



Beall Woods Lake Wabash County, Illinois

Fisheries Fact Sheet

Beall Woods Lake is a borrow lake constructed in 1972 in Beall Woods State Park. The lake is located near the Wabash River, five miles south of Mt. Carmel. Beall Woods Lake has a surface area of 14 acres, a maximum depth of 13 feet, and an average depth of 3.5 feet. The lake has 1,500 feet of shoreline and a watershed of 150 acres. Beall Woods Lake is a small fertile lake that tends to get dense stands of submerged aquatic vegetation during warmer months. Recent survey data suggests Beall Woods Lake is currently supporting a balanced fishery. Fish most commonly sought after by anglers include largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish and crappie.

Largemouth bass - Largemouth bass population indices are at recommended ranges and a good representation of size structure exists. Bass abundance is good, as measured by catch per unit of effort of electro fishing, but has declined to 82 fish/hr from 120 fish/hr (2018-2022 average). Many fish between 0.5 to 1.5 pounds are present with larger bass sampled and reportedly being caught by anglers. Bass fishing is expected to be good. There is a 15 inch minimum size limit for bass and the daily harvest limit is 6 fish per day.

Bluegill – Bluegill at Beall Woods Lake are abundant. Bluegill size structure remains constant as most harvestable fish are between 6.0 and 7.5 inches. Bluegill fishing at Beall Woods Lake is expected to be fair to good and anglers are encouraged to harvest fish to allow growth rates to increase. There are no size or harvest limits for sunfish.

Crappie – Black and white crappie are present in Beall Woods Lake and fishing as reported from anglers has been fair. Anglers should target crappie around structure using minnows and jigs. There are no size or creel limits for crappie.

Channel catfish – Anglers continue to report good catches of channel catfish. Many fish reported and collected during electro fishing surveys are 16 inches or better. Fishing prospects for channel catfish are expected to be good. There is a daily harvest limit of 6 fish per day.

Additional information can be obtained on the I Fish Illinois web site, <http://www.ifishillinois.org>

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