



MAZONIA STATE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

Eagle Lake

FISHERIES STATUS SUMMARY

LOCATION – Eagle Lake is located within the Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area South Unit, 2 miles northeast of South Wilmington in Kankakee County off West 5000 Road.

DESCRIPTION – Eagle Lake is a moderate-sized impoundment within the Mazonia complex, covering 34.1 surface acres with depths to 50 feet. It is isolated from all other water areas. Eagle Lake is extremely clear and very low in fertility. This lack of fertility impacts the fish population. Anglers are permitted to use boats powered by gasoline engines with an unlimited horsepower restriction. A no-wake regulation is in effect. A single lane unimproved gravel ramp serves as boat access. Shoreline access is very limited.

MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES: Surveys are conducted on Eagle Lake on an alternating year basis. A brown trout stocking program was attempted but terminated due to poor results. Channel catfish are stocked based on availability.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY –*No special mercury advisory or other contaminant-related consumption advisories pertain.*

LARGEMOUTH BASS – Once again the fall survey (2016) failed to provide enough of a sample of largemouth bass, or any species, from which an accurate assessment may be made. Spawning success remains very sporadic which has resulted in poor year class strength and low population density.

BLUEGILL – The 2016 survey collection of bluegill yielded average results in terms of numbers collected. Size distribution appears unchanged with no large bluegills collected. The addition of several thousand fingerlings during this reporting period may help to bolster the population and help to increase spawning success.

IDNR 2016 Fall Survey Results

Species	Number of Fish Collected in each Length Category (Inch)								
	0-5	6-8	9-11	12-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30+	Total
Largemouth Bass	0	0	6	3	1	1	0	0	11
Bluegill	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Redear Sunfish	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Black Crappie	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

FISHING REGULATIONS – Statewide fishing regulations apply at this lake (see current Illinois Fishing Information booklet and IFISHILLINOIS website <http://www.ifishillinois.org/> for specific details).

Additional Site Specific fishing regulations:

Boaters - Trolling motor only, except Monster and Ponderosa Lake – gasoline outboards allowed, no wake

All fish species - Two pole and line fishing only.

Bluegill or Redear Sunfish – 10 fish daily creel limit on Ponderosa, unlimited elsewhere

Channel Catfish – 6 fish daily creel limit.

Largemouth Bass – 15” minimum length limit; 3 fish daily creel limit.

White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie – 10 fish daily creel limit

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