

## *The Hancock Park District*

welcomes fishermen to the public fishing access areas of the parks system. A total of seven HPD areas are conveniently located within reach of area and visiting anglers. A wide variety of fishing opportunities await you in the lakes, reservoirs and rivers of Hancock County.



## *Rules & Regulations*

Fishing rules and regulations are posted in all areas of the Hancock Park District and all rules are enforced. Most rules and regulations parallel those set by the state. In some cases, the HPD areas may be more stringent to ensure a safe and pleasant experience for all anglers and boaters. Please check posted signs for fishing hours, prohibited fishing equipment, boat restrictions and other rules and regulations before fishing to assure safety for all anglers.



## *Fishing License*

Anglers are reminded that an Ohio fishing license is required for persons, ages 16 – 65, who fish in public waters of the state. A free annual fishing license is available to seniors, ages 66 and older, from the state of Ohio. Complete details online at [www.dnr.state.oh.us](http://www.dnr.state.oh.us).

*Report poachers at:  
1-800-POACHER*

## *Stocking*

To ensure good fish populations HPD areas are shocked periodically and stocked in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.



## *Protection of Natural Resources*

Many efforts continue to improve fish populations and conservation of HPD areas including algae and aquatic vegetation control, litter prevention and placement of recycled Christmas trees to create artificial reefs to ensure high quality fish populations.

## *Catch-and-Release*

Be courteous and take only what you need. To achieve a higher survival rate among released fish proper handling is essential.

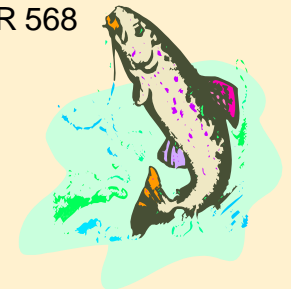
1. Land the fish as quickly as possible.
2. Handle the fish with wet hands while minimizing the time out of the water and do not squeeze the fish.
3. Do not release any fish which is bleeding from the gills or throat or shows bladder damage.
4. Release fish gently, do not throw the fish back into the water.
5. Do not release fish which have been held in a cooler or in the bottom of the boat.

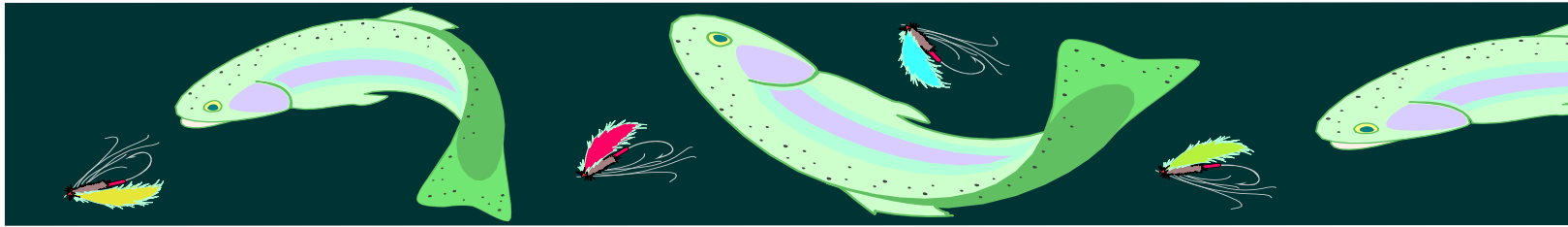
## *Fishing Areas Within the Hancock Park District:*

- Blanchard Landing – off US 224 W & SR 235
- Eastpoint – corner of W. Main Cross & Bright Rd. (behind Brinkmans)
- Liberty Landings – off US 224 W & CR 140 on TR 89
- Riverside Park Waterfront – 231 McManness Ave off SR 224
- Oakwoods Nature Preserve Shank Lake & Dold Lake – 1400 Oakwoods Lane off CR 140
- Riverbend Recreation Area Giertz Lake – 16618 TR 208 off SR 568

## *Other Public Areas in Hancock County:*

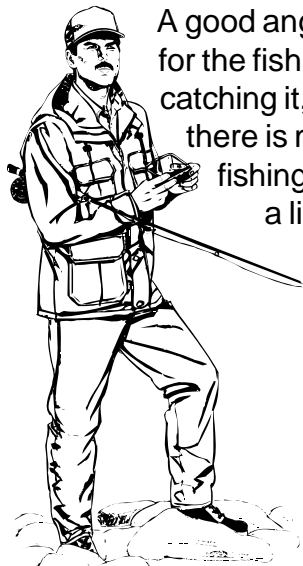
- Findlay Reservoirs 1 & 2 - CR 205 & 234
- Lake LeComte – CR 23 SW of Fostoria
- McComb Reservoirs 1 & 2 – off SR 186
- Van Buren State Park Lake – off SR 613
- Veteran's Memorial Reservoir – off SR 12 on TR 218, Fostoria
- Lake Daugherty (Fostoria #1) – CR 23, S of SR 12
- Mottram Lake (Fostoria #2) – W on Center St., Fostoria off Cty. Line Rd
- Lamberjack Lake (Fostoria #3) - W on Center St., Fostoria off Cty. Line Rd
- Lake Mosier (Fostoria #4) – CR 23, off SR 12
- Hancock County Wetlands Pond – CR 109, 1/2 mile east CR 140





### *A Good Angler's Code*

- Respects private property and the rights of others.
- Knows and obeys the fishing regulations.
- Does not damage fish habitat.
- Puts safety first in the use of his equipment and the enjoyment of the sport.
- Helps others to understand the recreation of fishing.
- Leaves the environment clean and does not litter.



A good angler has respect for the fish, before and after catching it, and knows there is much more to fishing than taking a limit.



**Get  
Hooked  
on  
fishing!**

### *Fish Populations*

A variety of fish can be found in Hancock Park District and Hancock County waters including:

large mouth bass

channel catfish

white crappie

green sunfish

bluegill

walleye

yellow perch

smallmouth bass

white bass

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# PUBLIC FISHING AREAS

**in the  
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