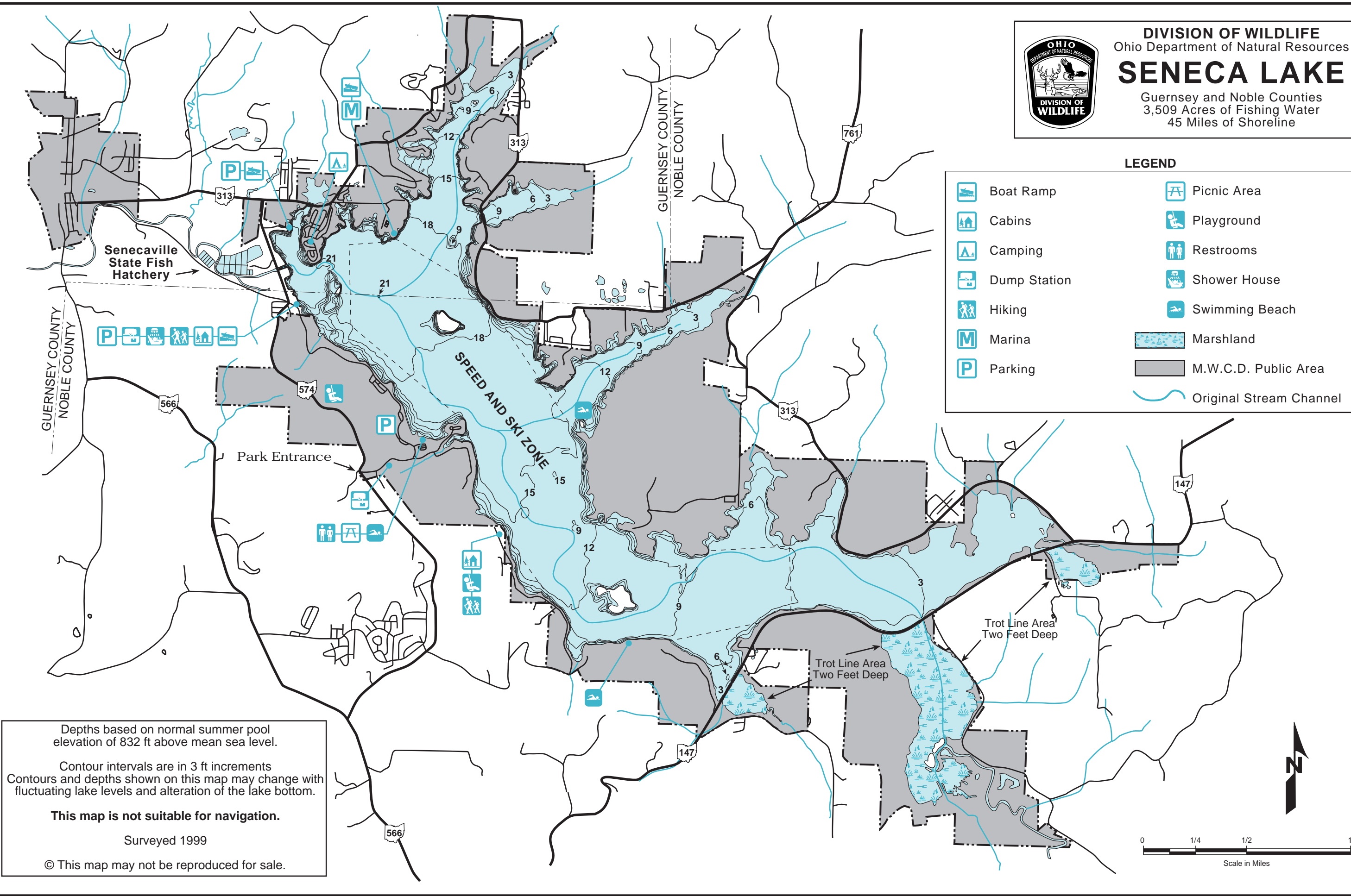




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Ohio Department of Natural Resources
SENECA LAKE
Guernsey and Noble Counties
3,509 Acres of Fishing Water
45 Miles of Shoreline

LEGEND

	Boat Ramp		Picnic Area
	Cabins		Playground
	Camping		Restrooms
	Dump Station		Shower House
	Hiking		Swimming Beach
	Marina		Marshland
	Parking		M.W.C.D. Public Area
			Original Stream Channel



Depths based on normal summer pool elevation of 832 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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SENECA LAKE

Guernsey and Noble Counties

LOCATION

Seneca Lake is in eastern Ohio, mostly in Noble County, with a small northern portion in Guernsey County. The dam is located 2 miles east of Senecaville on State Route 313 and 12 miles southeast of Cambridge via Interstate 77 and State Route 313.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Seneca Lake dam was built across the valley of Seneca Fork of Wills Creek by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1938 for flood control and recreation. It was opened to fishing in 1940, but due to highway relocation the lake did not reach conservation pool until March 1942.

The lake is in the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District's chain of lakes and all boating, swimming, camping, and picnicking is under MWCD control. The Division of Wildlife annually leases public fishing and hunting rights on MWCD lakes and lands.

Seneca Lake, the largest of the MWCD lakes, has 3,509 surface acres of water and 45 miles of shoreline.

FISHES OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS

Seneca Lake contains fine populations of largemouth bass, crappies, bluegills, bullheads, channel catfish, and walleye. The lake has also been stocked with muskellunge and white bass with moderate success. These species of fish are stocked by the Division of Wildlife.

METHODS OF FISHING AND BEST FISHING SITES

Largemouth bass fishing begins on early warm March days in the shallow coves close to deep water. Live nightcrawlers are especially effective. Later, as the water temperature warms into the 60s, the shallow bays should be fished with artificial nightcrawlers and spinners. Cadillac Bay and the upper portions of the lake in the lily pads, especially the bays off State Route 147, should be productive. During the summer, the shore should be worked during early morning and evening hours with topwater plugs and artificial nightcrawlers. During the day, long sloping points should be fished with spinners, bottom bouncing lures, or deep-diving plugs. Dropoffs, old road beds, and old creek channels are also good.

A walleye fingerling program initiated in 1968 has resulted in an increasing number of walleye being caught each year by the angler. Extended walleye netting in the spring for walleye eggs has produced excellent catches of walleye up to 9½ lbs. The island area near the dam produces the best results. Drifting or trolling a Junebug spinner type rig tipped with a live nightcrawler or minnow and deep-diving minnow imitation lures are recommended. Night fishing should be extremely effective due to the high amount of boat traffic during the summer months.

Seneca Lake has a good crappie population. The use of minnows and small jigs around brushy shorelines or fallen tree-tops should produce action during April, May, and June.

Bluegills can be taken over the entire lake by live bait fishermen using worms or by fly fishermen using small poppers and rubber spiders.

Good fishing for channel catfish and bullheads can also be experienced. The use of nightcrawlers, shrimp, chicken liver, or prepared catfish bait fished on the bottom at night is recommended. The designated trotline area in the upper end of the lake is worth trying.

A limited number of muskellunge are caught each year around the dam area and Cadillac Bay. Trolling with a large deep-diving plug or spinner is recommended for this species.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Boat launching facilities, food, gasoline, and boat and motor rentals are available from the concessionaire off State Route 313. Camping by special MWCD permit is also nearby.

FISH OHIO

Anglers who catch 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 requirements set for the Fish Ohio program. Applications are available from the ODNR Division of Wildlife and from many tackle and bait stores.

FISH MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

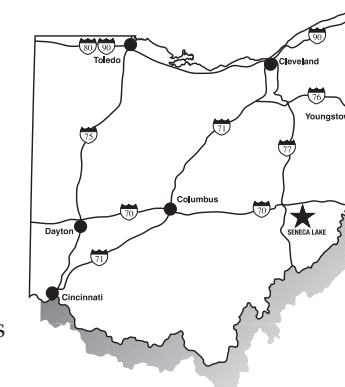
Fish management activities by the ODNR Division of Wildlife include stocking, monitoring the adult fish population, installing fish habitat structures, and conducting studies to determine spawning success, survival, and growth of important game species.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The nearest district office is located at Wildlife District Four, 360 East State Street, Athens, Ohio 45701, telephone 740/589-9930. Horsepower limits and other boating regulations are subject to change. Contact the ODNR Division of Wildlife for the most current information.

TURN IN A POACHER

Ohio's TIP, "Turn In a Poacher," program is helping to control 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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