



## 2010 Fishing Forecast

# PAINT CREEK LAKE

Highland County

1,150 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	Excellent	12"	19.3"	<input type="checkbox"/>	23
Crappie	Excellent	8"	13.1"	<input type="checkbox"/>	41
Channel Catfish	Excellent	11"	28.7"	<input type="checkbox"/>	9
Bluegill Sunfish	Good	6"	9.1"	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Saugeye	Excellent	14"	20"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<1
White Bass	Excellent	6"	14.3"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<1

### Largemouth Bass

#### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

Lots of largemouth bass 12 - 17", with some up to 4 pounds. A few spotted bass and smallmouth bass present. A spring 2008 electrofishing survey produced excellent numbers of 13-19 inch fish.

### Crappie

#### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

Lots of 8-10" fish, some over 12". In 2008, crappie anglers had high catch rates, and harvested black crappies which averaged 9.2 inches. Flooded timber areas, shoreline brush, and rocky areas are best in spring. Also, late fall fishing usually good along steeper rocky shorelines.

### Channel Catfish

#### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

Strong population of channel catfish, most 12 - 24". Fair numbers of flathead catfish, some over 20 pounds. Tailwater pool also provides excellent opportunities, especially from May through July.

### Bluegill Sunfish

#### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

A 2007 electrofishing survey showed good numbers of 5-7 inch fish. In 2008, bluegill anglers had excellent catch rates and kept fish that averaged 6.7 inches. Best areas are around standing timber or rocky shorelines. Try casting small tube jigs, or use a wax worm or red worm below a bobber.

### Saugeye

#### OUTLOOK EXCELLENT

The lake holds fair numbers of fish, but anglers are most successful in the tailwater below the dam. This tailwater is one of the best saugeye locations in Ohio; most fish caught are from 10-18", with some up to 6 pounds. A lead head jig (1/16 to 1/4 ounce) with a plastic twister tail body is all you need. Tailwater fishing is best from November - May after high flows. In the lake, try points and dropoffs adjacent to flat areas.

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## **White Bass**

## **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Moderate numbers of 8-12" fish, with some 13-15 inchers. Try casting jigs with twisters or trolling small crankbaits. August through October can be peak time. Very few anglers target white bass in the lake. The average size white bass kept in 2008 was a very respectable 13.1 inches.