

Highland Silver Lake Fisheries Fact Sheet

LOCATION: Highland Silver Lake is located northwest of Highland on Route 143.

DESCRIPTION: This is a 550-acre water supply lake owned by the city of Highland. The fishery of the lake is cooperatively managed by the IDNR and the city of Highland. The shoreline of the lake includes rock, woody structure, and aquatic plants. There is one concrete boat ramp located in Silver Lake Park. There is limited shore angler access. There is a 50 hp limit for boat motors and a city sticker is required for all boats.

CONCESSION: No concessions at the site, but bait and supplies are available nearby in Highland.

HISTORY AND STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY: The IDNR Division of Fisheries routinely monitors the status of the fishery of Silver Lake. Recent stockings include supplemental largemouth bass and annual sauger.

LARGEMOUTH BASS — This lake has a very good bass population that has improved consistently over the past few years. Bass in all size classes are abundant and their condition is good.

BLUEGILL / REDEAR — Bluegill are abundant in the lake but most are 6 inches or less. The redear quality is much better with most over 8 inches and many over 9 inches.

CRAPPIE — The crappie fishing can be good with lots of 9 to 10 inch white crappie in the lake.

CHANNEL CATFISH — The lake has a very good channel catfish population. Channel catfish collected in the last survey were between 22 and 27 inches with an average weight of over 5 lbs.

SAUGER — Sauger have been stocked annually in the lake in recent years. The status of the population is not known, but there have been several reports of good catches of quality sauger near the dam.

FISHING REGULATIONS:

Sauger – 14" minimum Length limit, 6 fish Dailey Creel Limit

Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass – 15" Minimum Length Limit, 3 fish Dailey Creel Limit

*Swimming, wading, and waterskiing are prohibited

Boat permits may be purchased at Highland City Hall between 7:00am and 5:30pm.

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