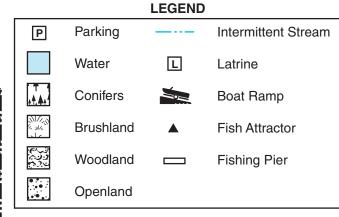
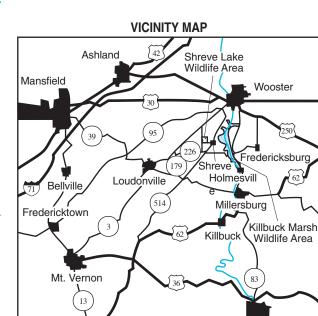
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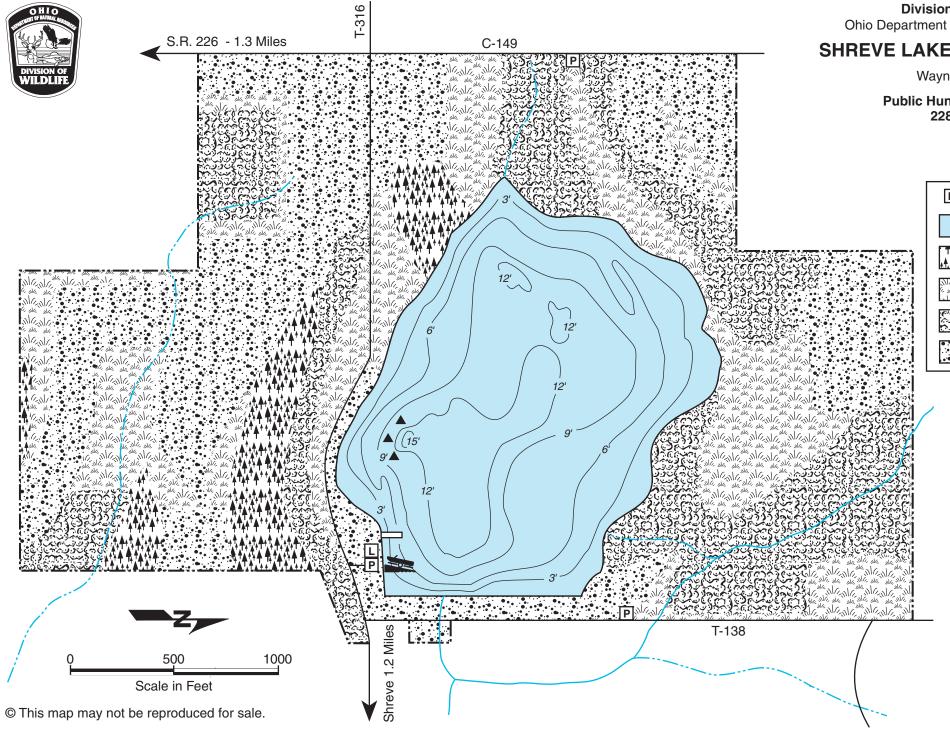
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Public Hunting & Fishing 228 Acres









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DISTANCE FROM MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS

1 mile from Shreve

12 miles from Loudonville

18 miles from Wooster

20 miles from Millersburg

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

This 228-acre wildlife area is situated in northeastern Ohio in Wayne County, approximately 1.2 miles west of Shreve, north of State Route 226. County Road 149 is on the western boundary, Clinton Township Road 138 is on the eastern boundary, and Clinton Township Road 316 runs east and west through the area. The area is characterized by moderate to steeply rolling topography with moderately fertile, well drained soils derived from glacial sandstone.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

Shreve Lake Wildlife Area was purchased largely with federal aid funds in 1958. The natural marsh was enlarged by the construction of an earthen fill dam and the diversion of a small stream from the north into the lake. The lake construction was financed under a federal aid Dingell-Johnson project. The dam was completed in 1961 and the 58-acre lake filled in 1962.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Fish species in Shreve Lake include largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, carp, crappies, and Northern pike. Cottontail rabbits, ring-necked pheasants, and fox squirrels are the most common game species, with rabbits the most abundant. Muskrats, raccoons, minks, opossums, and skunks occur commonly and waterfowl are hunted on the lake. Deer visit the area occasionally. A great variety of both nesting and migrant birds utilize the area. Of particular interest to birding enthusiasts is the spring migration of waterfowl and songbirds.

HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING

Upland game species are well distributed throughout the wildlife area because of the uniform distribution of crop fields, shrubby coverts, grasslands, and woodland. Raccoon hunting is productive throughout the area. Limited waterfowl hunting is available on the lake. Foxes, raccoons, and muskrats provide recreation for trappers.

The best largemouth bass fishing is in spring and early summer. Artificial lures (spoons, spinners, plugs, and poppers)

are successful when used near structures such as fallen trees, tree stumps, and edges of weed beds and on drop-offs. Natural baits (minnows, crayfish, frogs, and nightcrawlers) should be used with hook sizes 1/0 to 6/0.

Bluegills are most easily caught on the spawning beds, but they can also be found along weed beds and around submerged brush. The most common fishing gear is light tackle with a size 8 to 12 hook baited with earthworms, maggots, crickets, or leeches. Flyrod casting with small floating poppers or rubber spiders can also be highly productive.

Crappies can be caught around submerged stumps and brushy area in spring or in deeper areas during summer. Jigs, worms, and minnows are suggested baits.

PUBLIC USE FACILITIES

Parking lots and latrines have been provided on the north and south ends of the dam. An additional parking lot is situated near the western perimeter of the area off County Road 149. A boat launching ramp is accessible from Township Road 316 on the southeast corner of the lake. Boats are restricted to electric motors only. A fishing pier, designed for people with disabilities, is located near the boat launching ramp.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information may be obtained from the Area Manager, Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area, 1691 Centerville Road, Shreve, Ohio 44676; telephone (330) 567-3390; or from Wildlife District Three Office, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319; telephone (330) 644-2293.

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.