



WALLEYE
Sander vitreus



SMALLMOUTH BASS
Micropterus dolomieu



STEELHEAD TROUT
Oncorhynchus mykiss

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WALLEYE

This popular, low-light predator can be distinguished from its relatives (sauger and saugeye) by the presence of a dark spot on the rear edge of the front portion of its dorsal fin, by a lack of distinct smaller spots on this fin, and by whitish highlights on the anal fin and lower portion of the tail.
Maturity (16–24"): 3 to 12 years old
Trophy (8 lbs+): 15 to 20 years old

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Coloration of the feisty "bronzeback" is commonly cited as a distinguishing feature, but the most reliable way to differentiate this species from its large-mouthed cousin is, not surprisingly, based on its mouth. The end of the upper jaw of a smallmouth does not extend beyond the back edge of the eye.
Maturity (14–18"): 3 to 10 years old
Trophy (5 lbs+): 15 to 20 years old

STEELHEAD TROUT

Originally a native of the Pacific, this acrobatic import has adapted well to the Great Lakes and their faster, clearer tributaries. A burst of color during spawning migration makes it clear that "rainbow" is an equally fitting name. Silver sides and a mouth lined only in white set this species apart.
Maturity (17–26"): 2 to 3 years old
Trophy (10 lbs+): 5 to 8 years old

NOTE: Growth rates may vary significantly based on a population's location. Age and growth-related information cited herein assumes Ohio waters (or comparable climates).