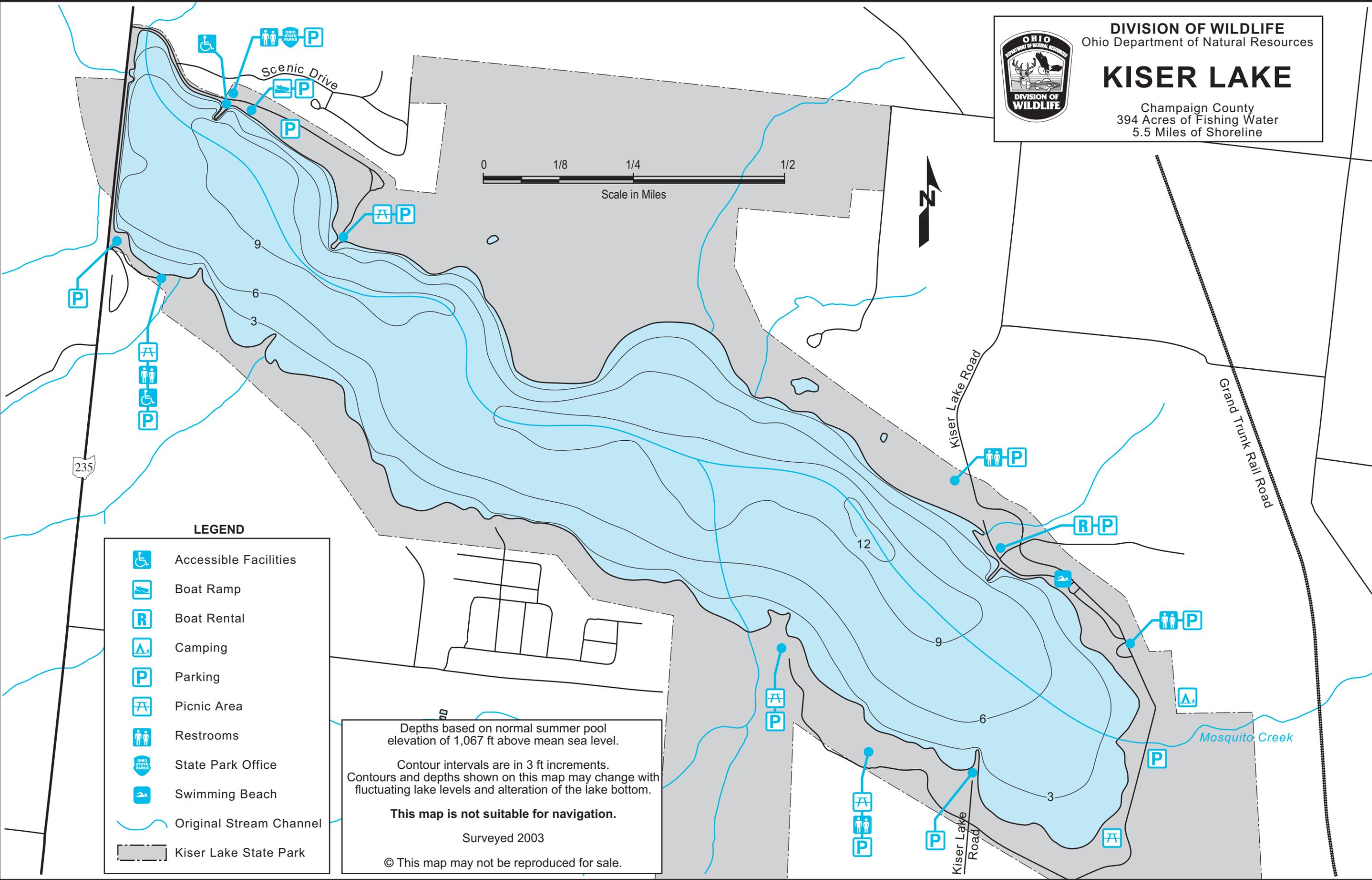




DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

KISER LAKE

Champaign County
394 Acres of Fishing Water
5.5 Miles of Shoreline



LEGEND

- Accessible Facilities
- Boat Ramp
- Boat Rental
- Camping
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- State Park Office
- Swimming Beach
- Original Stream Channel
- Kiser Lake State Park

Depths based on normal summer pool elevation of 1,067 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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Champaign County



LOCATION

Kiser Lake is in Champaign County, in west-central Ohio, approximately four miles northwest of St. Paris and 34 miles north of Dayton on State Route 235.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Kiser Lake is operated by the ODNR Division of Parks and Recreation. In 1840, a dam was erected on Mosquito Creek to furnish power for a grist and saw mill. When power was no longer needed for this operation, the dam was neglected and most of the lake was lost. Interest in rebuilding the lake was revived in 1932 and construction of a new dam was begun in 1938. During 1940 all work on the spillway, dam, and bridges was completed and the valve was closed for the first time. Kiser Lake now has 394 surface acres of water and 5.5 miles of shoreline. It is a relatively shallow lake with abundant vegetation, including large areas of lily pads.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Kiser Lake State Park has a marina, boat rentals, seasonal dock rentals, two boat launches, hiking trails, picnic areas, shelters, a beach, and campground. There are many shoreline fishing access points including two gravel fishing piers on opposite sides of the lake. There is a non-motorized craft only restriction on this lake.

FISHES OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS

Kiser Lake has populations of largemouth bass, bluegill, pumpkinseed, channel catfish, hybrid striped bass, striped bass, crappie, yellow perch, bullheads, and carp. The Division of Wildlife stocks yearling channel catfish in the reservoir every other year and striped bass every year since 2005. Gizzard shad is the main forage species.

METHODS OF FISHING AND BEST FISHING SITES

Kiser Lake has a healthy sunfish population with good numbers and sizes of bluegill and pumpkinseed. Concentrate on vegetated areas using waxworms, nightcrawlers, or redworms under a bobber. Switch to minnows in these same areas when targeting crappie. Hybrid striped bass have not been stocked since 2004, but many large individuals remain, with several over 28" and 15 pounds sampled in 2008. When targeting hybrids and stripers, try using a chicken liver or cut shad on the bottom or trolling crankbaits. Concentrate on deep water areas along the old river channel or off points. This technique can also be productive for 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

The ODNR Division of Wildlife's fish management activities include stocking, conducting angler creel surveys, constructing fishing piers, renovating boat ramps and parking areas, 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 Kiser Lake State Park, 4889 North St. Rt. 235, St. Paris, OH 43072, telephone 937-362-3822. 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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