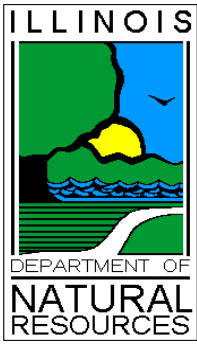


PYRAMID STATE PARK – LITTLE BEAVER LAKE



2023 FISHERIES STATUS SUMMARY

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

DESCRIPTION: Little Beaver Lake is a 3-acre strip cut that has a gravel boat launch. The lake has numerous small islands created by spoil mounds.

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 5-minute nocturnal spring electrofishing survey.

Largemouth Bass – Five bass were collected during the electrofishing survey, ranging in length from 5 to 14 inches.

Bluegill – A total of 12 Bluegill were collected during the 5-minute survey. Only 1 Bluegill exceeded 7 inches.

Redear Sunfish – Three Redear were collected during the survey, 2 of which were over 9 inches in length. The largest Redear was 10.1 inches and weighed nearly 1 lb.

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.

Grass Pickerel – Grass Pickerel are present in this lake. Although they do not grow large, they provide a unique angling opportunity for those seeking to target something different.

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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