



**DIVISION OF WILDLIFE**  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

# JACKSON LAKE

Jackson County  
251 Acres of Fishing Water  
11 Miles of Shoreline

Robert Lewis Road



**LEGEND**

- Boat Ramp
- Camping
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- Shelter House
- State Park Office
- Swimming Beach
- Original Stream Channel
- Jackson Lake State Park

Franklin Valley Road

Cabin Road

Stoney Point

Shady Point Road

Antioch Road

Tommy Been Road

Saddle Hill Road

Sunset Drive

Frank Puckett Road

279

Snyder Drive

Scenic Drive

Lakeview Drive

Cozy Glen Road

McCorkle Road

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Depths based on normal summer pool elevation of 700 ft above mean sea level.  
Contour intervals are in 3 ft increments.  
Contours and depths shown on this map may change with fluctuating lake levels and alteration of the lake bottom.

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# JACKSON LAKE FISHING MAP

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### LOCATION

Jackson Lake is located within the 349-acre Jackson Lake State Park. This public area is in Jefferson Township, Jackson County, approximately two miles west of Oak Hill. Jackson Lake is accessible off State Route 279 as well as Tommy Been Road.

### HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Jackson Lake was impounded in 1938. This area was dedicated as a state park in 1979. The land and water area is owned and managed by the ODNR Division of Parks and Recreation for recreational purposes. The topography includes steep hills and woodland. The Jackson Lake State Park area is rich in history. Remnants of iron furnaces, used to produce iron during the Civil War, can be found within the park. The lake encompasses 251 acres at normal pool with a shoreline length of 11 miles. Jackson Lake is relatively shallow. The maximum depth is 12 feet though most of the lake is six feet deep or less.

### FISH OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS

Jackson Lake has populations of largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie, and bluegill. The ODNR Division of Wildlife stocks channel catfish yearlings in alternate years. Gizzard shad is the main forage species.

### METHODS OF FISHING AND BEST FISHING SITES

Better largemouth bass fishing can be found in the spring and fall. As springtime water temperatures warm up, bass will move into shallow water areas to feed and to prepare for spawning. Fish near shallow structure such as tree stumps, fallen trees, or weed bed edges. Spinnerbaits, rubber worms, crankbaits, and jig/pig combinations work well. Warm summer water temperatures will usually push fish into deeper depths. Fishing during the early morning hours or in the evening will provide better results. Cooler, fall temperatures will trigger bass to move back in the shallow water areas. Fishing success may pick up as bass prepare for winter.

Bluegill can be caught throughout the lake from early spring until fall. Popular methods include waxworms or redworms fished below a bobber. Look for spawning beds in shallow water during the spring and throughout the summer. Many bluegill can be found concentrated in these areas.

Channel catfish angling picks up by mid-June. Nightcrawlers, chicken livers, or prepared catfish baits work well when fished on the bottom. Night fishing for catfish is a popular method for catfish anglers.

### RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

A boat ramp is located on McCorkle Road, just south of State Route 279. Designated camping, picnicking, and swimming areas are located off State Route 279 and along Tommy Been Road. Jackson Lake has a 10-horsepower limit for outboard motors.

### FISH OHIO

Anglers who catch a big fish should enter their prize in the Fish Ohio angler recognition program.

A fish qualifies for an award if it meets the minimum size requirement set for the Fish Ohio program.

Applications are available from the Division of Wildlife and from many tackle and bait stores. An application is also available in the Fishing Regulations digest.

### FISH MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The ODNR-Division of Wildlife's fish management activities include stocking, population monitoring with nets, electrofishing surveys, angler surveys, felling trees, and preparing Christmas tree piles to act as fish attractors. Additionally, fish management personnel conduct general water quality analyses. A continuing check of water quality and fish populations is vital in determining the management practices necessary to produce quality fish for the public.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fish management questions and inquiries can be directed to Wildlife District Four, 360 East State Street, Athens, Ohio 45701; telephone 740-589-9930. The Division of Wildlife also has a Web site for information on fishing regulations, tips, maps, and other wildlife related material (wildohio.com). To get other maps or publications call toll free, 1-800-WILDLIFE. Questions and inquiries pertaining to the state park can be directed to Lake Hope State Park, 27331 State Route 278, McArthur, Ohio 45651; telephone 740-596-5253.

### TURN IN A POACHER

Ohio's TIP, "Turn In a Poacher," program is helping curtail poaching throughout the state. TIP is designed to involve the public in reporting wildlife violations. Citizens who observe wildlife violations should call the TIP toll-free hotline, 1-800-POACHER.



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