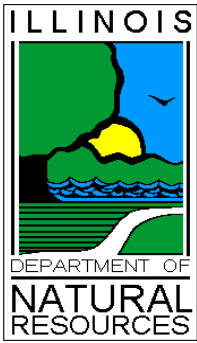


PYRAMID STATE PARK – SPRING LAKE



2023 FISHERIES STATUS SUMMARY

LOCATION: Pyramid State Park is located south of Pinckneyville in Perry County. To reach Spring Lake, head west on Pyatt-Cutler Road from State Route 127, then turn north into the Spring Lake parking area, which is located just east of the main park entrance.

DESCRIPTION: Spring Lake is an 8-acre strip cut that has a gravel boat launch. There is no dock at this lake and parking space is limited.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY – The following is a summary of the major sport fish species based on fish population surveys conducted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Fisheries surveys conducted during 2022 consisted of a nocturnal spring electrofishing survey.

Largemouth Bass – All bass collected during the 2022 survey were under 12 inches. However, bass sample size was very low and may not adequately represent the population.

Bluegill – Several Bluegill over 7 inches were collected during the 2022 survey. However, the presence of Gizzard Shad in the lake will likely prevent many Bluegill from reaching 8 inches.

Channel Catfish – Channel Catfish have been stocked annually since 2020. No catfish were collected during the 2022 survey. However, electrofishing is not always effective for sampling catfish, especially in deeper lakes like strip cuts.

Fishing regulations:

Species	Creel Limit	Minimum Length Limit
Largemouth Bass	5 under 14” and 1 over 18”	14-18 inch protected slot (no possession)
Channel Catfish	6	None
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only	

RECREATIONAL USE RESTRICTIONS –There are no boat motor restrictions at this lake but the entire lake is a “NO WAKE ZONE” and all sizes of boat motors must operate at no-wake speed.

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