

MOGADORE RESERVOIR

Portage County

LOCATION

Mogadore Reservoir is located in southwestern Portage County, 3 miles east of Akron and 6 miles south of Kent on SR 43, 1 mile south of U.S. Route 224.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Mogadore Reservoir is owned and operated by the city of Akron. This reservoir was constructed in 1939, within the valley of the Little Cuyahoga River. The primary purpose of constructing this reservoir was to provide untreated water to the industries that were located downstream from the reservoir, as well as to afford flood protection to the Little Cuyahoga River Valley. The reservoir has a water surface of 1,104 acres. The maximum depth of Mogadore Reservoir is 24 feet. Mogadore Reservoir is not part of the domestic water supply for the city of Akron. Boats are allowed on Mogadore Reservoir, but they must be propelled by electric motors only. The fish populations in Mogadore Reservoir are managed by the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

FISHES OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS

Fish species that are found in Mogadore Reservoir include largemouth bass, redear sunfish, bluegill, black and white crappie, yellow perch, channel catfish, and brown bullhead. Channel catfish are stocked during odd-numbered years by the Division of Wildlife.

METHODS OF FISHING AND BEST FISHING SITES

Mogadore Reservoir provides excellent fishing throughout the year. Fishing from shore is somewhat limited, but the entire reservoir is available for boat fishing. April, May, and June are the best months for catching largemouth bass, by casting surface lures, crank baits, or spinners towards the shore and retrieving at a moderate speed. Redear and bluegill sunfish are also caught at this time on worms and flies tipped with maggots. Crappie are taken on live minnows and jigs, particularly in the stumpy areas of the reservoir. Brown bullhead and channel catfish are caught throughout the lake on worms and chicken liver. Yellow perch can be taken on minnows or worms. Ice fishing is very popular at this reservoir. Most of the fish caught ice fishing tend to be bluegill, crappie, and perch. Bluegill are most readily caught on ice flies (also known as "pin mins") tipped with maggots, wax worms, or meal worms. Crappie prefer live minnows.

FISH MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Division of Wildlife periodically conducts fisheries surveys for various fish populations at Mogadore Reservoir using electrofishing or trap-netting. Fish concentrating structures may be placed as necessary to provide better fishing opportunities.

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The nearest district office is Wildlife District Three, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319; telephone (330) 644-2293. Other lake maps and publications can be obtained by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE. They can also be downloaded from the Division of Wildlife Web site at wildohio.com.

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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