



TAYLOR LAKE (LCFPD)

FISHERIES STATUS SUMMARY

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

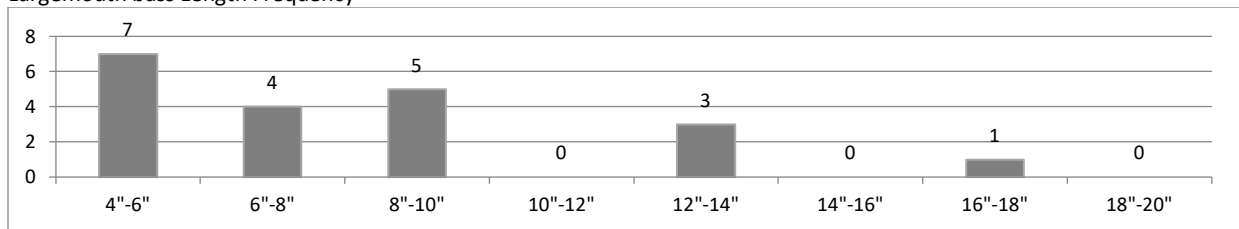
DESCRIPTION – Taylor Lake is a manmade dug, wet land lake. It is near the top of the watershed and drains into Banana Lake just to the north. Taylor Lake is 6.0 acres; shoreline length 0.56 miles; watershed 42.2 acres (5 to 1); maximum depth 17 feet; average depth 8.5 feet. Shorefishing is allowed but boats are not. The lake has picnic facilities, tables, an abundance of limestone paths and plenty of parking. There are no concessions available on site.

MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES: Fish surveys are occasionally conducted by IDNR staff to evaluate the status of the fishery. Aquatic vegetation treatments rarely occur so by mid-summer vegetation can make fishing this lake difficult.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY – Most of the fish in this lake are maintained by natural reproduction, very little stocking occurs in Taylor Lake. Below is a brief description of catchable game species in this water body.

LARGEMOUTH BASS – In 2021, 26 bass were collected in 20 minutes of DC electrofishing. Fish ranged up to 16.2” long and weighed up to 2.0 lbs. 44% of the bass exceeded 12”, 11% were > 13” and only 1 fish exceeded 15” long. This size structure suggests reproduction is occurring but harvest can be heavy which limits size structure of the fishery.

Largemouth bass Length Frequency



BLUEGILL – In 2021, 68 Bluegill were collected during the survey. They ranged up to 6.3” long; 6% were > 6”, 0% were longer than 7” long. Smaller bluegill are expected when ponds have an abundance of vegetation and smaller size bass. In order to grow larger size bluegills, more and larger predators would need to be present.

BLACK CRAPPIE – 6 Black crappie were collected. Crappie are good at reproducing so without a lot of predation they can easily stunt in a small lake. Our largest crappie was 8.0”. Crappie become mature at about 7” to 7.5” and this is where their population usually becomes stunted.

ADDITIONAL FISH SPECIES:

(20 minutes DC electrofishing)					
		Relative	Minimum	Average	Maximum
Species	Number	Abundance (%)	(inches)	(inches)	(inches)
BLUEGILL	68	61.8	1.1	3.7	6.3
LARGEMOUTH BASS	26	23.6	2.3	7.0	16.2
BLACK CRAPPIE	6	5.5	2.1	6.4	8.0
PUMPKINSEED SUNFISH	5	4.5	3.7	4.6	5.1
BLACKSTRIPE TOPMINNOW	2	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.7
BLACK BULLHEAD	1	0.9		10.0	
GOLDEN SHINER	1	0.9		7.8	
CENTRAL MUDMINNOW	1	0.9		2.2	
SPECIES = 8 TOTAL =	110	100.0			

FISHING REGULATIONS – See Illinois Fishing Regulation Booklet and/or <http://www.ifishillinois.org>

Additional Site Specific fishing regulations: (always check posted limits near lake)

All fish species - Two pole and line fishing only.

Channel Catfish – 3 fish daily creel limit.

Largemouth Bass – 15” minimum length limit; 1 fish daily creel limit.

CONTACT INFORMATION – Lake County Forest Preserve District: 847/367-6640.

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Taylor Lake Map

