Senecaville State Fish Hatchery
57199 Seneca Dam Rd., Senecaville, OH 43780
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121 Acres of Land * 37 Acres of Water

Fishing Made Possible by the Senecaville State Fish Hatchery:
• Walleye and saugeye fry and fingerlings are produced to stock reservoirs statewide each spring for future fishing opportunities
• Hybrid striped bass are grown from fry to fingerling size and stocked in select reservoirs across Ohio and the Ohio, Muskingum, and Great Miami rivers
• Channel Catfish are produced and stocked as “catchables,” yearlings or fingerlings
• Channel Catfish are spawned, hatched, and moved out for further production; broodstock (breeders) are kept on-site.

Hatchery Origin: Built in 1938 by the US Fish & Wildlife Service and transferred to the ODNR Division of Wildlife in 1987.

Renovation: Most recently renovated in 1995 for production building and pond upgrades.

Fish Production Space: 12 indoor raceways, 2 production buildings and 37 ponds.

Water Sources: Seneca Lake.

Staff: 4 Full-time and 1 Seasonal personnel

Fish Production and Stocking in Calendar Year 2020:
• Saugeye: 8.6 million fry and 0.5 million fingerlings
• Walleye: 11.5 million fry and 0.7 million fingerlings
• Hybrid Striped Bass: 504,752 fingerlings
• Channel Catfish: 3,179 catchables, 44,109 yearlings and 75,054 fingerlings

Other Activities:
• Foot paths for wildlife viewing opportunities are open daily, sunrise to sunset.
• Angler access to the Seneca Fork of Wills Creek is available opposite the hatchery grounds, along Hatchery Road.
• Tours: Self-guided tours are permitted Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, except Holidays. Guided tours are available by appointment; however, these have been eliminated or severely limited by COVID-19 restrictions.

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.