



PYRAMID STATE PARK – DENMARK AREA - MALLARD LAKE

2020 FISHERIES FACT SHEET

LOCATION: Pyramid State Park is located south of Pinckneyville in Perry County. Mallard Lake is located on the Denmark Section of Pyramid State Park. The Denmark Section is accessed off of Pyatt-Cutler Road. 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 include a boat launch, floating 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. All fishery information thus far is based on spring trap netting surveys. An electrofishing survey is planned for 2020.

Largemouth Bass (LMB) – Trap nets are not very effective for sampling LMB. Therefore, very little is known about the LMB population at this lake. No LMB were collected during the 2019 trap netting survey. An electrofishing survey planned for 2020 should effectively sample the LMB population in this lake.

Crappie – Mallard Lake has an average crappie population consisting of both black and white crappie. Although the number of fish collected during surveys is typically low, many of the crappie collected are >10 inches in length.

Sunfish – The bluegill population can only be described as average or less. None were collected in 2019. No redear sunfish have been collected in 12 years of sampling at Mallard Lake. Electrofishing will hopefully increase our ability to sample bluegill and redear in this lake.

Channel Catfish – No channel catfish have been collected in 12 years of sampling at Mallard Lake. However, IDNR staff have observed anglers catch channel catfish in the past.

White Bass – White bass are present and commonly collected during annual trap net surveys.

Fishing regulations:

Species	Creel Limit	Minimum Length Limit
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
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only	
Live Bait	All live bait in excess of 8” must be rigged with a quick set rig.	

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 – 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.

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