



# 2010 Fishing Forecast

# Leesville Lake

Carroll County

1,011 Acres- 10 horsepower



Compared to Other Inland Lakes and Reservoirs

Species	FISH POPULATION STATUS			Stocked	Anglers Seeking(%)
	Overall Numbers	This size or Larger	Largest Sampled		
Largemouth Bass	Fair	12"	19.5"	<input type="checkbox"/>	28.5
Crappie	Poor	8"	10.1"	<input type="checkbox"/>	25.3
Saugeye	Fair	15"	27.9"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.4
Channel Catfish	Fair	16"	27.8"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.8
Sunfish	Good	6"	9.0"	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.0
Muskie	Excellent	30"	52"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22.1

## Largemouth Bass

### OUTLOOK: GOOD

Largemouth bass were sampled by electrofishing during spring 2008. Thirty percent of the bass sampled were 12" and longer. Ten percent of those fish also exceeded 15".

## Crappie

### OUTLOOK: FAIR

Both white and black crappie were sampled during fall 2007 trap-net surveys, although white crappie greatly dominated the catch. White crappie averaged only 6.9", while black crappie averaged 7.2" during these surveys. NOTE: There will be a 9" length limit and daily bag limit of 30 crappie at this lake in 2010.

## Saugeye

### OUTLOOK: GOOD

The 2006 fall electrofishing surveys produced a catch rate of 16 young-of-year saugeye per hour (30 saugeye captured per hour would be the "benchmark" for declaring a satisfactory result). Saugeye were also sampled during fall 2006 gill-netting surveys. About 37% of the fish sampled measured at least 18" and 19% of the fish also stretched to 22" and longer!

## Channel Catfish

### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

Yearling channel catfish are stocked during odd-numbered years. Channel catfish were also sampled during 2006 fall gill-net surveys. Approximately 39% of the fish sampled were 24" and longer.

## Sunfish

### OUTLOOK GOOD

Sunfish were sampled during 2004 spring electrofishing surveys. Good numbers of 6"+ fish were available. Harvested bluegill averaged 7.2", based on 2006 creel survey results.

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## **Muskie**

## **OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT**

This is perennially the premier muskellunge lake in the state for total numbers of fish caught and frequently for numbers of large muskellunge caught as well. As of February 18, 2010, a total of 752 muskellunge had been reported as caught to the 2009 Muskie Angler Log. One hundred seven fish of 42" and longer were reported, with two fish registering 50"+! About 99.5% of the muskellunge caught were released at this lake in 2009.

## **NOTES:**

Leesville Lake is owned by the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (330-343-6647). The fisheries resources are managed by the Division of Wildlife through an agreement with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District.