

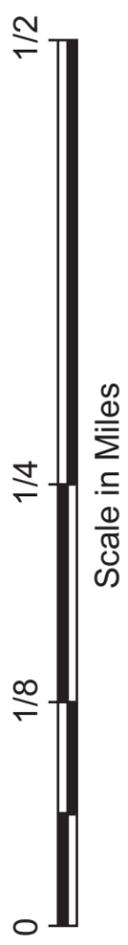


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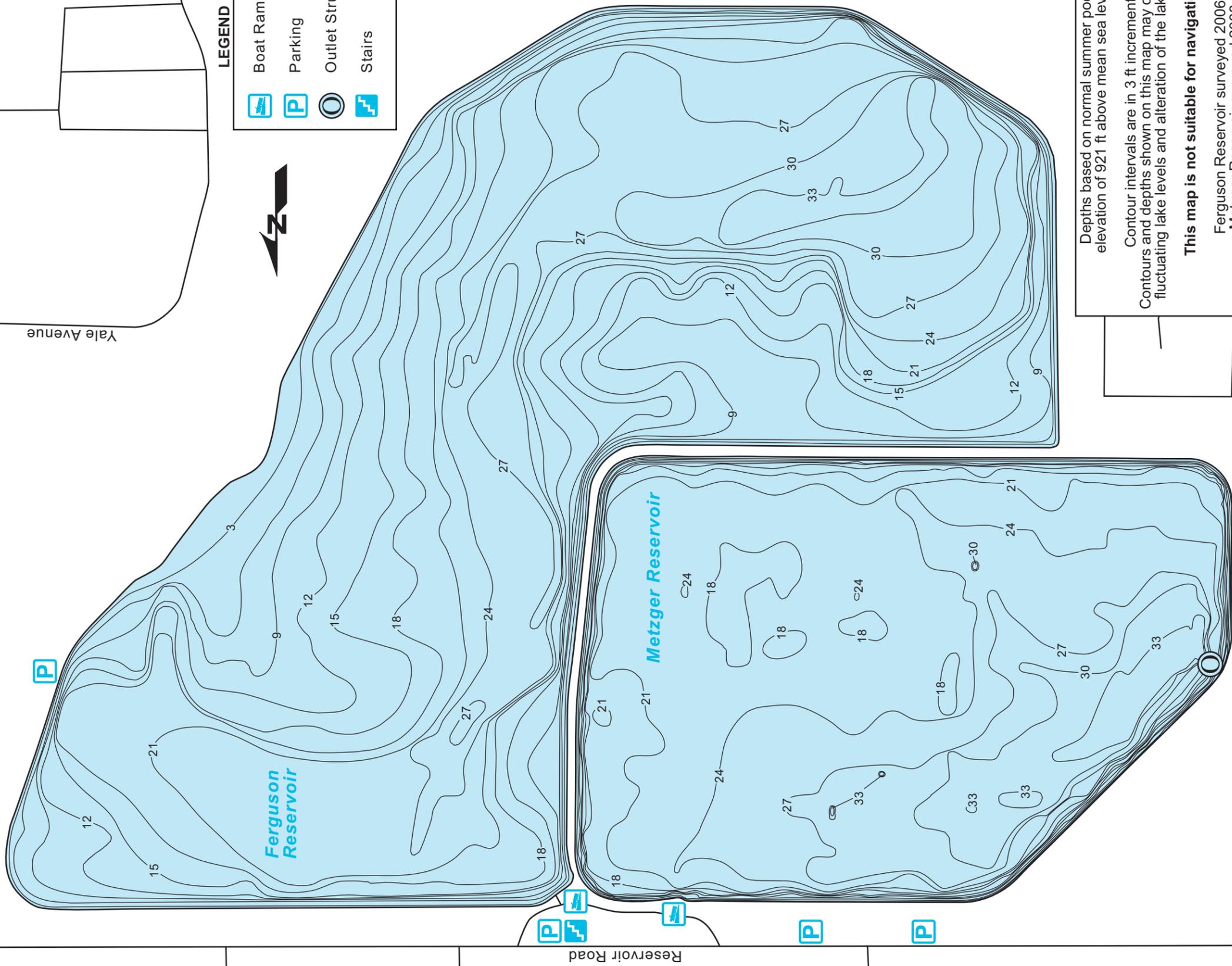
FERGUSON & METZGER RESERVOIRS

Allen County

Ferguson Reservoir - 308 Acres of Fishing Water, 3.3 Miles of Shoreline
Metzger Reservoir - 157 Acres of Fishing Water, 1.9 Miles of Shoreline



Mumaugh Road



LEGEND

- Boat Ramp
- Parking
- Outlet Structure
- Stairs

Depths based on normal summer pool elevation of 921 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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Ferguson Reservoir surveyed 2006
 Metzger Reservoir surveyed 2008

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Yorkshire Drive

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LOCATION

Ferguson and Metzger reservoirs are located on Reservoir Road which is on the east side of Lima. They can be reached from I-75 by taking Exit 127 at State Route 81 and heading east. Turn right on Rousch Rd. and head south to Reservoir Road. Turn left and head east approximately 1.5 miles to the reservoir entrance.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Ferguson and Metzger reservoirs are upground reservoirs. Upground reservoirs are constructed by building high dikes on a relatively flat terrain to hold water. They are pump storage reservoirs. Water is pumped in from the Ottawa River at times of high flow and stored in these reservoirs until needed by the city of Lima.

Metzger Reservoir was built in 1946 by the city of Lima as a municipal water supply. It has a surface area of 154 acres and a capacity of 1.2 billion gallons. The bottom is relatively flat with depths ranging from 18 to 33 feet.

Ferguson Reservoir was built in 1958 to expand the city of Lima's municipal water supply. It has a surface area of 305 acres and a capacity of 2.2 billion gallons. Depths range from 3 to 33 feet. A large bed of cattails is present along the shallow east shoreline.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Fishing is permitted on both reservoirs. Good populations of bluegill, yellow perch, white bass, crappie, and channel catfish are in both reservoirs. Ferguson Reservoir is stocked with walleye and Metzger Reservoir is stocked with saugeye. Ice fishing is permitted at your own risk.

Boats are permitted on both reservoirs. The use of gasoline motors is prohibited. Both reservoirs have primitive boat ramps near the Reservoir Road entrance. Parking is available on two lots off Reservoir Road and one off North Mumaugh Road.

Waterfowl hunting is permitted on both lakes in designated areas. Permits to erect duck blinds are issued on a lottery basis by the city of Lima. Applications are available at the Lima Water Treatment Plant.

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

Fish management activities by the Ohio Division of Wildlife include stocking, fish population surveys, age and growth studies, angler harvest studies, and water quality analysis. These activities provide important information which is used to help maintain quality fishing opportunities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The nearest district office is Wildlife District Two, 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay, Ohio 45840; telephone (419) 424-5000. Information is also available on the Division of Wildlife Web site, wildohio.com

For information on the city's rules and regulations pertaining to Ferguson and Metzger reservoirs contact: Lima Water Treatment Plant, 1100 East Wayne Street, Lima, Ohio 45804, telephone (419)221-5170.

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 hotline, 1-800-POACHER.



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