



2010 Fishing Forecast

Acton Lake

Preble County

642 Acres- 10 H.P. Motor Maximum



Compared to Other Inland Lakes and Reservoirs

Species	FISH POPULATION STATUS			Stocked	Anglers Seeking(%)
	Overall Numbers	This size or Larger	Largest Sampled		
Largemouth Bass	Excellent	12"	20.6"	<input type="checkbox"/>	21
Crappie	Excellent	8"	13.5"	<input type="checkbox"/>	18
Saugeye	Excellent	14"	23.8"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12
Channel Catfish	Fair	11"	31.9"	<input type="checkbox"/>	12
Bluegill Sunfish	Excellent	6"	9.3"	<input type="checkbox"/>	1

Largemouth Bass

OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

The catch rates of 12-20 inch bass taken in electrofishing surveys in recent years show that Acton Lake continues to be one of Ohio's best lakes for large bass. In spring, fish for bass around fallen trees and other shoreline cover. In summer and fall, try the steeper shoreline areas on the east side of the lake and near the dam.

Crappie

OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

A fall 2009 population survey showed strong numbers of 8-11 inch white crappies from the 2007 and 2008 hatches and the 2009 creel survey showed that anglers enjoyed excellent catches. In spring, fish around fallen trees in water less than 6 feet deep and in autumn try 6-15 foot depths along steeper shorelines in the lower lake. There is a 9-inch minimum size limit and a daily bag limit of 30 crappies at Acton Lake.

Saugeye

OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

The 2009 creel survey results showed that saugeye anglers had excellent catches. A fall 2009 population survey showed many 14-18" fish. Try fishing the 5-15 foot depths from the Sugar Camp to the dam on the west side of the lake with shad-pattern crank baits or small jigs with plastic bodies. In summer, try trolling deep diving lures or bottom bouncing night crawler rigs. During March-June, tailwater fishing can be good.

Channel Catfish

OUTLOOK: FAIR

The average length of channel catfish kept during the 2009 creel survey was 14.7 inches. Night fishing is best from June-August. In March and April, try the extreme upper end of the lake where the tributaries enter.

Bluegill Sunfish

OUTLOOK GOOD

A 2009 electrofishing survey showed good numbers of 6 - 7.5 inch bluegills. The best areas are around woody shoreline cover in the lower end of the lake. Popular baits include red worms, wax worms, and meal worms; small jigs are also effective. From July-October, try fishing 6-12 foot depths using slip bobbers and live bait.

