



Warren County Armco Park Lake Management Plan

The cost to manage the natural resources and man-made improvements to the lake is the primary reason to assess fishing fees.

Continued operation of the lake without fees will lead to rapid degradation of the impoundment infrastructure, water quality, shoreline and aquatic life.

The park district is currently underway preparing a natural resource management plan that considers the extraordinary cost to maintain the lake impoundment dam, control valves and sedimentation ponds.

The lake is operated much like our golf course and softball complex by requiring fees for use.

Just as golf greens fees and softball league fees are assessed for those facilities, this man-made fishing lake, which took thousands of dollars to construct and even more to maintain, is begun to assess fees for the purpose of sustaining and improving the fishing opportunities at Warren County Armco Park.

There is, within the county, other fishing opportunities at the natural flowing rivers and tributaries of the Great and Little Miami Rivers; and state-owned impoundments which are financed through state fishing permits.

The Warren County Armco Lake does not receive additional funding to maintain the lake from any other government agency and therefore must pay for maintenance initiatives mandated by the annual dam inspections.

Furthermore, it is the intent of the Park District to make continual improvements to the facilities by implementing a fish restocking and lake quality management program that will permit sustainable fishing operations for generations to come.

Areas of immediate need are to make mandated improvements and maintenance repairs to the dam embankment, control valves and spillway. These improvements are like repairing the plumbing before doing a kitchen remodel. They are necessary nuts-and-bolts, behind-the-scenes improvements that must occur before the pretty work is started.

The park district is asking for your input in determining and prioritizing the needs and desires of our fishing and boating enthusiasts (the pretty work). Please take a moment to answer a few questions to assist us in planning and prioritizing our lake management. When answering questions circle all that apply, you may have more than one answer for each question.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to provide you, our guest, the best possible service and fishing and boating facility.

Respectfully,

James W. Frank
Warren County Armco Park Facility Manager



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- 1. How frequently do you fish?**
 - a. Several times a week
 - b. Several times a month
 - c. Several times a year
 - d. I don't fish
- 2. How frequently do you fish at Warren County Armco Park?**
 - a. Several times a week
 - b. Several times a month
 - c. Several times a year
 - d. I don't fish at Warren County Armco Park
- 3. If you answered a, b or c to Q1 and d to Q2, why don't you fish at Warren County Armco Park?**
 - a. I didn't know the lake was open to the public
 - b. The facilities do not meet my special physical needs
 - c. The lake quality is poor
 - d. The fish count is too low
 - e. There is not enough room to fish, too crowded
 - f. I won't pay to fish
- 4. If you answered a, b or c to Q2, why do you fish at Warren County Armco Park?**
 - a. I can always find a place to fish on the water
 - b. I can always find a place to fish from the shoreline
 - c. The required daily fishing pass has reduced overcrowding
 - d. The lake allows personal boat launching
 - e. The lake is conveniently located
- 5. Do you own a fishing boat?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 6. If you answered a to Q5, do you launch your watercraft at Warren County Armco Park?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 7. If you answered b to Q6, why don't you launch at Warren County Armco Park?**
 - a. I didn't know personal boats could be launched at the park
 - b. I did not know my gas engine boat is permitted when using an electric trolling motor
 - c. The launch ramp is not sufficient to launch my watercraft
 - d. My boat is too large per park rule of no boat over 24 feet
- 8. If you answered b to Q5, will you rent a fishing boat at Warren County Armco Park?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 9. If you answered a to Q8, why will you rent a fishing boat at Warren County Armco Park?**
 - a. I like to tryout equipment before I buy
 - b. The price of rental is reasonable
 - c. The equipment is suitable for my needs



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- 10. If you answered b to Q8, why won't you rent a fishing boat at Warren County Armco Park?**
- a. The equipment is old, outdated and unsafe
 - b. The boats do not meet my accessibility needs
 - c. The boat controls are too complicated
 - d. I prefer to fish from the shoreline
- 11. As a shoreline fisherman, I would like to see more**
- a. Natural fish habitat and nesting sites
 - b. Submerged artificial structured habitat and nesting sites
 - c. Fishing piers or platforms
 - d. Clearing for access to water
 - e. More fishermen
 - f. Nothing, keep things the same
- 12. At the boat house bait shop, I would like to see more**
- a. Bait selection
 - b. Fishing Tackle and Equipment purchase selection
 - c. Fishing Tackle and Equipment rental options
 - d. Food and Beverage options
 - e. Types of Watercraft rental options
 - f. Lessons and Clinics
 - g. Tournaments and Derbies
 - h. Night Fishing and Campouts
 - i. Nothing, the offerings are adequate
- 13. In the space below add any additional comments or suggestions**