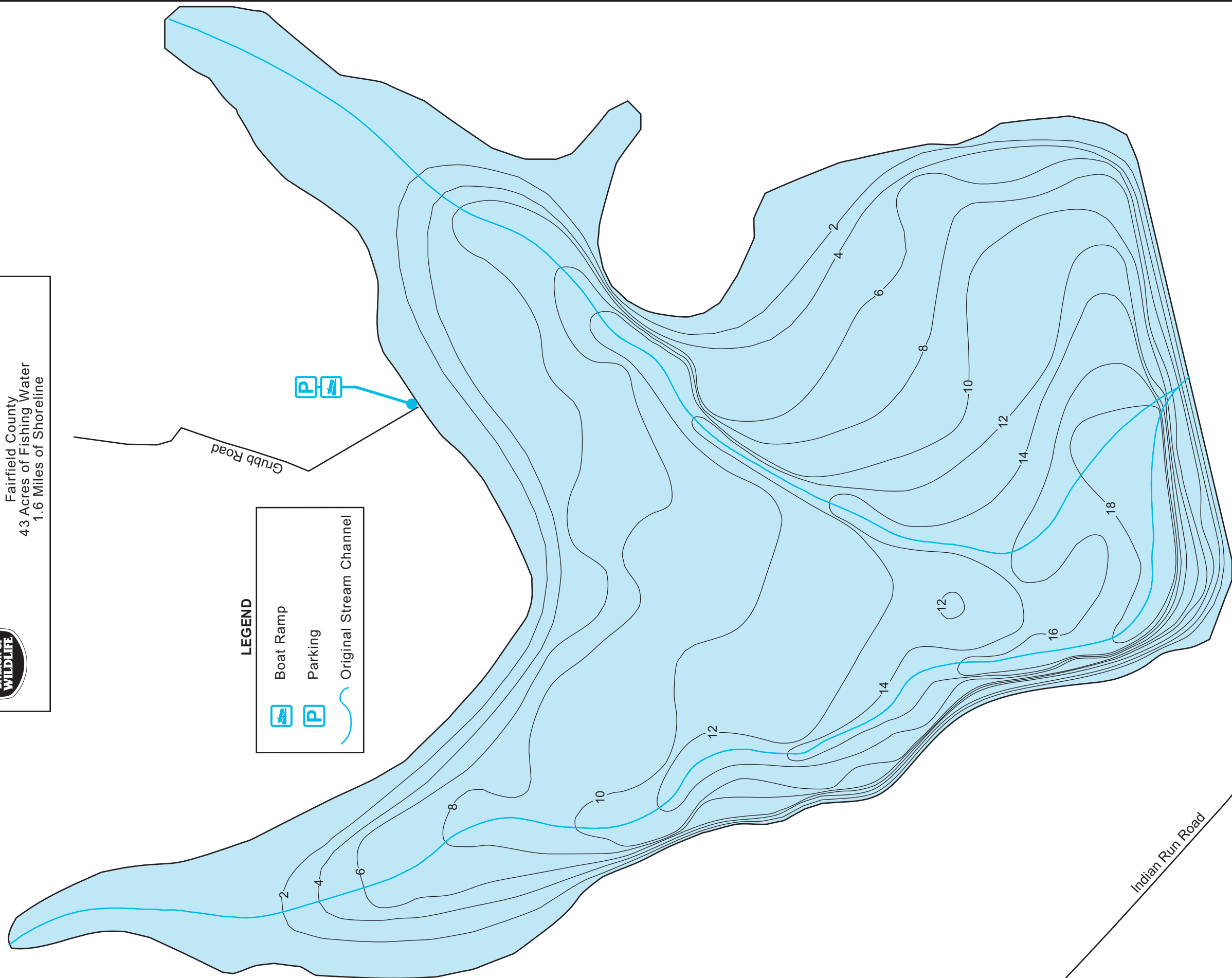




DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

OAKTHORPE LAKE

Fairfield County
43 Acres of Fishing Water
1.6 Miles of Shoreline



LEGEND



Boat Ramp



Parking



Original Stream Channel



Scale in Feet

Depths based on normal summer pool elevation of 919 ft above mean sea level.
Contour intervals are in 2 ft increments.
Contours and depths shown on this map may change with fluctuating lake levels and alteration of the lake bottom.
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LOCATION

Oakthorpe Lake is located in Fairfield County approximately 10 miles northeast of Lancaster, three miles north of Rushville. The lake and boat ramp are accessible from Grubb Rd. NE. which is a mile south of State Route 256 and a mile west of State Route 664. Shoreline fishing access is available on the dam off of Pleasantville Road.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Oakthorpe Lake was originally impounded as part of a larger watershed project in the upper Hocking River watershed. It is a relatively small body of water with a maximum depth of close to 20 feet. Extensive mats of lily pads form during the summer on this lake.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

One parking lot and boat ramp are maintained by the Rush Creek Conservancy District. Only electric motors are permitted on the lake.

FISHES OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS

Oakthorpe Lake is one of two public bodies of water in central Ohio that contain redear sunfish. Other species present include largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie, carp, and bluegill. The Division of Wildlife stocks yearling channel catfish every other year. Gizzard shad is the main forage species.

METHODS OF FISHING AND BEST FISHING SITES

This is a largely overlooked bass fishery with good numbers of fish in the 14-20 inch range. Concentrate on the deep drop-offs located on the western side of the lake. This area of the lake can also be productive for crappie as well. When fishing for redear sunfish target vegetated areas on the north and east sides of the lake with waxworms, redworms, or nightcrawlers under a bobber. For carp, use dough balls or nightcrawlers fished on the bottom.

FISH OHIO

Anglers who catch a big fish should enter their prize in the Fish Ohio angler recognition program. A fish qualifies for an award if it meets the minimum size requirement set for the Fish Ohio program. Applications are available from the Division of Wildlife district offices or Web site and from many tackle and bait stores.

FISH MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The ODNR Division of Wildlife's fish management activities include stocking, conducting angler creel surveys, constructing fishing piers, renovating boat ramps and parking areas, and monitoring fish populations with nets, seines, and electrofishing gear. These activities are vital to providing adequate public access and determining the management practices necessary to produce quality fishing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The nearest district office is Wildlife District One, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215 telephone 614-644-3925. The Division also has a Web site for information on fishing regulations, tips, maps and other wildlife related information (wildohio.com). To get other maps or publications call toll free, 1-800-WILDLIFE.

TURN IN A POACHER

Ohio's TIP, "Turn In a Poacher," program is helping to control poaching throughout the state. TIP is designed to involve the public in reporting wildlife violations. Citizens who observe wildlife violations should call the TIP toll-free hotline, 1-800-POACHER.



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