



## RANDOLPH COUNTY LAKE FISHERIES FACT SHEET

**LOCATION:** Randolph County Conservation Area is located 5 miles north east of Chester.

**DESCRIPTION:** This scenic 65 acre lake is located in a steep, wooded valley. Some years aquatic plant beds ring the entire shoreline. In recent years there has been much less aquatic plant growth. There is a concrete boat ramp and plenty of parking in the blacktopped parking lots. Shore angler access is available at many different places around the lake and there is a 10 h.p. limit for boat motors.

**CONCESSION:** No concessions at the site.

**HISTORY AND STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY:** The IDNR Division of Fisheries has been active in the management of Randolph County Lake since it opened to the public in 1961. The lake receives annual stockings of saugeye and rainbow trout. Channel catfish are also stocked as needed.

**LARGEMOUTH BASS** – The bass numbers are very high in this lake. A lot of the fish are 10-15 inches but more and more trophy sized fish have been seen in recent surveys. 7 fish over 20 inches were collected in the 2018 survey with the largest 8.5 lbs.! It appears the larger size classes of bass have learned to prey on the stocked rainbow trout.

**BLUEGILL** - Bluegill sunfish are very high and offer good fishing due to an improved population size structure. 8% of the adult bluegill were over 7 inches in the 2018 survey.

**REDEAR SUNFISH** - The redear sunfish population is superb. A large percentage of fish are over 8 inches in length and are typically in excellent condition. Many fish weigh ½ to 1 pound.

**CHANNEL CATFISH** – This lake has a very good channel catfish population although few have been collected in recent surveys.

**SAUGEYE** - This hybrid, between a walleye and a sauger, does very well in this lake. Fish up to 7 lbs. in weight have been caught.

**FISHING REGULATIONS - 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only.**

**Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass - 14" Minimum Length Limit/3 Fish Per Day.**

**Channel Catfish - 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit.**

**Saugeye - 14 " Minimum Length Limit/6 Fish Per Day.**

**Rainbow Trout - 5 Fish Daily Creel Limit\* \*see fishing info booklet for details.**

Swimming, wading, and waterskiing are prohibited.

For more information, contact Randolph County Conservation Area: 618 826-2706 or the fisheries biologist at 618 931-4217.