

ALUM CREEK LAKE – Delaware County, (3,192 acres), unlimited horsepower

Zebra mussels were discovered in Alum Creek in 1995. If you boat there, please help prevent the spread of this exotic species to other lakes by allowing your boat to thoroughly dry after each use.

Bluegill – reasonable numbers, 6-7", try maggots or small worms fished under a bobber. OUTLOOK – FAIR.

Channel catfish – excellent population with many fish over 20" and up to 20 pounds. Try traditional catfish baits such as cut shad, shrimp or nightcrawlers. Note: no bag limit, only one fish 28 inches and larger. OUTLOOK – GOOD.

Crappie – good numbers, 8-12" crappies congregate in shallow water during spawning season (April and May). In spring, fish jigs and minnows around wood in the northern basin of the lake or on points and drop-offs with woody structure. NOTE: 9" minimum length limit. OUTLOOK – GOOD.

Largemouth bass – fish shoreline cover and bays using crank baits in spring and spinner baits in the fall, try shoreline cover, 12" minimum length limit. OUTLOOK – GOOD.

Muskellunge – good population. Good numbers of fish with catch rates above state average. Growth is good with fish reaching better than 30" in three years. OUTLOOK – EXCELLENT.

Saugeye – good population, first stocked in 1987. Former state record saugeye weighing 12.84 pounds was caught in January 2002. Try fishing along the dam and riprap causeways in early spring with large minnow imitations and drop-offs near points using vertical jigging techniques with jig and minnows just off the bottom. During mid- summer, try jigs with a small piece of nightcrawler fished close to the bottom. OUTLOOK – GOOD.

Smallmouth bass – good population. In the spring, try crank baits and tubes along points and drop-offs with rock or woody structure. 12" minimum length limit. OUTLOOK – GOOD.

White bass – fair population, 9-14". April and May are best. Try fishing north of Howard Rd using minnows, small spinners, or jigs during the spring run. OUTLOOK – GOOD.