



# Welcome to Timbre Ridge Lake

This beautiful 100-acre lake is located on the Ironton Ranger District, in Lawrence County, Ohio. It is the second largest fishing lake on the Wayne National Forest.

The forested hills which surround the lake make a picturesque backdrop for your fishing, hunting, camping, or hiking trip to this tranquil lake. The lake is very deep and clear, recognized by the State of Ohio as being among the top lakes in water quality. The forested watershed is responsible for the excellent water quality in the lake and its sense of solitude.

Timbre is defined as the “sound of a bell.” The clear quiet lake magnifies every sound of nature. You’ll hear birds, the honk of geese, and the splash of a fish. This remote lake is perfect for the person who wants to get away for a quiet weekend.

The lake was constructed in the 1970’s by an entrepreneur who constructed Timbre Ridge Lake, hoping to develop a resort and sell individual lots. Though his enterprise failed, the Forest Service was able to acquire Timbre



Ridge Lake in 1991. More than 1,200 acres of national forest land surrounds the lake. Just a handful of private lots remain today, clustered near the lake’s dam. Visitors are reminded to respect private property while visiting Timbre Ridge Lake.

## Fishing

Fish for largemouth bass, bluegill, and channel catfish from shore or by boat. To maintain good bass fishing, a protective “slot-size” limit is enforced at Timbre Ridge. All bass between 12-15 inches must be released. All bass under 12 inches or over 15 inches may be kept. The Ohio DNR stocks rainbow trout at Timbre Ridge every spring. Stocking dates are posted on the ODNR website.

All Ohio fishing regulations apply at Timbre Ridge.

## Boating

Boats may be launched from a concrete boat launch located at the dam. Only electric motors may be used to power your boat.

## Hunting

White-tailed deer, wild turkey, squirrels, rabbits, waterfowl, and other game animals are found around Timbre Ridge Lake. You may hunt anywhere on national forest land, but for public safety, no hunting is allowed from the dam, parking lot, or boat launch. Ohio hunting regulations apply.

Timbre Ridge Lake is adjacent to the Crown City Wildlife Management Area. Hunters often camp at Timbre Ridge and hunt on the nearby state area.

## Hiking

A primitive road system can be found around the northern half of the lake. You are welcome to use it for hiking. The roads are closed to all vehicles.

Bring your binoculars and your camera; the woods come alive with color in the spring and fall. If you walk softly you can also often see some of southeastern Ohio’s wildlife around the lake. Bald eagles and osprey are frequently seen in the area in early spring.

## Camping

Primitive camping is permitted anywhere on national forest land except on the dam and boat launch. Camping is limited to a 14-day stay.

No developed campsites are available at Timbre Ridge Lake. We request that you camp at least 20 yards back from the lake-

shore to prevent shoreline erosion and that campers avoid using the same sites repeatedly to reduce soil compaction.

## Swimming

Swimming is allowed at your own risk. You may not swim from the dam or the boat launch.

## Regulations

Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the lake and within 100 feet of the lake shore. Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed at campsites that are more than 100 feet from the shore line.

The area is periodically patrolled by the Forest Service, the Lawrence County Sheriff’s Department and Ohio DNR Wildlife Officer.



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