



## 2019-2020 WPAFB FISHING REGULATIONS

**GRAVEL, TWIN, AND BASS LAKE:** All persons twelve years of age and older wishing to take fish from these areas are required to have in their possession a Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Fishing Permit. A state license is not required to fish the land-locked lakes; however, it is required to take frogs or turtles in these lakes. Taking of turtles and frogs is according to State of Ohio laws. **ALL GUESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN AUTHORIZED BASE SPONSOR WHILE FISHING.**

**HEBBLE CREEK, TROUT CREEK, and MAD RIVER:** All persons twelve years of age or older wishing to take fish from these areas are required to have in their possession at all times a Wright-Patterson AFB Fishing Permit and a State of Ohio Fishing License (16 years of age and older).

**EXCEPTION:** A base fishing permit is not required of a US Armed Forces veteran who the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has determined to be totally or permanently totally disabled, and who has a personal description and a certification of disability from the Veteran's Administration in possession while fishing.

**LICENSE/ PERMIT:** A new state license and/or base permit is required 1 March of each year. If this permit is lost, stolen or destroyed it can be reissued at a replacement cost. The state license and/or base permit must be in possession at all times while fishing and must be shown to any person upon request. Base fishing permits can be purchased at the following locations: Outdoor Recreation Office Bldg. 95, Area A, 257-9889; Rod & Gun Club, Bldg. 892, Area A, 257-3935. For the days and hours of operation for these locations, call the numbers listed. For other information, please call 257-4857 or 257-8555.

**DAILY CATCH/ POSSESSION LIMITS:** Fish caught by unlicensed fishermen (children under 12) will be included in the limit of the accompanying licensed fishermen. When four trout have been caught, fishing must be discontinued for that day, regardless of whether or not the trout are given to another person or if fishing for a different species. **Throwing trout back in the lake once they are caught is not permitted.** Limits on non-landlocked waters are according to State of Ohio fishing laws. Limits on landlocked waters as follows:

Walleye	2
Trout	4
Bass (Large and Smallmouth)	4
Catfish (Channel, Blue, and Shovelhead)	4
Bullhead (Black and Brown)	10
Mixed Panfish (Bluegill, Rock Bass, Perch, Sunfish, and Crappie)	Unlimited
Forage fish (Carp, Gizzard Shad, and Suckers)	Unlimited

Exceptions to the above limits will be posted at the individual lakes when necessary. The minimum size limit on bass and walleye in Bass Lake is 15 inches. Bass and walleye smaller than 15 inches must be returned to the lake.

**CLAMS, MUSSELS, OR MUSSEL SHELLS** may not be taken, possessed, or collected for any purpose.

**LINE LIMITS:** Anglers may not use more than two fishing lines whether fastened to a pole, a rod and reel, or hand held. Not more than three hooks may be used on each line. Each angler must maintain constant control over the fishing rods at all times. Trotlines, set or bank lines, and float lines are not allowed except in Mad River, where their use is according to State of Ohio regulations. Snagging of fish is not allowed on this base. Minnow traps and seines may be used in streams and Mad River according to Ohio laws. Their use requires an Ohio fishing license. They may not be used in landlocked waters on base.

**GAME WARDENS:** The 88<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron is responsible for enforcing hunting and fishing laws and regulations. They can be reached at 257-6516 or 257-6517.

**SEASONS:** Except for temporary individual lake closures, there are no hours or seasons for the use of the landlocked lakes. Fishing during seasonal stocking of catfish and trout is allowed.

**EXOTIC SPECIES:** It is unlawful to transport and introduce any aquatic species (fish, invertebrate, plant) from one body of water to another. Bait restrictions, if any, will be posted at the individual lakes.

**ARCHERY FISHING:** Bows of any weight pull may be used for archery fishing. Appropriate state license and/or base permit are required. Archers may take frogs, turtles and forage fish. Crossbows, spear guns of any type, and CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder operated guns are not allowed.

**SAFETY PROVISIONS:** All persons under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a licensed adult while fishing. **Boating is only allowed on Bass Lake. No boats are permitted beyond the buoy line. This is a restricted area.** Ice fishing is not allowed. IAW WPAFBI32-2001, C, 26 camp fires/bon fires are prohibited, unless approved by Fire Emergency Services Flight.