



BANANA LAKE (LCFPD)

FISHERIES STATUS SUMMARY

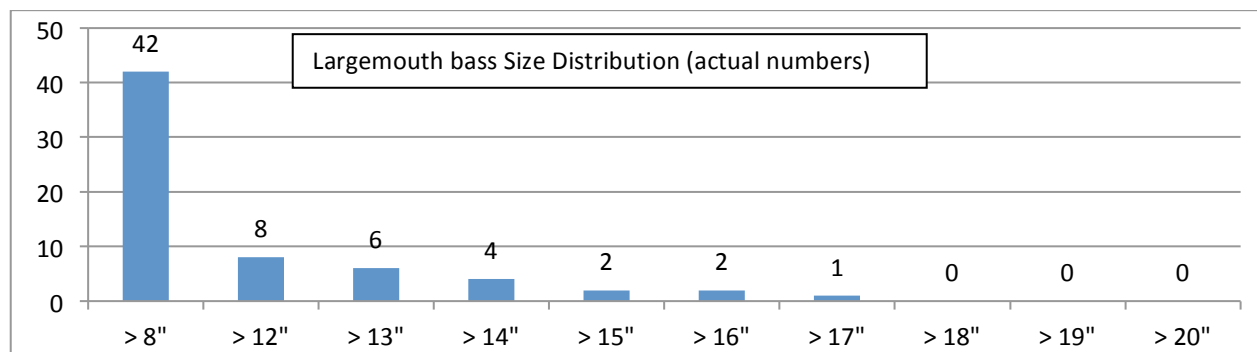
LOCATION – Located in Lakewood Forest Preserve east of Wauconda, IL., west of Fairfield Road and south of Route 176 in Lake County.

DESCRIPTION – Banana Lake is considered a dug wetland lake, though it appears to be a dug quarry lake by its bathymetry. Banana Lake is 4.8 acres; shoreline length 0.4 miles; watershed 67 acres (14 to 1); maximum depth 27 feet; average depth 13 feet. Picnic facilities and limestone trails are available in the park. No boats are allowed on Banana Lake. No concessions are available.

MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES: Banana Lake is a Rainbow trout fishing location and receives periodic fish surveys by IDNR staff to update the status of the fishery.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY – Besides spring and fall stockings of Rainbow trout, Banana Lake receives very little stocking. At one time it was part of the IDNR's channel catfish stocking program but was removed because of budget issues. Some of those fish may still be present in the system. Below is a brief description of catchable game species in this water body.

LARGEMOUTH BASS – In 2016, 64 bass were collected in 20 minutes of DC electrofishing. Fish measured up to 17.7" long and weighted up to 2.6 lbs.; 12.5% were > 12", 3% were > 15" (legal length) and 1.5% were > 17" long. The bass abundance and size structure in Banana Lake is indicative of a heavily fished, small lake. Reproduction is consistent but larger fish are present but not abundant.



BLUEGILL – In 2016, 62 Bluegill were captured during the survey. They ranged up to 6.7" and weighed up to 0.2 lbs.; 14.5% were > 6" but no bluegill exceeded 7" long.

ADDITIONAL FISH SPECIES: Banana Lake and Taylor Lake share many of the same species but Banana Lake's depth makes it difficult to collect species which may live near the bottom.

