

DELAWARE LAKE – Delaware County, (1017 acres), unlimited horsepower

Channel catfish – good population of 12-16" fish. Night fishing with cut bait or shrimp most productive, especially in the upper half of lake during July and August. Note: no bag limit, only one fish 28 inches and larger. OUTLOOK – EXCELLENT.

Crappie – great populations of 8-12" whites and blacks. Best crappie fishery in central Ohio for numbers and size. Best fishing is around shoreline cover in April and May. In summer, fish congregate around deep drop-offs containing stumps or other cover. October and early November shoreline fishing has been very productive. NOTE: 9" minimum length limit. OUTLOOK – EXCELLENT.

Largemouth bass – good population, up to 20", fish shoreline cover in spring. Drop-offs, tree stumps and submerged creek channels are better later in the year. 12" minimum length limit. OUTLOOK – GOOD.

Saugeye – fingerlings were first stocked in June 1986. Due to large watershed, lake is prone to major flooding. Saugeye, a highly migratory fish species, are prone to washing through dams during flooding so population levels and fishing success vary widely from year-to-year. Fish the flats south of Cap Cole Bay in the evening. Best fishing is in the tailwater after large volumes of water have been discharged from the lake. OUTLOOK – POOR.

White bass – fair population, 8-13". Fishing is best in late April through mid-May as spawning white bass move up the Olentangy and Whetstone arms of the lake. Use small spinners, crank baits or jigs for the best results. OUTLOOK – GOOD.