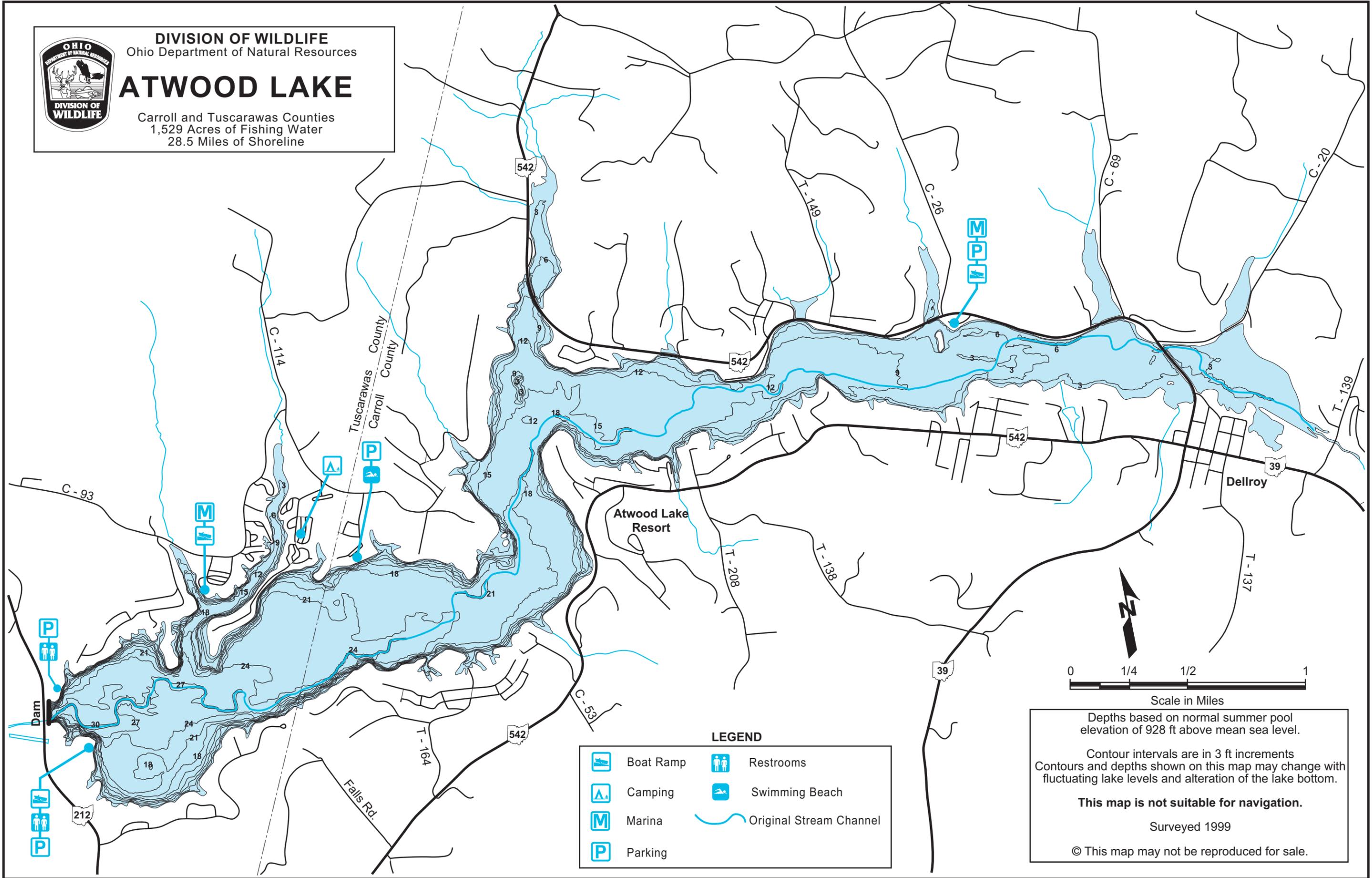




DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

ATWOOD LAKE

Carroll and Tuscarawas Counties
1,529 Acres of Fishing Water
28.5 Miles of Shoreline



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LOCATION

Atwood Lake is located at the western edge of Dellroy in western Carroll County along State Route 542. The dam is in Tuscarawas County on State Route 212.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District was organized under state law in 1933 for the primary purpose of flood control, conservation, and recreation. The first waters to form the permanent lakes were impounded in 1938. In 1939 the flood control aspect became the responsibility of the United States Army Corps of Engineers as part of the Ohio-Mississippi Flood Control Program.

By agreement with the Corps of Engineers, the ODNR Division of Wildlife is responsible for all hunting and fishing in the District's 52,000 acres of land and water. There are 16,000 acres of Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District lakes with 365 miles of shoreline for the fishermen to enjoy.

Atwood Lake, one of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District lakes, was constructed as a flood control lake. It was impounded by building a dam across Indian Fork, a branch of Conottan Creek. Atwood Lake has 1,540 surface acres and 28 miles of shoreline.

FISH OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS

Atwood Lake is considered one of the finest saugeye fisheries in Northeast Ohio. It also has excellent populations of largemouth bass, bluegill, crappies, and channel catfish.

METHODS OF FISHING AND BEST FISHING SITES

Saugeye can be caught all season long around mid-lake points and drop-offs. Successful anglers primarily use jig and minnow or jig and nightcrawler combinations to take saugeye. Good numbers of bass are caught each spring in the upper reaches of the lake. Bluegills are harvested by both boat and shore anglers each May and June using redworms, waxworms, or maggots. Crappies can be taken on live minnows or small jigs from sunken shoreline brush each spring just as the dogwood trees bloom. Mid-season fishing, especially at night, with shrimp, nightcrawlers, or prepared bait is the best way to catch catfish.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Recreational facilities include a lodge, cabins, picnic, and camping areas, swimming beach, park and playground, ski slope, golf course, and marina.

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

The ODNR Division of Wildlife's fish management activities include stocking, conducting periodic angler surveys, constructing fishing access facilities, improving in-lake habitat, regulation enforcement, and monitoring fish populations with nets, seines, and electrofishing gear. These activities are vital to providing adequate public access and determining the management practices necessary to produce quality fishing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions and inquiries can be directed to Wildlife District Three, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319, telephone 330/644-2293. The Division also has a Web site for information on fishing regulations, tips, maps, and other wildlife related material (www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife). To get other maps or publications call toll free 1-800-WILDLIFE. For additional information on other MWCD lakes access their Web site at www.mwcdlakes.com.

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.



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