



DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

LA SU AN WILDLIFE AREA

Williams County
130 Acres of Fishing Water
7 Miles of Shoreline

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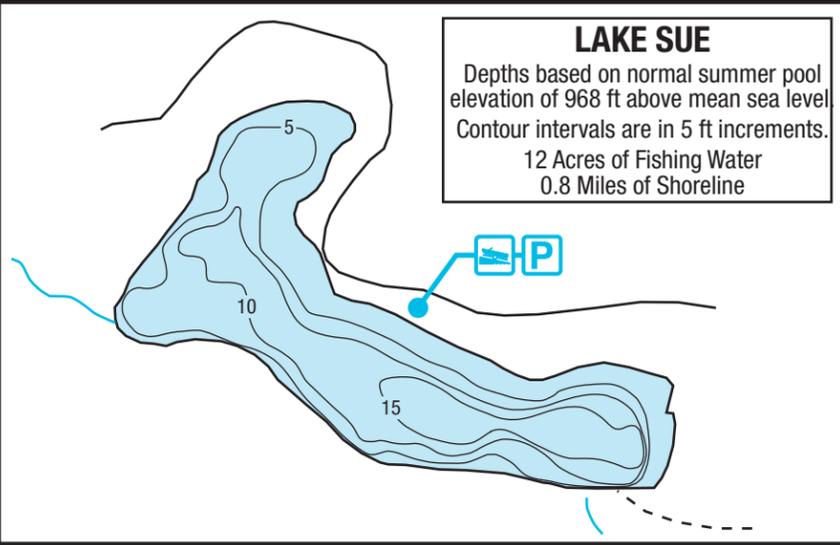
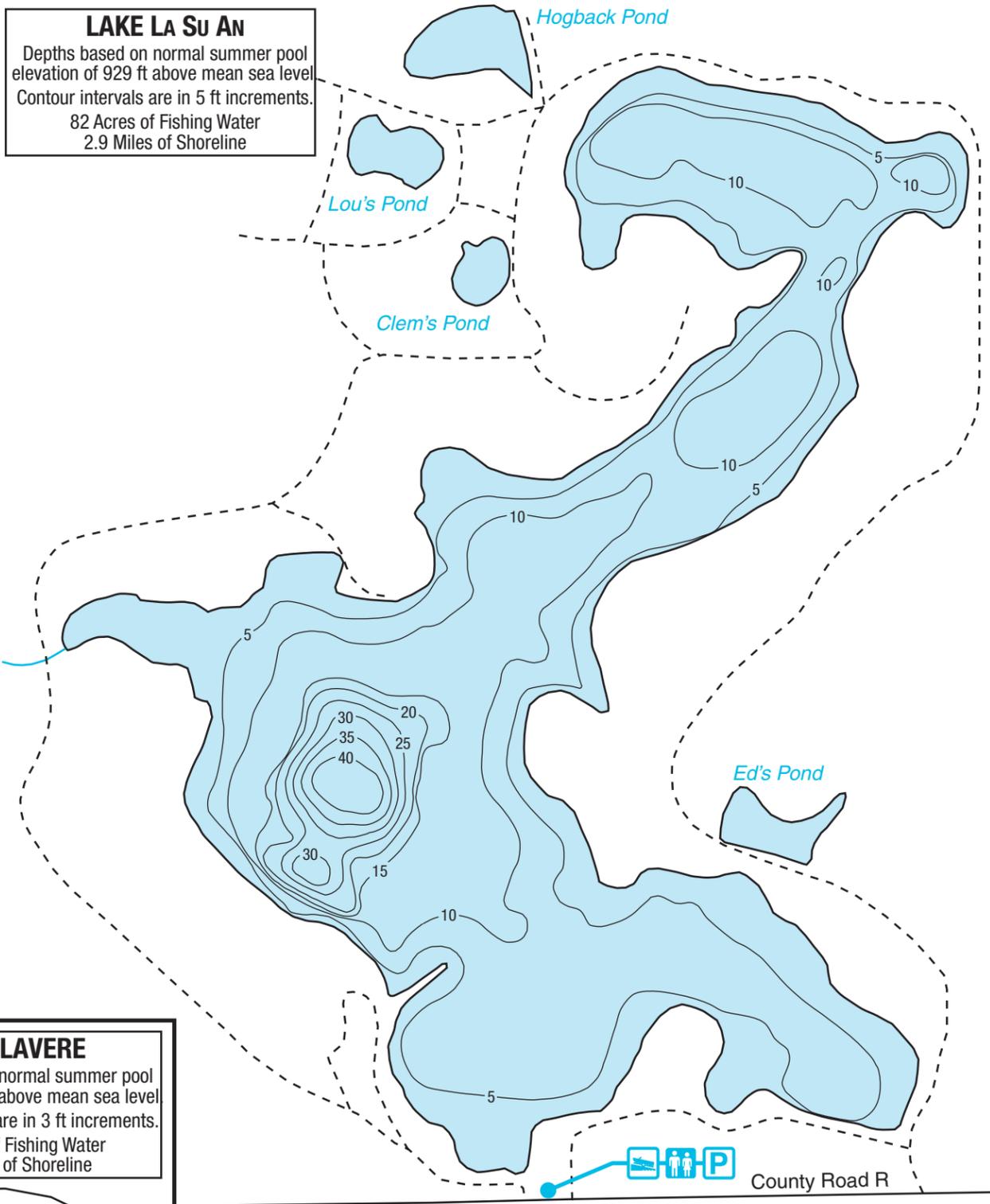
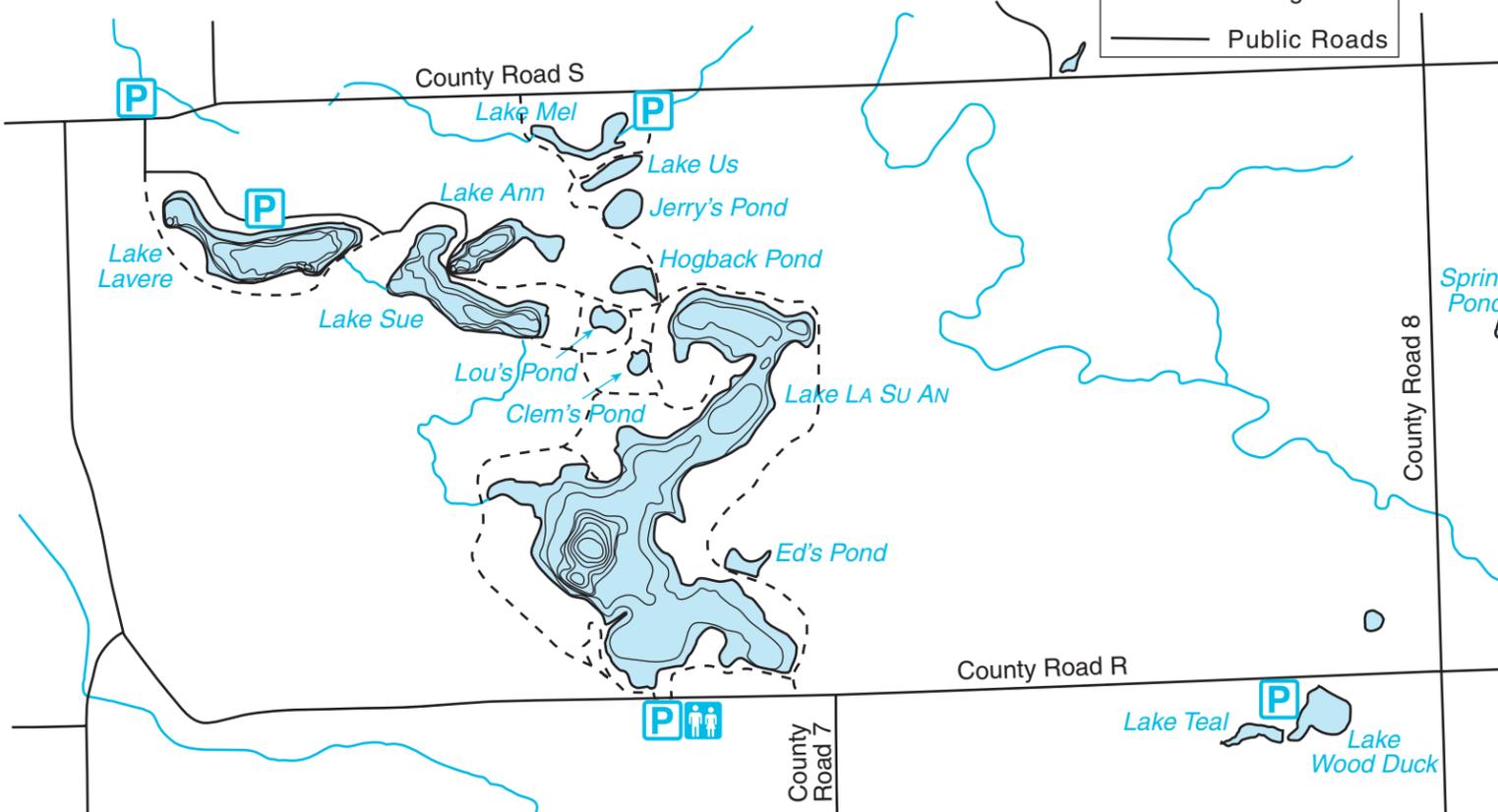
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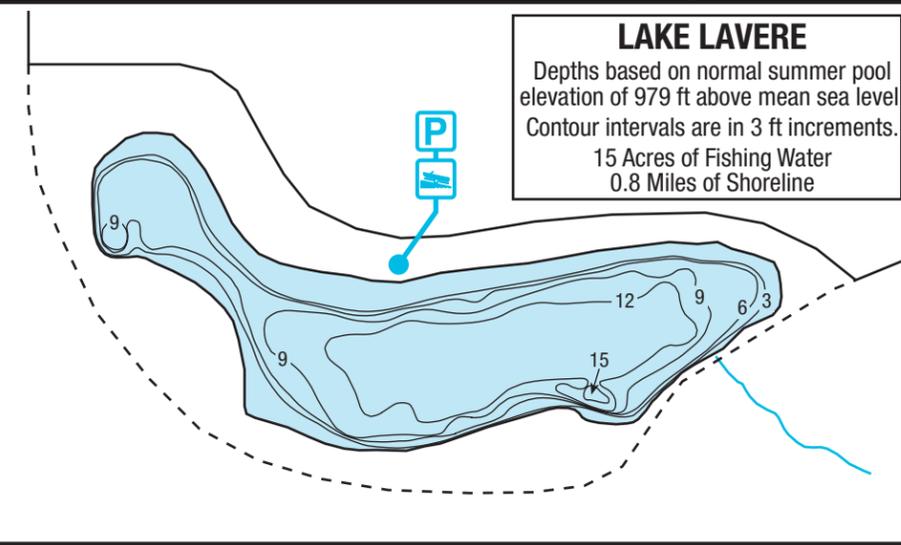
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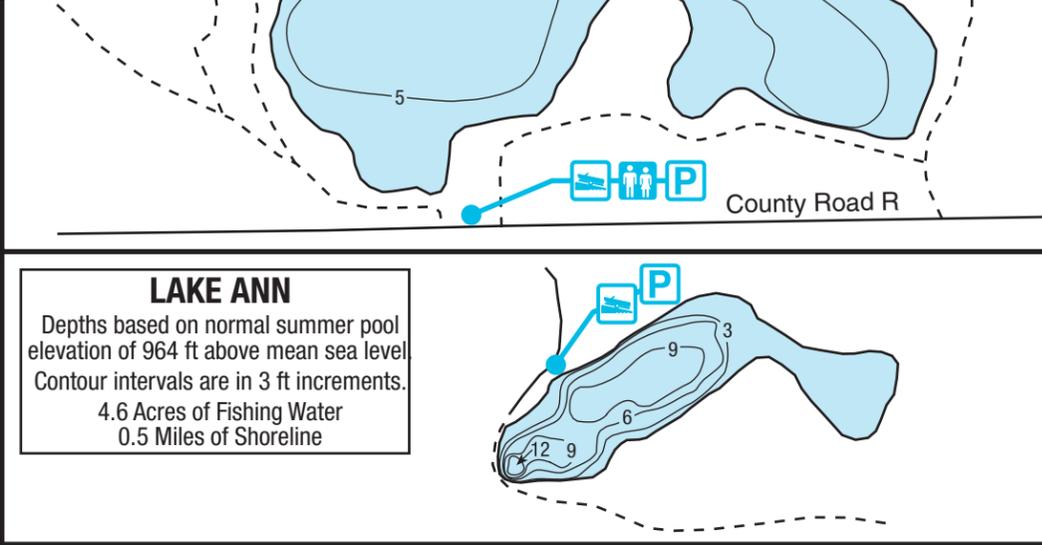
- Boat Ramp
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Hiking Trail
- Public Roads



LAKE SUE
Depths based on normal summer pool elevation of 968 ft above mean sea level. Contour intervals are in 5 ft increments.
12 Acres of Fishing Water
0.8 Miles of Shoreline



LAKE LAVERE
Depths based on normal summer pool elevation of 979 ft above mean sea level. Contour intervals are in 3 ft increments.
15 Acres of Fishing Water
0.8 Miles of Shoreline



LAKE ANN
Depths based on normal summer pool elevation of 964 ft above mean sea level. Contour intervals are in 3 ft increments.
4.6 Acres of Fishing Water
0.5 Miles of Shoreline

LA SU AN WILDLIFE AREA FISHING MAP

Williams County



LOCATION

Lake La Su An Wildlife Area lakes are located in Bridgewater and Northwest townships in the northwest corner of Williams County. The Fish Check station is located on Williams County Road R off SR 576. The area is 6 miles from Pioneer, 7 miles from Montpelier, 20 miles from Bryan, 41 miles from Defiance, 59 miles from Toledo and 86 miles from Findlay.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

The Lake La Su An Wildlife Area was acquired by the Division of Wildlife in the fall of 1981. The area has 13 small lakes and ponds from 1 to 82 acres. Most of the lakes were developed in the early 1960s as part of a complex called Dreamland Acres. Before state acquisition these lakes had very little fishing pressure and abundant populations of large sunfish. The Division of Wildlife developed an intensive management program to sustain a fishery for large sunfish, particularly bluegill. The area first opened to public fishing under this program in 1983.

Anglers are required to obtain a free permit before fishing any lakes on the Lake La Su An Wildlife Area. Permits may be obtained from the Fish Check Station located on County Road R. Reservations are required to fish the 6 largest lakes on the area. Reservations may be made by calling the Fish Check Station at 419-636-6189. Special family and youth fishing reservations are available. An information packet on fishing area lakes is available by calling the District Two Office at 419-424-5000. An ice fishing packet is available in December and the open water information is available in March.

FISHES OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Bluegill is the species of greatest interest to anglers. The Division of Wildlife manages lakes on the area to sustain a high harvest of bluegill longer than 8 inches. In most years anglers harvest 15,000 to 20,000 bluegill from area lakes and 40 to 50 percent are longer than 8 inches. These lakes also have redear and pumpkinseed sunfishes, and a few yellow perch. Largemouth bass is the top predator in these lakes. Largemouth bass are protected by a length limit which is an important part of the management program to develop large sunfish. Not many bass are taken home, but the ones that are harvested are trophies. It is not uncommon for bass anglers to catch 30 to 60 largemouth bass in a day.

FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

There is a brief ice fishing season in January when there is ice. Anglers are only allowed to fish on Thursdays and Sundays through the ice. When ice harvest quotas are met the area is closed to ice fishing. The open water season starts in April through mid-October. In the open water season, angling is permitted 5 days a week, closed only on Tuesday and Wednesday. Boat ramps are available on the 4 largest lakes. Boats and wading tubes may be used on any lakes that anglers can get them on. Gasoline motors up to 10 HP may be used on area lakes. Restrooms are located near the Fish Check Station. A handicapped accessible fishing pier is located on Lake La Su An.

Quality youth fishing opportunities are available. The last Saturday of the month, reservations on Lakes La Su An and Lavere are limited to parties with young anglers. Lake Us is a youth only lake, and it is stocked with catchable hybrid bluegill.

For Youth Hunting information, contact the Wildlife District Two office at 419-424-5000.

FISH OHIO

The Lake La Su An Wildlife Area consistently leads the state for the highest number of award winning sunfish caught. Applications are available online at FishOhio.org.

FISHING METHODS

No fish are allowed for bait in any of the area lakes. This regulation is critical to prevent the introduction of an unwanted species. Live baits such as night crawlers, crickets, wax worms are allowed unless your permit indicates that they are prohibited. When harvest quotas are met, sunfish are protected with a length limit and only artificial lures may be used at that time. Many anglers enjoy fly fishing for the large bluegill.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This is a wildlife area so take precautions to protect yourself against ticks, mosquitoes, and other insects. Watch out for goose droppings on the boat ramps. Lake La Su An Wildlife Area is home to the federally threatened and state endangered, copperbelly water snake. The copperbelly water snake is a nonpoisonous snake found on the wildlife area lakes. The snake is secretive and not often seen.

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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