



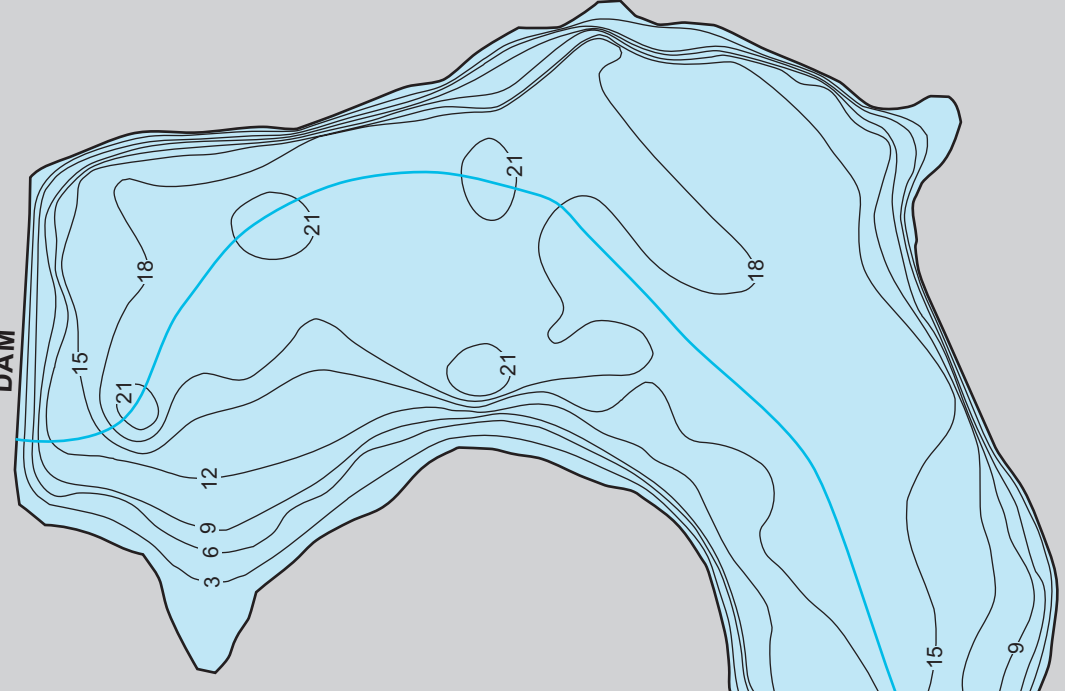
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

FOX LAKE

Athens County
53 Acres of Fishing Water
2.4 Miles of Shoreline



DAM



Depths based on normal summer pool elevation of 694 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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LEGEND

- Accessible Facilities
- Boat Ramp
- Parking
- Pier Fishing
- Original Stream Channel



Fox Lake Road

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LOCATION

Fox Lake is located within the 421-acre Fox Lake Wildlife Area. This public area is in Waterloo Township, Athens County approximately four miles west of Athens. Fox Lake is accessible off Township Road 29 as well as Fox Lake Road (County Road 81)

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Fox Lake was constructed in 1968 by the Margaret's Creek Watershed Conservancy District and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. The land and water area is owned and managed by the Division of Wildlife for fish and wildlife management purposes. The topography includes rolling hills, open fields, and woodland. The lake encompasses 53 acres at normal pool with a shoreline length of 2.4 miles. The maximum depth is 21 feet.

FISH OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS

Fox Lake has populations of largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie, and bluegill. The 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 off the Fox Lake Road (County Road 81) entrance. A handicapped accessible fishing pier is located near the ramp. A parking lot is located below the dam off Township Road 29 for shore anglers. Fox 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 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

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 (www.wildohio.com). To get other maps or publications call toll free, 1-800-WILDLIFE.

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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