



DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

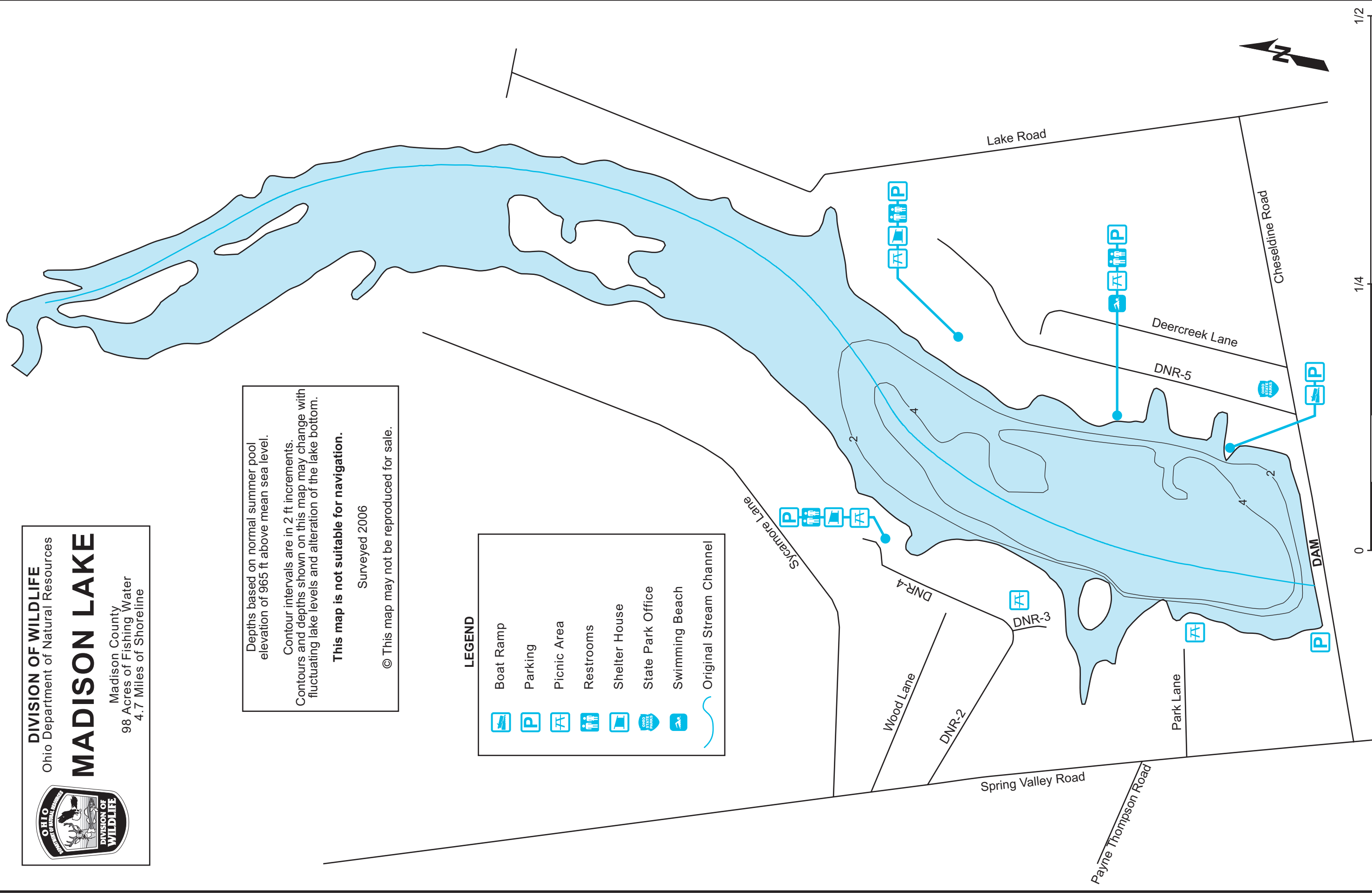
MADISON LAKE

Madison County
98 Acres of Fishing Water
4.7 Miles of Shoreline

Depths based on normal summer pool elevation of 965 ft above mean sea level.
Contour intervals are in 2 ft increments.
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LEGEND

- Boat Ramp
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- Shelter House
- State Park Office
- Swimming Beach
- Original Stream Channel



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LOCATION

Madison Lake is located in Madison County about three miles east of the city of London. It is accessible from Cheseldine Rd. and Park Dr. E.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

In 1946, a small tract of land in the area was deeded to the state of Ohio for the purpose of developing a lake. Under the supervision of the old Division of Conservation, a dam was constructed across Deer Creek. The lake was filled by 1947, and in 1950, the 98-acre Madison Lake was turned over to the newly created ODNR Division of Parks and Recreation. Currently the lake is surrounded by Madison Lake State Park. Madison is a shallow lake with a maximum depth of just under six feet. Large mats of lily pads typically form during the summer in the northern half of the lake.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Division of Parks and Recreation operates and maintains parking lots, a boat ramp and dock, picnic areas, shelterhouses, hiking trails, volleyball and basketball courts, horseshoe pits, a playground, and a swimming beach. The north end of the lake is a designated hunting area for migratory game birds only. There is an electric motor only restriction for the lake.

FISHES OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS

Madison Lake has populations of largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie (primarily white), channel catfish, bullheads, and carp. The Division of Wildlife supplements the channel catfish population by stocking yearlings every other year. Gizzard shad is the main forage species.

METHODS OF FISHING AND BEST FISHING SITES

Look for shoreline cover when targeting crappies or largemouth bass. With little bottom structure in this lake, fallen trees and other submerged wood will attract fish throughout the year. Use minnows under a bobber or cast small twister tails to catch crappies. Spinnerbaits and soft plastic worms, tubes, and creature baits are common baits used by bass fisherman in this lake. For catfish, try chicken liver or shrimp fished on the bottom near the creek channel.

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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