



2010 Fishing Forecast

EAST FORK LAKE



Clermont County
1,971 Acres- Unlimited Horsepower Motors

Compared to Other Inland Lakes and Reservoirs

Species	FISH POPULATION STATUS			Stocked	Anglers Seeking(%)
	Overall Numbers	This size or Larger	Largest Sampled		
Largemouth Bass	Good	12"	18.9"	<input type="checkbox"/>	25
Crappies	Fair	8"	13.9"	<input type="checkbox"/>	49
Bluegill Sunfish	Good	6"	7"	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Channel Catfish	Fair	11"	25.4"	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
Hybrid Striped Bass	Good	12"	23.6"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3
Muskellunge				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Largemouth Bass **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

A 2009 electrofishing survey produced good numbers of 12-16 inch bass; largemouth dominate, but fair numbers of Kentucky spotted bass are also present. A creel survey conducted in 2008 showed that bass anglers had exceptionally good catch rates. Favorite locations include bays and shorelines with standing or fallen timber, as well as rocky or rip rap shorelines.

Crappie **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

A fall 2009 population survey showed a large number of 7" fish that should reach 9-10" by fall 2010. In 2008, anglers experienced good catches with crappies kept averaging just over 10". During spring, fish wooded coves and brushy main lake shorelines. During fall and late winter try 10-20 feet deep around woody structure and dropoffs. There is a daily bag limit of 30 and a 9-inch minimum size limit on crappie.

Bluegill Sunfish **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

A 2009 electrofishing survey yielded good numbers of 5-7 inch fish. Concentrate efforts on areas with standing and fallen timber, using small jigs or wax worms. Sliding bobbers are helpful to present bait effectively in 6-12 foot depths later in the summer.

Channel Catfish **OUTLOOK: FAIR**

Recent population surveys showed fair numbers of 11-18 inch fish, with some up to 25 inches. Popular areas include near the two swimming beaches, and in the extreme upper end of the lake. Also try the tailwater pool.

Hybrid Striped Bass **OUTLOOK GOOD**

A 2009 population survey indicated many 12-20" fish, with a few up to 23". In 2008, anglers had excellent catches and harvested fish averaging 22". Fishing with live shad (3-5") and soft craws at 10 - 20 foot depths works well. Anglers obtain live shad by using cast nets. Cast jigs or surface plugs when hybrids chase shad at the surface.

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Muskie

OUTLOOK: POOR

Muskies were first stocked in 2008, and then again in 2009. A few 20-22 inch fish were reported caught in 2009 by crappie and bass anglers. By fall 2010, some of the muskies from the initial 2008 stocking should reach about 30 inches. The muskie fishery should develop in 2011 with some catches of 30-35 inch fish. Please consider reporting any muskie catches by using the Division of Wildlife's online Muskie Angler Log.