

Wingra Dam Muskellunge: Acting on Instinct

Muskellunge make the trek from Lake Monona during late March to early May. They congregate here in response to the spawning cues of increasing day length, concentrated flows, and rising water temperatures. Although the fish deposit eggs and attempt fertilization, no natural reproduction has ever been documented. Consequently, the musky population in this area is maintained by annual stocking.



Muskies congregate on cues

Stocked populations



Air Musky



The fruits of the labor

Lake Monona musky: caught and released

Peak spawning 55° F

To protect the fish, this area is a designated refuge.



Lake Monona musky may exceed 50 inches

