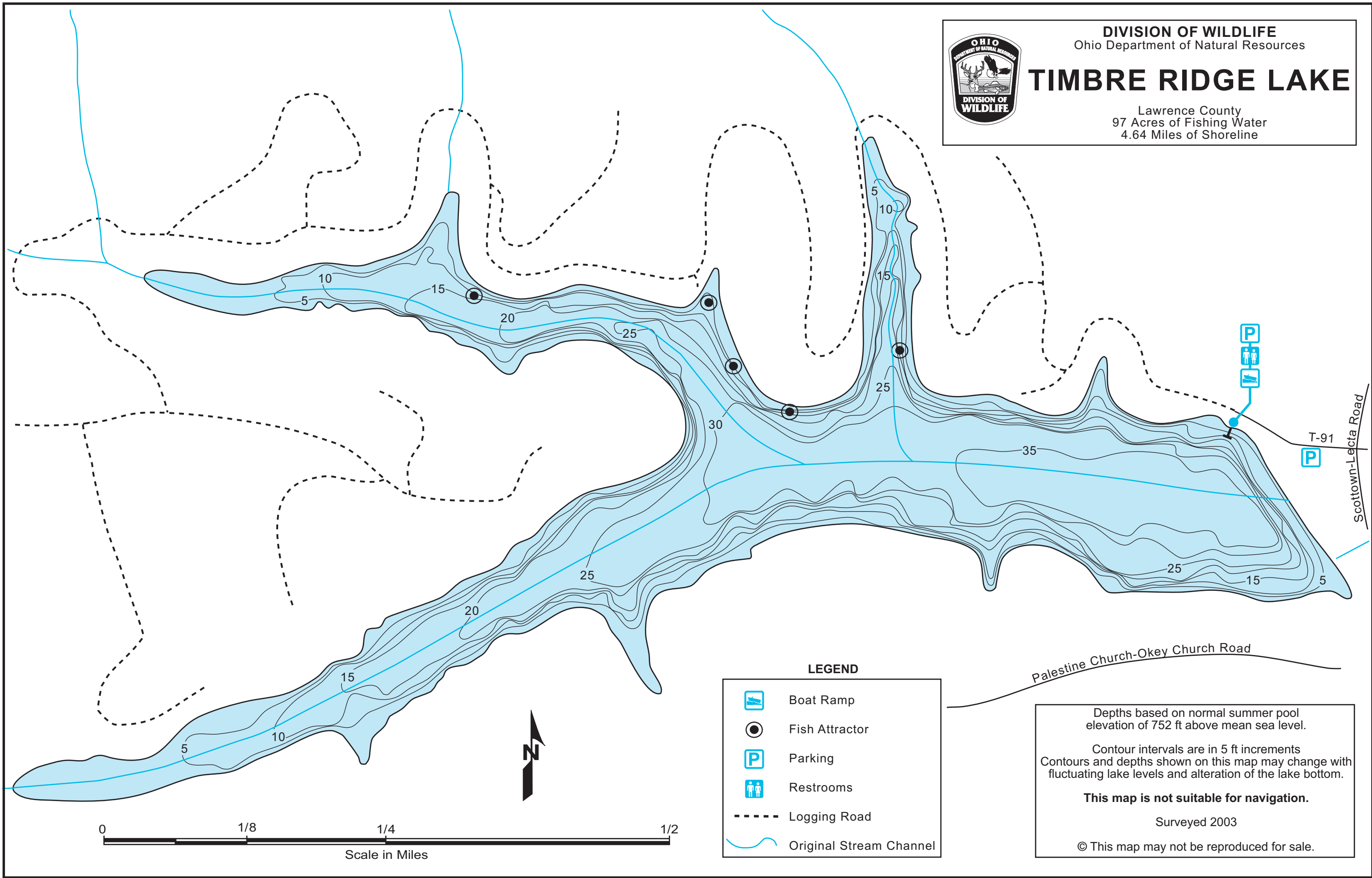








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TIMBRE RIDGE LAKE

Lawrence County
97 Acres of Fishing Water
4.64 Miles of Shoreline



LEGEND

-  Boat Ramp
-  Fish Attractor
-  Parking
-  Restrooms
-  Logging Road
-  Original Stream Channel

Depths based on normal summer pool elevation of 752 ft above mean sea level.

Contour intervals are in 5 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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LOCATION

Timbre Ridge Lake is located in Mason Township, Lawrence County. Access to the lake is from County Road 37 (Scottown-Lecta Road) approximately 1.5 miles south of the town of Lecta.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Timbre Ridge Lake was constructed by a private entrepreneur in the 1970s, hoping to develop a resort location. Those plans never materialized and the lake was acquired by the U.S. Forest Service – Wayne National Forest in 1991. Timbre Ridge Lake is surrounded by over 1,000 acres of national forest. The lake is used for recreational purposes. The area surrounding Timbre Ridge Lake is gently rolling to hilly. Most of the uplands surrounding Timbre Ridge Lake are forested. The maximum depth at Timbre Ridge is 35 feet; the water is generally clear. Division of Wildlife and U.S. Forest Service personnel have placed fish attractor structures at various locations along the north shoreline.

FISH OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS

Timbre Ridge Lake has an abundant largemouth bass population. A 12 to 15-inch slot length limit is in place to remove surplus fish and improve growth rates. Bluegill are the most abundant sunfish though other sunfish species are present in smaller numbers. Channel catfish yearlings are stocked on an alternate year basis and are plentiful. Catchable rainbow trout are stocked annually in the spring and fall providing an additional opportunity during the colder months.

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, standing timber, 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.

Rainbow trout can be caught during the late fall and early spring. Offerings such as marshmallows, corn, cheese, and small worms are most popular with local anglers.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

A boat ramp with courtesy dock is located off the County Road 37 entrance. Bathrooms are also available at the ramp access. Timbre Ridge Lake is an electric motor only lake.

FISH OHIO

Anglers who catch a big fish should enter their prize fish 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 ODNR - 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, creel census, 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 website 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.

Further information can also be obtained by contacting Wayne National Forest, Ironton Ranger District, 6518 State Route 93, Pedro, Ohio 45659 telephone 740-534-6500.

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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