

Herrin #2 Lake

Fisheries Fact Sheet

Herrin #2 Lake is a 58-acre city-owned impoundment located approximately 9 miles south of Herrin, Illinois and just west of Route 148 in southern Williamson County. The lake is surrounded by forest and has a gravel access road and boat ramp.

Largemouth bass: Largemouth bass were collected at a rate of 184 per hour in spring 2021, which represented a increase staying well above the management goal. Quality and condition of these fish increased into population parameter goals for these indices. Fifty two percent of bass were larger than 12 inches, and 20% were longer than the 15-inch minimum size limit. Bass body condition increased to a relative weight of 83 but remained substandard.

Bluegill: The catch-per-unit-effort for bluegill in Herrin #2 Lake was 244 per hour of electrofishing. The proportion of bluegill larger than 6 inches decreased to 22%, still within management plan goal. Eighteen percent were also larger than 7 inches. Bluegill condition dipped just below management goals.

Redear: Redear were much less abundant than bluegill, as usual, in spring 2021. However these fish range from 6 to 10 inches in length with excellent body condition.

Channel catfish: Generally few channel catfish are collected from Herrin #2 Lake during spring electrofishing surveys, and 2021 was no exception. Size ranged from 15 to 18 inches, and condition was excellent. The channel catfish population in Herrin #2 Lake is maintained by IDNR stockings which occur every other year.

Crappie: Both white and black crappie exist in Herrin Lake #2, but these fish don't always show up in annual surveys. Forty six Black crappie/hr were sampled in the 2021 electrofishing sample. White crappie were sampled at a rate of 18/hr.

Regulations in effect: Largemouth bass – 15 inch length limit and 3 per day creel limit. Channel catfish – 6 per day creel limit. Ten horsepower outboard motor limit. Consult the Illinois Fishing Information booklet for additional regulation information. A city permit is required for accessing Herrin #2 Lake. Contact the city clerk at 618-942-3175 for more information.

Additional Fisheries Information can be obtained by calling IDNR District Biologist Luke Nelson at 618-364-5381