DEPTHS based on normal summer pool elevation of 1,024.0 ft above mean sea level.

Contour intervals are in 5 ft increments.

Contours and depths shown on this map may change with fluctuating lake levels and alteration of the lake bottom.

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**FISHES OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS**

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**METHODS OF FISHING AND BEST FISHING SITES**

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**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

The ODNR Division of Wildlife and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operate and maintain a number of boat launches and parking areas around the lake. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also operates and maintains a campground and picnic area. There are several private marinas located around the lake with boat launch, docking, maintenance, and retail facilities. While there are many well marked “no wake” zones, there are no horsepower restrictions for boats at Berlin Lake. Note: Horsepower limits, “no wake” zones, and other boating regulations are subject to change. Boaters should contact the ODNR, Division of Wildlife for current information.

**FISH OHIO**

Anglers who catch big fish should enter their prize in the Fish Ohio angler recognition program. A fish qualifies for an award if it meets the minimum size requirements set for the Fish Ohio program. Applications are available online at FishOhio.org.

**FISH MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

The ODNR Division of Wildlife’s fish management activities include stocking, conducting periodic angler surveys, constructing fishing access facilities, improving in-lake fish habitat, monitoring fish populations with nets, seines, and electrofishing gear, and regulation enforcement. These activities are vital to providing adequate public access and determining the management practices necessary to produce quality fishing.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The nearest Division of Wildlife District Office is Wildlife District Three, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319. Telephone (330) 644-2293. The Division of Wildlife also has a Web site for information on fishing regulations, tips, maps, and other wildlife related information (www.wildohio.com). To get other maps or publications call toll free 1-800-WILDLIFE.

To obtain information pertaining to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer facilities write to: Lake Manager, Berlin Lake, 7400 Bedell Road, Berlin Center, Ohio 44401-9707 or phone (330) 547-3781.

**TURN IN A POACHER**

Ohio’s TIP, “Turn In a Poacher,” program is helping to control 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.