



2010 Fishing Forecast

Hargus Creek Lake



Fairfield County
140 Acres- Electric Motor Only, Fishing

Compared to Other Inland Lakes and Reservoirs

Species	FISH POPULATION STATUS			Stocked	Anglers Seeking(%)
	Overall Numbers	This size or Larger	Largest Sampled		
Largemouth Bass	Poor	12"	20.7"	<input type="checkbox"/>	27.0
Crappie	Fair	8"	8.9"	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.9
Channel Catfish	Good	16"		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15.3
Sunfish	Good	6"	7.0"	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.3

Largemouth Bass **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Hargus Creek Lake contains a good population of largemouth bass. The fish are large in numbers and small in size. Only 14% of the bass captured in electrofishing surveys were 12" or greater, but the largest was over 20" long. Catch rates by anglers are above state average, mean size 11.25 inches. Fish cover with crank baits, spinner baits, or creature baits.

Crappie **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Black and white crappie are present with black crappie out numbering white crappie. Fish 9" in length are common in the creels with some fish reaching 11" long. Use jigs and jigs with a minnow suspended by a float around woody cover.

Channel Catfish **OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT**

Reproduction limited, most fish from hatchery sources. Anglers very successful catching catfish here with high catch rates. Mean size caught by anglers was 15" with fish reaching 25.5". Fishing at night with chicken livers, cut bait and shrimp is successful.

Sunfish **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Hargus Creek Lake contains both bluegill and redear sunfish. Anglers will find catch rates to be high in this lake. Spring electrofishing surveys found the highest catch rates in the district. Anglers can expect bluegills to average 6.5" with some fish reaching 9". Redear sunfish average 8" long with maximum size around 10 inches. Excellent place to take kids to learn how to fish.

NOTES:

Zebra mussels were discovered in Hargus Creek Lake in 1992. Grass carp are stocked in numbers to control the aquatic vegetation in the lake. If you catch a grass carp please release it immediately.