



Castalia State Fish Hatchery

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90 Acres of Land * 3 Acres of Water

Fishing Made Possible by the Castalia State Fish Hatchery:

- Rainbow Trout are produced to provide “put-take” fishing statewide each spring
- Steelhead are produced to provide world-class fishing opportunities in Lake Erie and its tributaries.



Hatchery Origin: Built in 1937 by a private trout club and purchased by the ODNR Division of Wildlife in 1997.

Renovation: Most recently renovated in 2012 to enclose raceway and build new production building.

Water Sources: Blue Hole spring aquifer on property and a diversion of Cold Creek.

Fish Production Space: 70 indoor raceways, 3 outdoor raceways, and 2 production buildings.

Staff: 5 Full-time and 2 Seasonal personnel.

Fish Production in Calendar Year 2020:

- Rainbow Trout: 79,876 “catchables” (12-inch average) stocked in 48 different public waters
- Steelhead Trout: 469,265 yearlings (7-inch average) stocked in six Lake Erie tributaries.



Rainbow Trout



Steelhead Trout

Other Activities:

- Fishing Lottery: Unique fishing opportunities are provided on Cold Creek for adults and youths selected via lottery. Applications are taken online during March, see www.ohiodnr.gov
- Fly Fishing Instruction: Fly fishing classes are held during late summer/early fall on Cold Creek, contact Wildlife District 2 HQ for more information
- Controlled Hunts: Special controlled deer hunts are available each fall
- Tours: Guided tours are available by appointment; however, these have been eliminated or severely limited by COVID-19 restrictions
- Self-Guided Tours: self-guided tours are permitted Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, except Holidays.

Ohio Division of Wildlife Fish Hatcheries:

The Division operates six fish hatcheries that produce more than 40 million fish each year. Many Ohio fishing opportunities would not be available without fish production, stocking, management, and research. Funding is provided by the sales of Ohio fishing licenses and the Sport Fish Restoration Act, a federal aid program supported through excise taxes on select fishing tackle and marine fuel.

