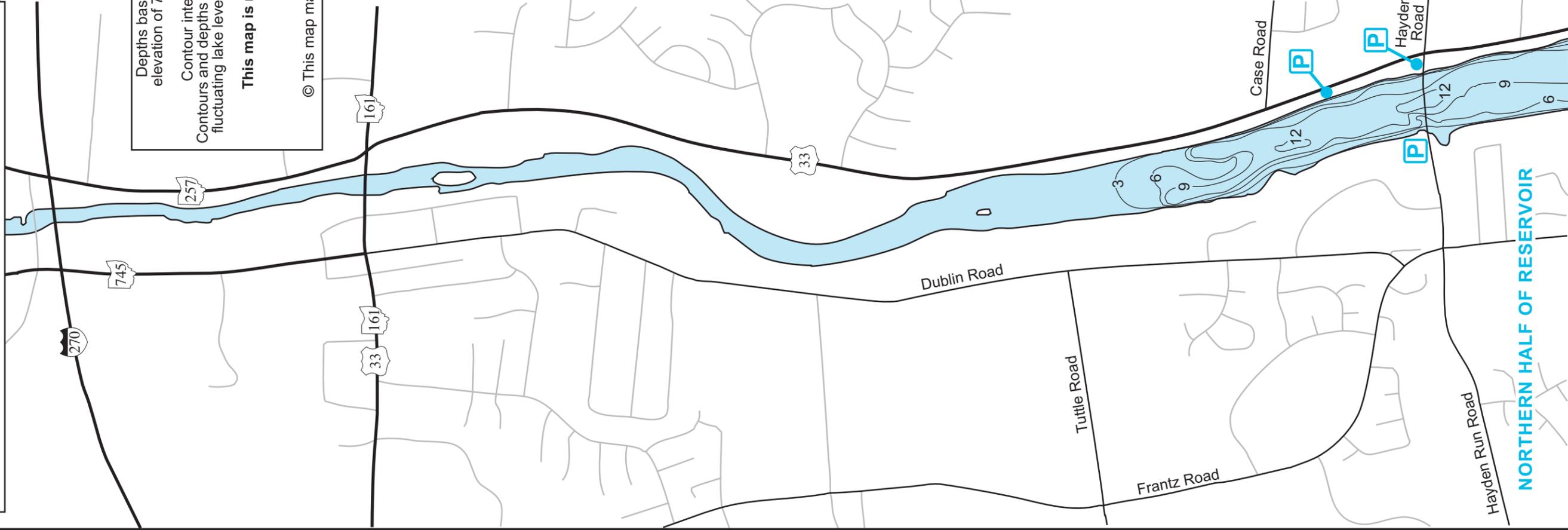


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387 Acres of Fishing Water • 15.5 Miles of Shoreline

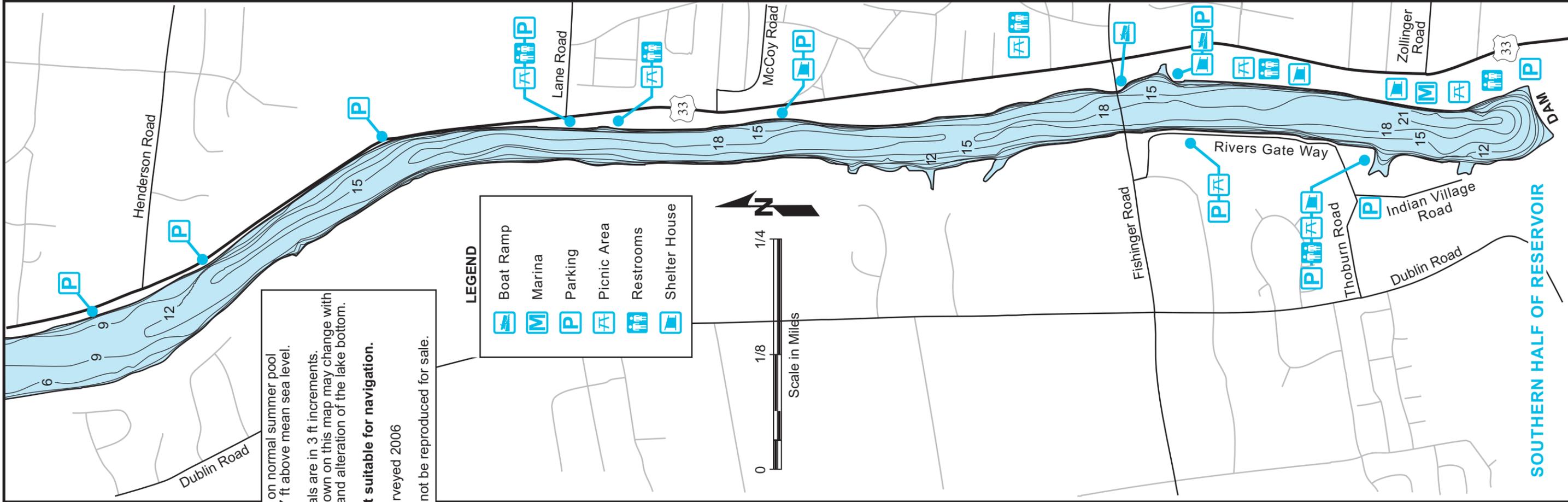
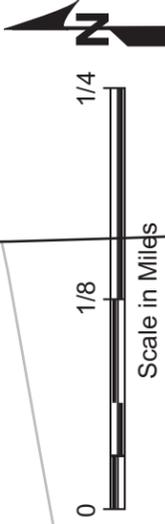


NORTHERN HALF OF RESERVOIR

Depths based on normal summer pool elevation of 757 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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LEGEND

- Boat Ramp
- Marina
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- Shelter House



SOUTHERN HALF OF RESERVOIR

GRIGGS RESERVOIR FISHING MAP

GRIGGS RESERVOIR

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LOCATION

Griggs Reservoir is located in Franklin County, in central Ohio, just west of Columbus. State Route 33 parallels the lake on the east side and there is a public boat launch just south of the Fishinger Rd. intersection.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Griggs Reservoir is maintained and operated by the city of Columbus Division of Watershed Management as a source for municipal water supply. The dam was constructed on the Scioto River in 1904 creating a long narrow lake that runs north to south for approximately six miles, creating 387 surface acres of fishing water. The lake is generally clear, but is influenced heavily by rain events and can become very turbid. Depths can exceed 20 feet near the dam, but most of the reservoir is between 10- and 15- feet deep.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Columbus Department of Parks and Recreation maintains 521 acres as a city park. The park runs along the east side of the reservoir between the water and Rt. 33 from the dam north to Lane Rd. Throughout the park is a bicycle and driving trail with numerous parking and picnic areas. The park also includes an amphitheater, boat launch, playground, and shelterhouses. On the west side of the reservoir there is additional park area south of Fishinger Road with picnic facilities and fishing access.

FISHES OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS

Griggs Reservoir has populations of largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, saugeye, hybrid striped bass, channel catfish, black and white crappie, bluegill, bullheads, and carp. The Division of Wildlife stocks fingerling saugeye and hybrid striped bass in the reservoir every spring, with yearling channel catfish stocked on a less frequent basis. Gizzard shad is the main forage species.

METHODS OF FISHING AND BEST FISHING SITES

Griggs has healthy populations of both largemouth and smallmouth bass. Most bass are shoreline oriented throughout the year, so anglers should concentrate their efforts on shoreline cover and structure including submerged timber, riprap, and water willow. Soft plastic creature baits and tubes work well pitched to cover, while in the fall, minnow-imitating crankbaits and spinnerbaits are effective as bass feed on schools of young

gizzard shad. For smallmouth, fish the north end of the reservoir near the islands and the Rt. 161 bridge with crayfish-imitating crankbaits and tubes. Crappie can be caught on small twister tails, tubes, or minnows fished under a bobber around submerged wood and bridge structures. Chicken liver or cut shad fished on the bottom are effective methods for catching both catfish and hybrid striped bass.

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 wildohio.com.

FISH MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The ODNR Division of Wildlife's fish management activities include stocking, conducting angler creel surveys, 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

The nearest district office is Wildlife District One, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215 telephone 614-644-3925. The Division also has a Web site for information on fishing regulations, tips, maps, and other wildlife-related information (wildohio.com).

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the city of Columbus Watershed Management Office, 7600 Sunbury Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081; telephone 614-645-1721. To get other maps or publications call toll free 1-800-WILDLIFE.

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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