



Maumee River Spring Walleye Fishing

Maumee River Spawning Information:

A portion of Lake Erie Walleye swim upriver to spawn (lay eggs) over gravel river bottoms each spring.

- Spawning occurs when water temps range from 42° - 52°F and river flows steadily increase.
- In the Maumee, Walleye spawn during March and April, peaking late March through mid-April.
- Walleye often become capable of spawning at 3-4 years of age
- Older fish generally spawn earlier in the run than younger fish.



Anglers flock to the Maumee River each spring to take advantage of early-season shoreline and small-boat fishing for walleye

Fishing Access

The best areas to fish are from Orleans Park in Perrysburg upstream to Jerome Road in Maumee.

Shoreline access:

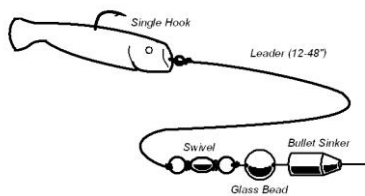
- Orleans Park
- Ft. Meigs Fishing Access
- Side Cut Metropark
- The Klewer Towpath Park
- Whites Landing on East Harrison St. (Maumee)

Boat anglers can launch at:

- Maple Street, and Corey St. both are downriver of Orleans Park (deep water)
- Orleans Park (shallow water)

Area map available at <https://bit.ly/3gutwvj>

Carolina Rig



Fishing Tips:

- Most anglers fish by wading
- Good waders, warm clothes, and a life vest are recommended
- Medium action rods with a Carolina rig with an 18" leader using a floating (preferred) or lead head jig. Sinker weight depends on water is flow.



Regulations:

- Walleye must be 15-inches to keep.
- The daily limit can be found on the Division of Wildlife Website (Wildohio.gov).
- Special Regulations apply March 1 – April 30 between the Ohio Turnpike and the Old Waterville interurban bridge and from SR 295 bridge to the Grand Rapids Providence Dam. These include:
 - ✓ No fishing with a line with more than a single hook
 - ✓ Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset only
 - ✓ Illegal to keep fish hooked anywhere outside of the mouth.