ALUM CREEK LAKE
Delaware County

LOCATION
Alum Creek Lake is in Delaware County about 7 miles north of Columbus. The lake is paralleled by I-71 on the east, with the SR 36/37 exit providing access. State Routes 521, 36/37, Cheshire Road, Hollenback Road, and Lewis Center Road provide access from SR 23 on the west side of the lake.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION
Alum Creek Lake was constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers in the early 1970s. The lake was completed and filled by summer of 1976. At full pool, the lake is about 3,269 acres. Maximum depth is about 60 feet near the dam, with much of the water depths ranging from 20 to 40 feet. Deep wooded ravines, abandoned farm fields, and high shale bluffs make up the irregular shoreline.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES
The Division of Parks and Recreation operates and maintains parking lots, boat ramps, boat docks, campgrounds, swimming beaches, picnic areas, and horsecart riding and hiking trails. Campgrounds provide drinking water, flush toilets, shower facilities, trailer waste dump stations, and picnic tables. Outboard motors of unlimited horsepower are allowed, but portions of the lake contain no-wake zones.

The high shale bluffs, three rock covered causeways, and deep coves with standing timber provide excellent fish habitat and fishing opportunities. Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, muskellunge, and saugeye fishing is above average to excellent. Other species that are popular include black and white crappie, white bass, and channel catfish.

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 online at FishOhio.org.

FISH MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES
Fishing is managed by the Division of Wildlife. Activities include stocking saugeye and muskellunge annually, conducting angler creel surveys, and monitoring fish populations with nets, seines, and electrofishing boats. These activities provide public access and quality fishing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
The nearest district office is Wildlife District One, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215 telephone (614) 644-3925.

TURN IN A POACHER
Ohio’s TIP, “Turn In a Poacher,” program is helping to 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.