There is a 9-inch minimum size limit and 30- fish daily bag limit.

Largemouth Bass

OUTLOOK: POOR

Bass population numbers and bass angler catch rates are both low compared to other lakes. Concentrate bass fishing efforts on what little good bass habitat is present, namely rip rap shorelines, the marina, and the few fallen shoreline trees.

Channel Catfish

OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

C J Brown holds excellent numbers of channel catfish, with good numbers of 15-24 inch catfish. Try the shallow upper end in March and April-- the combination of warmer water and food (shad) attracts the catfish. Nighttime shoreline fishing during the summer can also be productive. Use the old standbys for bait: chicken liver, shrimp, cut shad, and prepared catfish baits.

Bluegill Sunfish

OUTLOOK GOOD

A creel survey conducted in 2007 showed that bluegill anglers had excellent catches. During spring, fish shallows along the west bank above the emergency spillway and the east bank above the campgrounds. At other times, fish piling units or holding close to dropoffs and humps in 8-18 feet of water. Offshore, drift or troll a small night crawler spinner harness or a small jig tipped with a wax worm below a sliding bobber.

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White Bass

OUTLOOK: GOOD

Good numbers of 9-13" fish available. Try the Buck Creek inlet in New Moorefield area in May. Unfortunately, the timing and strength of the spawning run into the creek is highly variable. From summer through fall, fish the main lake area by casting spinners or jigs, or trolling shad-pattern crankbaits. In 2007, the average sized white bass kept by anglers was just under 11 inches.