The 75-acre Nebo State Fishing Lake and Wildlife Area is located 8 miles east, 1 mile south, and a 1/2 mile west of Holton in Jackson County. The lake and wildlife area are nestled in the heart of the Delaware River watershed.

Nebo State Fishing Lake and Wildlife Area has approximately 32 acres of water and 43 acres of land. Extensive shallow water caused by siltation exists at the west end of the lake with deeper water found near the dam. The land is characterized by native grass, riparian habitat, and border areas between lake and private land. These border areas contain mostly woody vegetation with a mix of warm and cool season grasses.

The wildlife area at Nebo State Fishing Lake is primarily confined to waterfowl and other species associated with water. These species offer great opportunities for observing as well as hunting. Some limited opportunities for upland and small game also exist.

The wildlife area is open to furbearer hunting and trapping. Beaver and muskrat are primary furbearers on the area.

A small area in the northeast corner is maintained for public access. There are limited facilities with no drinking water provided.

Mowing is performed to provide lake access. The balance of the area is unmowed for wildlife habitat.

The lake was constructed as Nebo Creek watershed dam #3 in 1963 and is owned solely by the Delaware Watershed District No. 10. The Department of Wildlife and Parks signed a contract with the watershed district in April 1965 to manage and exercise jurisdiction on the area for public recreation. The lake was stocked in 1964 and opened to fishing in 1967.

The fishery at Nebo consists of largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, black and white crappie, channel catfish and flathead catfish. With the recent renovation of the lake these species are back in balance and will provide some excellent angling opportunities.

Numerous islands and brush piles were added to increase the limited habitat. These areas provide fish as well as anglers ambush points. A fish feeding program is being used to increase the amount of fish the lake can hold and also to grow them to harvestable size quicker. Channel catfish and bluegill tend to concentrate around the feeder, however all species in the lake benefit from the feeder. A new boat ramp has been constructed on the north side of the lake, however boating is allowed for fishing purposes only. The lake is a NO WAKE LAKE, boaters must move at idle speed only.

Vehicles are permitted on maintained roads only.

Primitive camping is permitted, but please take your trash with you.

Consult area information signs for additional rules and regulations on the area. Special regulations may be in effect.
NEBO
STATE FISHING LAKE & WILDLIFE AREA (75 Acres)

LEGEND

Wildlife Area/Public Lands
Gravel Road
Parking Area
Information Center
Vault Toilet
Fishing Pier
Island
Boat Ramp
Fish Attractor

Scale in Feet

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