



DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

KOKOSING LAKE

Knox County
154 Acres of Fishing Water
4.8 Miles of Shoreline

LEGEND

-  Boat Ramp
-  Camping
-  Parking
-  Picnic Area
-  Restrooms
-  Original Stream Channel

Waterford Road

Blair Road

Waterford Road

DAM



Depths based on normal summer pool elevation of 1,121 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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LOCATION

Kokosing Lake is about 15 minutes north of Mount Vernon and just west of Fredericktown, Ohio. From Fredericktown, access to the dam is via State Route 13 north to Waterford Road. The dam is located on the right about two miles from the Waterford Rd. SR 13 Junction. The Kokosing Lake launch ramp, campground, and picnic areas are also on the right just off Waterford Road about 1/2 mile past the dam.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Kokosing Lake was created in 1970 when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers impounded the headwaters of the north branch of the Kokosing River for flood control purposes on the Upper Muskingum River watershed. It is a relatively small, shallow lake with a maximum depth of about 10 feet.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Kokosing Lake campground is located on the west side of the lake and is managed by the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. The campground includes a large picnic area, playground, and a two-lane boat ramp. Ice, bait, snacks, and firewood are available at the campground headquarters. The Ohio Division of Wildlife has 959 acres of land surrounding the lake that are open to hunting. There is a 10 horsepower motor restriction on this lake.

FISHES OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS

Kokosing Lake has populations of largemouth bass, crappie (primarily black), bluegill, channel catfish, bullheads, and carp. The Division of Wildlife stocks yearling channel catfish in the reservoir every other year. Gizzard shad is the main forage species.

METHODS OF FISHING AND BEST FISHING SITES

Kokosing Lake can produce good numbers of largemouth bass for those anglers targeting them. Fishing the stumps and other scattered woody debris along the old creek channel can be productive. For channel catfish, concentrate on fishing deeper water near the dam and boat ramp with chicken liver, cut-shad, or shrimp fished on the bottom. Bluegills and crappies can be caught around brushy shoreline cover using waxworms or minnows under a bobber.

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). 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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