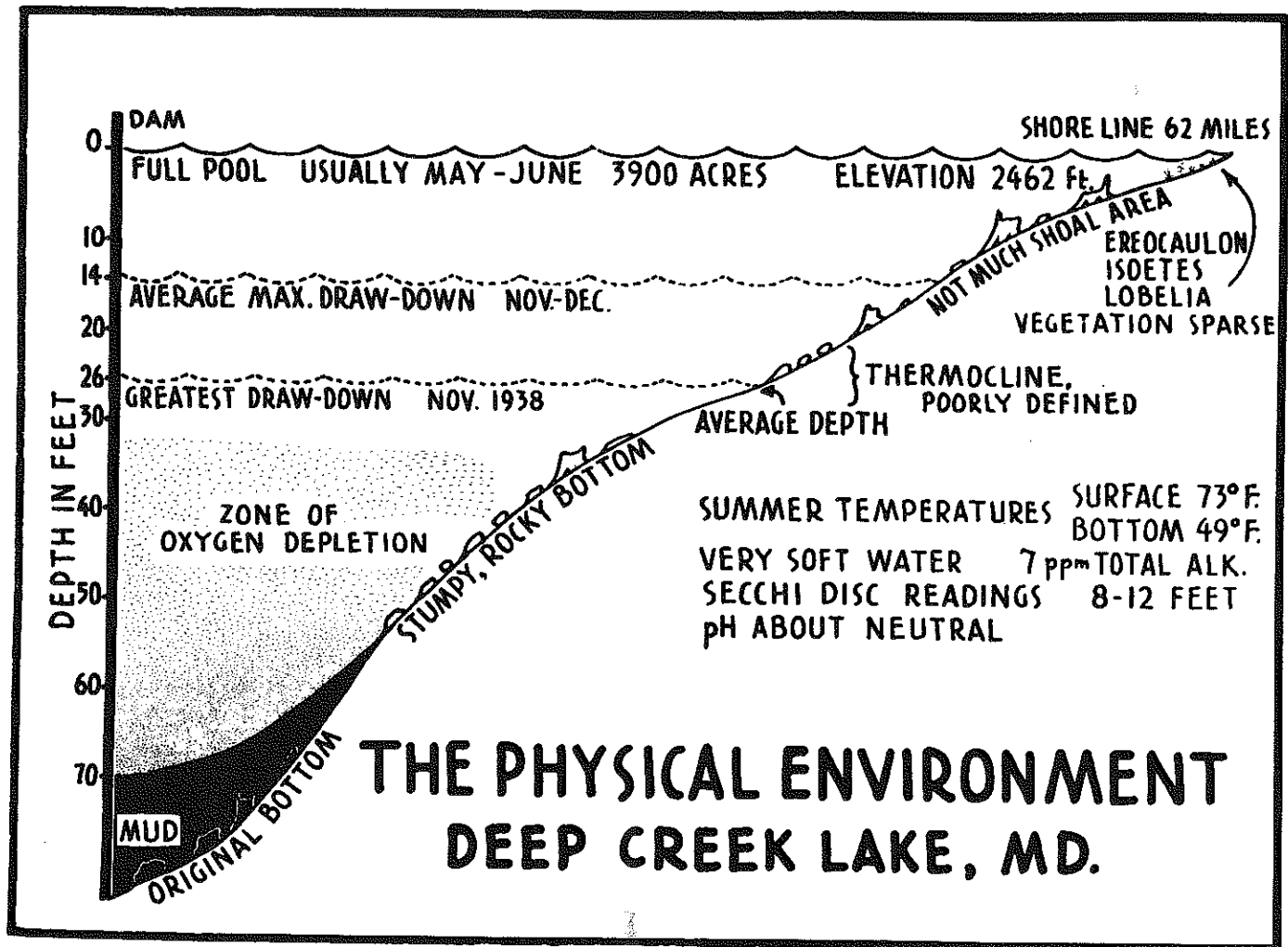


# Deep Creek Lake Fisherman's Map



**HISTORY:** Deep Creek Lake was formed by a dam constructed across Deep Creek about 1½ miles above its junction with the Youghiogheny River. Its function is the storage of water for use in the production of electricity. The project was begun in 1923 by the Pennsylvania Electric Company and it was first flooded in 1924. In 1925

the public was allowed access to the lake, lake shore property was sold and fishing began.

Fishing has had a series of booms and depressions with each new peak dominated by a different species. In 1951 fishing was at a low ebb but in 1952 appeared to be on the way up again.

**DEVELOPMENT:** Of the 62 miles of shoreline, nearly 95% is held by individuals (about 1/5 of this is developed) 5% by the State as game and forest management areas, while a small remainder is held by the power company. The Pennsylvania Electric Company also retains title to the lake itself and to all land bordering it up to 2466 feet above sea level. Docks, shore improvement, etc.

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There are about 900 private cottages on the lake. Commercial establishments are of many kinds (see below for types). Rooms and cabins to rent will sleep about 500 people. The average week day population during the summer is estimated at 2700 people, with visitors and tourists swelling this to 4000 on week ends.

**WATERSHED:** The area draining into the lake is about 62 square miles, of which 6.1 is accounted for by the impoundment. The soils are generally thin, stony and low

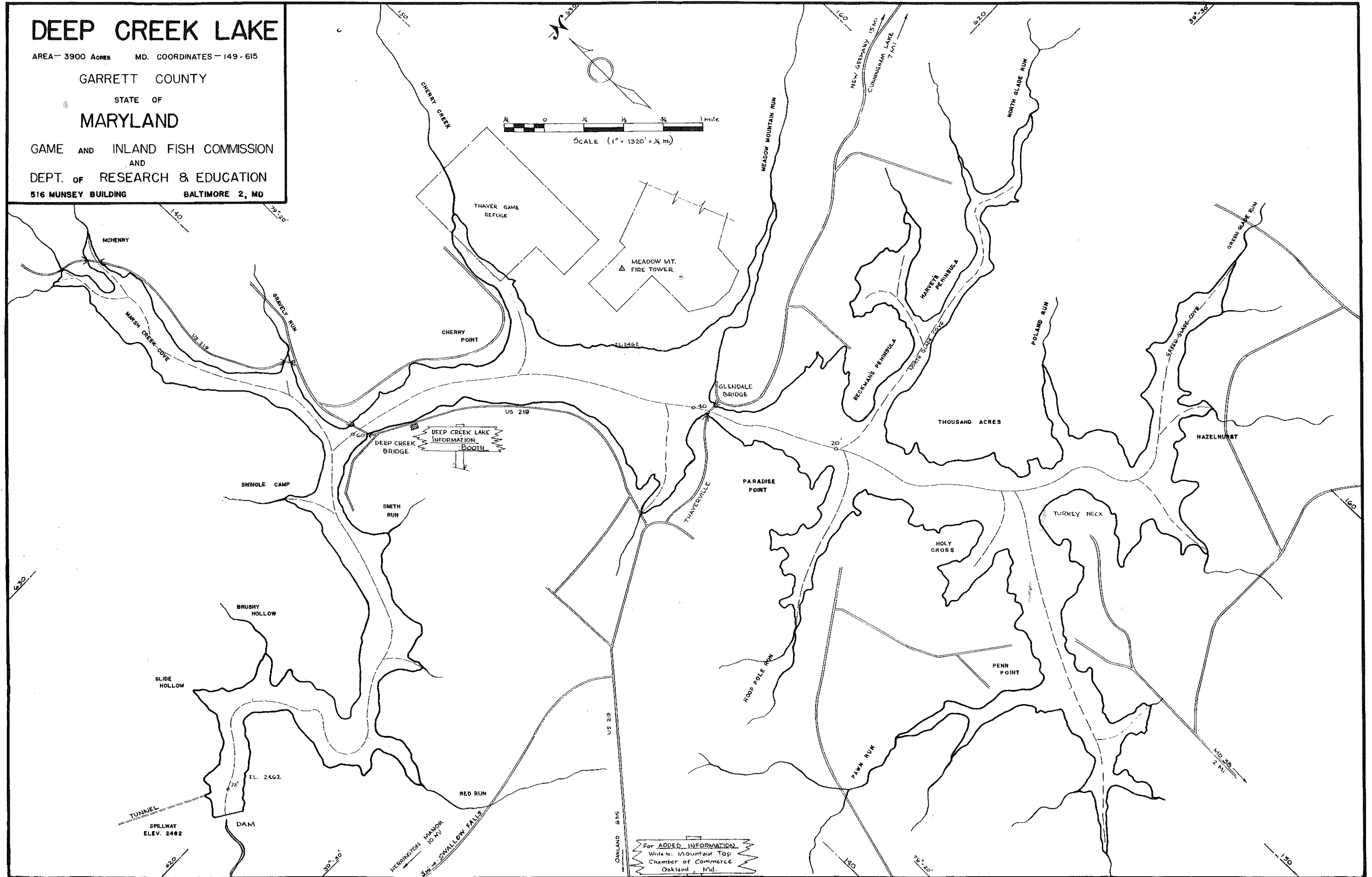
in mineral nutrients. Forests (northern coniferous) cover most of the area. A small amount of agriculture is confined to the few valley bottoms.

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**IMPOUNDMENT DESCRIPTION:** Physical—

Area: approx. 3900 acres at full pool; shoreline: about 62 miles; average depth: 26½ feet; maximum depth: 72 feet; bottom: rocky and stumpy; shoals: relatively little shoal area; shores: mostly steep; dam: height, 86 feet; length, 1,340 feet; draw down: average 1932-52, 14 feet; average 1946-52, 10 feet; maximum water level: usually May-June; minimum water level: usually November-December.

**Chemical**—Water very soft; pH about neutral; oxygen depletion below 32 feet in midsummer.

**Habitat**—Little cover for young fishes; spawning sites adequate; large aquatic plants are rare, logs and stumps are common in local areas.

**Biological**—*Fishes present*: Smallmouth Bass—the predominant game fish; Largemouth Bass—common; Black Crappie—common to abundant; Bluegill—common; Pumpkinseed—common; Rock Bass—common; Yellow Perch—very abundant; Brown Bullhead—abundant; White Sucker—common; Rainbow Trout—common; Brown Trout—scarce; Brook Trout—scarce; Chain Pickerel—rare; Golden Shiner—common; Gizzard Shad—rare. *Aquatic plants*: *Eriocaulon*, *Isoetes*, *Lobelia*—sparse to common on shoals; large rooted aquatics—rare; plankton not rich.

*Forage for fishes*: Minnows (except golden shiners) absent; Crayfish—common; Insects—sparse to common; bottom organisms—status unknown.

**RECREATION:** Two public fishing areas in vicinity of Deep Creek bridge. Many property owners will allow use of their land for limited use. Fishing, boating, swimming, camping, hiking, etc. are favorite pastimes.

**Commodities and services available at lake:** Boat liveries—rowboats and outboards for hire; speed boat

rides; motor boat and outboard repairs; bait—minnows and worms; fishing licenses and equipment; tourist cottages and rooms; food and beverages; dancing; groceries; gas, oil and automobile repairs; boat storage and marine railways; gifts, souvenirs, etc.  
 (See information bureau for details).

**MANAGEMENT OF FISHERY:** Rainbow Trout planted prior to 1938; Largemouth Bass planted 1939 to 1953; Rainbow Trout planted 1953; plantings of Bluegill,

Crappie, and Yellow Perch at various times. Lake normally supports Smallmouth Bass, Yellow Perch combination.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Fishing license—resident, three-day non-resident, and season non-resident. See Fish Law Synopsis for season, creel and length limits. Safety regulations—at least one life jacket per person

must be in boat with passengers. All boats must be seaworthy and registered and tag placed on boat. Running lights must be carried after dark.