



# PYRAMID STATE PARK – DENMARK AREA – GREEN WING LAKE

## 2020 FISHERIES FACT SHEET

**LOCATION:** Pyramid State Park is located south of Pinckneyville in Perry County. Green Wing Lake is a strip cut lake located on the Denmark Section of Pyramid State Park. From State Route 127 head west on Pyatt-Cutler Road. About 7 miles west of Pyramid State Park turn south into the Denmark Section.

**DESCRIPTION:** Facilities at this 50-acre lake include a concrete boat ramp, dock and bathrooms.

**STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY** – The following is a brief summary of the major sport fish species based on annual fish population surveys conducted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. As a result of high water conductivity, electrofishing is not an effective sampling tool at this lake. All information is based on spring trap netting surveys.

**Largemouth Bass** – An electrofishing survey is the best way to analyze the largemouth bass population in a lake. Because electrofishing is not an option at this lake very little is known about the bass population. Only 1 largemouth bass (11.3 in.) was collected in the 2019 spring trap netting survey.

**Crappie** – Green Wing Lake has an excellent crappie population consisting of both black and white crappie. Of the crappie collected in 2019, 94% were over 10 inches and 67% were over 12 inches in length.

**Bluegill Sunfish** – The bluegill population is poor. Bluegill over 7 inches are present, but no bluegill over 8 inches have ever been collected from this lake.

**Redear Sunfish** – No redear sunfish have been collected from this lake during trap netting surveys.

**Channel Catfish** – The channel catfish population is average. Channel catfish have been collected in the past, but none were collected in the 2019 trap netting survey.

**Walleye** – Walleye have been stocked annually at this lake since 2002. No walleye were stocked in 2017. No walleye were collected in the 2019 survey, but have been collected during previous years. The largest walleye collected during a survey was 27 inches and weighed 7.5 lbs.

### **Fishing regulations:**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Creel Limit</b>	<b>Minimum Length Limit</b>
Largemouth Bass	5 under 14” and 1 over 18”	14-18 inch protected slot (no possession)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25	None
Crappie	25	None
Channel Catfish	6	None
Walleye	6	14 inches
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only	

**RECREATIONAL USE RESTRICTIONS** – From November 1 through the end of February fishing is allowed in designated areas only, and fishing hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to 2 PM. There are no HP 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.

**MAPS/CONTACTS** – Fish attractor maps and a map of the 23 lakes located on the Arch Portion of Pyramid State Park can be obtained via email by sending a request to [Nicholas.Abell@illinois.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Abell@illinois.gov). IDNR Fish Biologist – Nick Abell 618-967-0952. Pyramid State Park 618-357-2574.